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MASCULINE GUIDE

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OVERVIEW

This guide covers professional dress that leans toward traditional masculine looks. Masculine wardrobes only require a few pieces to be considered complete, but you have space to play while continuing to demonstrate professionalism.

FOUNDATIONS

Develop your wardrobe with a strong base of separates. Look for items that are black, navy blue, or dark gray. Learn your preferred sizes for your neck, sleeve length, chest, waist, and inseam. You should select clothes that fit you well.

ATTIRE:

- Blazers or suit jackets in neutral colors
- White or blue button up dress shirts
- Black, navy, or khaki colored slacks (NOT cargo pants!)
- Solid or conservatively patterned neck ties

ACCESSORIES:

- **Belts:** black or brown, with conservative buckles
- **Shoes:** loafers and oxfords that match your belt color
- **Socks:** trouser socks that match your pants color
- **Pocket Square:** White, straight fold handkerchief will add a classic touch to the overall look.

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MAKE IT YOURS

EXPLORE OPTIONAL WAYS TO DRESS IT UP OR DRESS IT DOWN

DRESS IT UP

- Find a complete 2-3 piece suit in black, gray, or navy. Black is the most formal color option.
- Wear white button up shirts only- no fun colors.
- Add a pocket square in a solid color or conservative pattern to add a splash of color to your outfit.
- If possible, have your clothing tailored to best fit your body.

DRESS IT DOWN

- Ditch the suit jacket and wear a neat sweater over your button up shirt and necktie.
- Play with unconventional colors and patterns, like purple and green.
- Spice things up with a bold, fun necktie. Or skip the tie altogether!
- Polos are restricted for VERY casual events.

NOW THAT YOU KNOW WHAT TO WEAR, CONNECT WITH SOMEONE WHO WAS IN YOUR SHOES!
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