

Top 10 for Men

1 The Power Suit

While the term may be a bit outdated, your suit shouldn't be – look for a two or three button jacket with matching, straight leg pants (no cuffs or pleats please) in a neutral color such as black, navy, taupe or grey. A subtle pinstripe is nice, but avoid any loud patterns (i.e. a 'jail bird' pinstripe) at all costs.



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2 The Button-Down Dress Shirt

A top quality shirt with great details, such as high threadcount, textures and patterns, is key to making your look work. There are a variety of button-downs to choose from, so examine your outfit, needs, taste, budget and lifestyle for the right dress shirt. Many shirts can be worn both tucked-in for business settings and un-tucked over jeans for casual occasions.

3 The Sleek Sweater

A simple, v-neck sweater is a great addition to any wardrobe. Think merino, cashmere, or silk blend fabrics to layer under jackets or over t-shirts or button-downs for a sophisticated style. Horizontal stripe and argyle patterns are a great way to incorporate patterns into your wardrobe.



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4 The Basic Blazer

A structured blazer (not necessarily a sport coat) is a fantastic way to look cool and collected while still on the casual side. A khaki or chocolate color provides great contrast when worn with jeans yet still looks professional when paired with dress pants. Vary your look by pairing a blazer with a graphic tee, polo or button-down. For an extra-stylish fall or winter look, choose a velvet jacket.

5 The Driving Moc

A suede or pebbled leather slip-on shoe, often known as a Driving Moc, is a great alternative to sneakers when rushing out the door. Wear them with jeans for a sleek look.

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Dark Denim

A crisp, clean pair of fitted, boot cut jeans in a dark wash are essential to your wardrobe. Darker washes work for both day and night and go with almost anything! Most men's stores offer jeans with both a waist and length option, but some designers only offer one length inseam. If that's the case, be sure to have a tailor shorten and re-attach the hem (after you've washed and dried them).

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The Dress Pant

While your suit pants can double as a dress pant on occasion, it's best to have at least one other pair of flat-front, cuffless trousers in black or brown! With or without a subtle pinstripe, these pants will work for day at the office to night at the bar and keep you looking professional.

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The Wool Coat

In cold climates, you'll need something to keep you warm that complements what you're wearing underneath. Don't spoil a professional look by topping it off with a ski jacket! Instead, opt for a single-breasted coat in black, charcoal, or chocolate, which falls to mid-thigh. Wear it day or night.



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The Perfect Polo

A polo shirt is an easy-to-wear staple that dresses up jeans, khakis, or other casual pants. With or without a logo (e.g., Polo horse, Lacoste alligator), owning polos in both neutral and bold colors will make getting dressed a breeze. Look for soft, brushed cotton interlock (smooth feel) for dressier occasions and cotton pique (textured feel) for more informal events.



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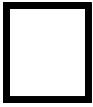
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The Dress Shoe

For a modern, professional style, opt for a pair of shiny leather slip-on shoes in black and/or dark brown (depending on the color of your suit; always wear black with grey or black, and brown with navy or tan) with a rounded square toe. Skip the lace-up oxfords to keep your look contemporary.

Key Accessories:

- Black/white v-neck undershirts
- Reversible belt
- Lightweight, mid-calf trouser socks that complement your pants.
- A nice watch
- A contemporary leather bag (not a briefcase) for interviews and business settings
- Cuff links in brushed/shiny silver or knotted silk for French cuff shirts
- Modern ties that complement shirts/suits



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