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Men's Style: How to Dress Down a Suit

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Just because a suit is usually considered formalwear, it doesn't mean that it has to be reserved for special events. We're here to help you get the most out of your suits so you can wear them for every occasion. Here's five ways to dress down your suit.

Instead of just waiting to wear your suit for the odd black tie event or wedding, give your suit a fashion-forward spin by adding chic separates and accessories. Add a little street smart to your formal

getup and stand out for all the right reasons with our top tips.

Skip the tie

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Don't limit your suit accessories to just plain white pocket squares and dark ties. There are plenty of options to dress down a suit, including adding more playful accessories. One of the easiest ways to dress down your suit is to wear it without a tie. Ditch the tie and switch things up with a bold pocket square, or add character to your look with a floral tie or scarf. If you do go tieless, make sure you unbutton your shirt slightly for a tasteful yet effortless look.

Swap the classic shirt

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A foolproof way to dress down your suit is to replace your good ol' crisp white shirt with a turtleneck. Just pull on your turtleneck and add a pair of loafers to create a super stylish ensemble. T-shirts are always a good option for more causal ensembles. Opt for plain black, grey, or navy colours to keep it low-key or add stripes to give you a little extra oomph. Add an edge to your suit by embracing a sporty silhouette by teaming your suit with a crewneck sweatshirt or brave it and add a hoodie for the ultimate street-suave style.

Separate them

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Separate your suits for off-duty dressing. Mixing and matching your suits can create endless style combinations. Don't be afraid to mix and match colours and textures. This also means you can now get a little more wear out of your working wardrobe by dressing down your suit jacket as a blazer, or wearing your suit trousers separately. Pair your suit jacket with a pair of jeans or chinos, or team your suit trousers with a T-shirt.

Train your footwear

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Another easy way to dress down your suit is to switch up the footwear. Enhance your suit's stylish cut and replace your dress shoes with a pair of trainers. Opt for simple silhouettes; sleek, clean leather or canvas trainer's act as a great contrast to a smart suit. A classic white pair is always a good option; their clean classic look will have you feeling comfortable, yet still look formal. White trainers are having a moment in men's fashion right now, and can be worn all year round.

How do you like to wear your suit? Let us know @FashionForteUK (<http://www.twitter.com/fashionforteuk>)



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