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# Artist Chris Johanson's Vans Collection Encourages You to "Be Cool to Your Living World"

Five sneakers plus special apparel, all built with the Earth in mind and coated in Johanson's signature graphics.

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Portland, Oregon-based artist, musician, skater and surfer Chris Johanson has teamed up with Vans for a sustainable capsule that encourages you to “Be Cool to Your Living World.” Consisting of five sneakers plus several pieces of apparel, the offerings from Johanson and the California-based footwear behemoth practice what they preach thanks to mindful materials like eco-rubber compounds, organically grown cotton and much more.

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Footwear consists of two takes on the Era, one heavily modified Slip On, one UltraRange EXO and one Destruct SF. One of the Eras and the UltraRange EXO each feature Johanson's signature multicolor swirl pattern, while the other Era opts for a black upper printed with hand-scrawled blue details. Officially dubbed the Trek Slip On, the aforementioned heavily modified Slip-On is made entirely of purple rubber and features cut-out checkerboard toward the forefoot, making it more clog than shoe. Lastly, the Destruct supplies a cool blue canvas and suede upper with a special black graphic print. All five pairs are completed with cork insoles.

Apparel is centered around a new Swirl Boardshort, nodding to Johanson's love for surfing and matching two of the collection's shoes to a T. A floral woven short-sleeve button up is made almost entirely of recycled cotton, and the collection is finalized by a hoodie, multiple tees, a snapback cap and a tote bag.

The Chris Johanson x Vans "Be Cool to Your Living World" collection is available now via the Vans webstore.



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