

= To SquarePants or Not to SquarePants =

" To SquarePants or Not to SquarePants " , also known as " To SquarePants or Not to " , is the 9th episode of the sixth season and the 109th overall episode of the American animated television series *SpongeBob SquarePants* . It originally aired on Nickelodeon in the United States on July 17 , 2009 .

The series follows the adventures and endeavors of the title character and his various friends in the underwater city of Bikini Bottom . In this episode , *SpongeBob* 's pants have shrunk in the dryer . Unable to find a new pair , he tries round pants , but no one seems to recognizes him as *SpongeBob RoundPants* .

The episode was directed by Alan Smart , and was written by Luke Brookshier , Nate Cash , and Steven Banks . On July 21 , 2009 , the DVD version of the episode was released . Upon release , the episode received positive reviews .

= = Plot summary = =

It is laundry day , and *SpongeBob* is drying a whole load of his " square pants " . But while all his pants are in the dryer , *SpongeBob* gets distracted by Patrick who wants *SpongeBob* to hear him make funny sounds with his tongue for a long time . Eventually , *SpongeBob* goes to check on his pants which all shrunk in the dryer ; he heads to the mall to buy new pairs . Upon hearing there will not be another shipping of " square pants " for months , *SpongeBob* tries out several different styles of pants at the mall until he finally chooses a pair of " round pants " .

SpongeBob wanders around town and Patrick is unable to recognize him because of the new pants , *SpongeBob* is greeted by Sandy who teases *SpongeBob* by pretending she does not recognize him and makes comments about his clothes in a good way . *SpongeBob* sees Squidward who also pretends he does not know him . *SpongeBob* heads home , although Patrick does not let him in because the house belongs to *SpongeBob SquarePants* before he " left " .

Feeling discouraged by the idea nobody knows who he is , *SpongeBob* decides to start a new life as " *SpongeBob RoundPants* " , to which he decides to re @-@ apply to his job at the Krusty Krab . When he meets Squidward at the restaurant , *SpongeBob* acts as if this is his first time applying at the Krusty Krab and has never met Squidward before . Squidward decides to take advantage of this by training *SpongeBob* to act like him , a horrible employee , in hopes *SpongeBob* will later get fired . After a series of complaints from the customers , Mr. Krabs confronts *SpongeBob* for his lousy work , to which *SpongeBob* explains since he has new pants , he is no longer " *SpongeBob SquarePants* " . Mr. Krabs then convinces *SpongeBob* he should take his pants off then . *SpongeBob* , no longer wearing pants , then continues to be his normal self and go back to being a good employee . When Sandy comes in seeing *SpongeBob* in his underwear , however , she (teasingly) calls him " *SpongeBob UnderPants* " , *SpongeBob* looks at his underwear and screams , ending the episode .

= = Production = =

" To SquarePants or Not to SquarePants " was written by Luke Brookshier , Nate Cash , and Steven Banks , and was directed by Alan Smart . Brookshier and Cash also functioned as storyboard directors . The episode originally aired on Nickelodeon in the United States on July 17 , 2009 , with a TV @-@ Y7 parental rating .

The episode was a part of the network 's tenth anniversary celebration of *SpongeBob SquarePants* . Starting July 17 , 2009 at 8 : 00 pm EDT , Nickelodeon aired a 50 @-@ hour *SpongeBob* marathon titled " The Ultimate *SpongeBob* *SpongeBash* Weekend " . The marathon started with the premiere of " To SquarePants or Not to SquarePants " at 8 pm .

On July 21 , 2009 , the episode became available on the DVD compilation of the same name , along with fellow sixth season episodes " Squid 's Visit " , " The Splinter " , " Slide Whistle Stooges " , " Boating Buddies " , " The Krabby Kronicle " , " The Slumber Party " , and " Grooming Gary " . " To

SquarePants or Not to SquarePants " was also released on the series ' season six DVD compilation .

= = Reception = =

The episode and its DVD release received positive reviews . Paul Mavis of DVD Talk positively responded to the episode and wrote that " There are laughs in ' To SquarePants or Not to SquarePants . ' " Gordon Sullivan of DVD Verdict gave the episode a score of 5 out of 10 and said " [the episode] was one of the slighter entries [on the DVD] , with the core joke being fairly well @-@ handled with no one recognizing SpongeBob , but it went on just a little too long . April Pohren of the Blogcritics said " [the episode] is original and comical . "