



Clockwise from top left: coat, Brook Taverner, £70; jacket, Gibson, £65; shirt, Richard Anderson, £30; hat, Bailey of Hollywood, £30; scarf, Michelsons, £12; shoes, Oliver Sweeney, £94; holdall, Hackett, £238; waistcoat, Hackett, £60

STYLE GUIDE

IT'S URBAN VERSUS RURAL AS MENSWEAR VEERS BETWEEN CITY CHIC AND COUNTRY SQUIRE.

Grey really does matter for autumn 07 tailoring. The sombre shade anchors a sophisticated look for city pieces as well as stretching into casualwear. It is a muted, urbane season, with designers using varying shades of the same colour and employing mismatched textures.

In tailoring the slim-fit 2ab remains the silhouette of choice on classic suiting, with the three-piece making a return. Tweeds and heritage fabrics are still in the mix for country gents, while velvets and dresswear details cater for modern dandies.

Formal shirts take two directions, either offering pared-down colours to inject warmth in berry tones and browns or sticking with classic white. Textured patterns hint at the 1970s on ties, which come in a variety of fabrics. Scarves provide more dandy options.

Retro influences take in military and biker styles on outerwear, while for lifestyle and casualwear ranges the contemporary look bridges the age gap. Colours are muted and while silhouettes remain sleek, there is a softness to casual options that puts chunky knits alongside soft cotton trousers and soft-shouldered jackets.



Clockwise from top left: hat, £145, £79; scarf, Harris, £100; Ermengarde Zegna, £38; gloves, Palmquist, £40; belt, £10; Marc O'Polo, £15; Michelsons, £5; Hackett, £30; shirt, Burberry London, £90A; tie, Palmquist, £35; bag, see 110; £200; scarf/socks, £1-10; Salvatore Ferragamo, £78; San Fishery, £24; shoes, Without Prejudice, £55; belt, Canal, £80

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Suit, Marc O'Polo, £95; shirt, Canal, £70; tie, Burberry, £90A

Suit, Fossil, £70; shirt, Thomas & Stone, £25; tie, Richard Anderson, £30

Suit, Bruno Sant'Hans, £30; shirt, Baccardi, £15; tie, Richard Anderson, £30

STYLE INFO: Grey dominates tailoring, with midtones looking key in both heavy and fine cloths, while suppliers spice up their sophisticated offer with checks. Accessorise with cool white and blue or warm reds.



Suit, Canal, £154; shirt, Bruno Sant'Hans, £30; tie, Michelsons, £5

Suit, Bruno Sant'Hans, £30; shirt, Atlas Design, £31; tie, Richard Anderson, £30

Suit, Simon Carter, £75; shirt, Top, £22; tie, Bruno Sant'Hans, £12