

Colorful Nubs Liven Lightweight Tweeds

The steady shift of population from urban to suburban centers is having its effect upon men's fashions as more men take up the custom of wearing light weight tweed suits in the spring. This type of apparel

has a special fashion significance this season because the new tweeds of lessened weight

show colorful nubs. These bring the Nubby Touch to the tweeds for town and for suburban wear.

The tweeds are not only light weight but also light in tones. The plain weaves of woollens comprise combinations of two shades such as brown and tan, which result in light brown. Against this appear nubs in soft blue, red and green. Similarly blue and light grey threads are woven into the basic soft woolen fabric and set of nubs of blue or maroon. Light grey, the blend of two shades of grey, takes on

a brighter cast when decorated with gaily colored nubs.

Tweeds Have Surface Interest
The soft texture of light weight tweeds has a charm that appeals to many suburbanites as well as those who live in the city. There is a semi-sports character to tweeds that is expressive of a casual manner in modern-day living. The fuzzy surface spells ease and comfort in the minds of many men. Now that these tweeds are available in light weights, the fear of discomfort on very mild days is dispelled. These fabrics in some cases are

all-wool. Many are in blends of man-made fibers such as Orlon or Dacron with wool. Jacket Models Allied to Tweeds

For some time the trend in jacket models has been and is toward single-breasted. Both the three- and two-button jackets are adapted to tweeds. Many have regular pockets with flaps. Others with patch pockets have the versatility of doubling as a sports jacket for wear with flannel or gabardine slacks. Vented jackets are more prevalent in tweeds than in other fabrics.

Color and Comfort In Swing on Fairway

As every golfer, whether he be a low scorer or a duffer, searches for ways to keep down the number of strokes, a thought is invariably given to the types of clothes that are easy on the swing and have a touch of color. Shirts are chosen with adequate roominess in mind. Knitted cotton, man-made fiber fabrics and wool jersey, all qualify because they have give. Woven fabric shirts are also in the running when they have full-cut sleeves and a pleated or widely cut back. Cottons in

plain and open weaves have their proponents, the latter best for very warm days. Tan, light blue, navy, yellow, rust, brown, maroon and green, all are in the golfwear spectrum. Flannel, gabardine and lightweight fabrics rate best for slacks in tan, brown, bluish grey, grey or blue. These are always widely cut for free action. Some type of head-piece such as a lightweight cap, bucket shap cloth hat, ventilated cap, or straw hat, shades the eyes and protects the head smartly. Pullover sweaters of

soft wool and spiked sole shoes of moccasin or plain tip complete such outfits.

New processes have been discovered to use lignite, a low-grade coal, for cheap generation of electricity.

Belts Work With Suits, Sportswear

In the course of your day at the office, club, conference, drafting table or what not, you'll want to wear belts that stand the most scrutiny especially if you have to take off your coat and really buckle down to work.

Elastic belts get the green light for spring. Many of the leading patterns are imported from France and Italy. American makers are turning out nylon and elastic cord belts. These belts are compliments to both business and sportswear ensembles. For business, herringbones and chevron patterns rate high, give variety. Belt designers are dressing up elastic belts with fancy buckles in leather, suede and metal. Double ring buckle is a new treatment for an elastic model that comes in solid color blue with simulated alligator trim.

Another style leader is an elastic from France styled with diagonal stripes in silver and blue. The blue ground matches the calfskin buckle and loop.

There's nothing like shooting a hole in one with a narrow width leather belt buckled around the middle. They're casual enough for slacks; neat enough for suits.

And while enjoying a cool tall Tom Collins in your favorite rocker, a leather belt



The Nubby Touch receives a colorful treatment in this single-breasted three button suit with multi-colored silk splashes, slubs on worsted.

with stretch attachment is sure to bolster your morale. They come in calfskin and alligator.

We used to call it suede, but today's up-to-the-minute fashion experts refer to it as brushed leather. The soft texture of sultry fabrics results in suede finish belts and soft finishes in leather which are keyed in color to the leading colors in clothing. From your waistline to the top of your toes, brushed leather is gaining importance with grey as the number one shade.

Shirts Show Collars With Shorter Points

The movement of men's fashions is synchronized these days. The shift in types of shirt collars is toward smaller proportions to conform to the lessened width of lapels and shoulders of jackets. More men are wearing four-in-hand knots of less bulky appearance, so the whole cycle makes some sense.

The short rounded collar, is moving ahead at a rapid pace. More and more men find this smaller proportion of collar to their liking. It is always fastened with a gold pin. The shorter spread collar takes on new fashion significance with this reduction of proportions. The spread between the points as well as their length is not as great as formerly.

There is a group of inveterate wearers of button down collars. They are mainly among the undergraduates at universities and the alumni from the east to the west coasts. Some of the newest button down collars show shorter points.

Solid Colors Dominate
The preference for solid colors in spring shirts is definitely apparent.

Pale shades of blue, grey, tan and soft green account for widespread popularity. Fine stripes, especially the close-set hairline type, appeal to men who like variety in their apparel. Pin checks are in the same category. In the fabric for shirts, the fine broadcloth leads over all others. Oxford rates strongly with button down and pinned rounded collars. Dacron is making forward strides.

The custom of wearing jewelry in novel designs is causing more attention to be drawn to shirts with French cuffs. So many of the ideas in jewelry and the desire for the well-turned appearance at the wrists is giving shirts with double-cuffs the green light.

Thin Fabrics for Summer
The male consciousness of lightweight apparel will cause a seasonal shift in shirts toward those in open weave fabrics. As soon as warm weather arrives, men will switch to thin shirts of batiste madras, lenos and dropstitch fabrics. All these are cool in appearance and more comfortable than the close-weave fabrics.

These come for the most part, in white, blue, tan, grey, yellow and green. Open weaves are being done in man-made fibers, which have a sleek cool surface.

Short-Sleeve Shirts
Looking ahead a few months, it is possible to detect another change in hot-weather shirts. Many men learned by experience that short-sleeve shirts are aids to summer comfort. These have elbow-length sleeves and one or two chest pockets for pencils, pens and papers or cigarettes. They also are straight cut at the bottom and double as sports shirts when they are worn outside the trousers. Collars

on these shirts are of the low front variety.

Related Accessories
As men make addition to their shirt wardrobes, some thought is given to the colors and types of shirts, with what they are worn. The prevalence of grey suits is causing an increased popularity for grey shirts. These combine with blue suits as well. Light colors in neckwear are causing more men to adopt colored shirts.

The Continental Touch
Men with an eye to fashion are looking abroad for the very newest ideas in men's shirts. Continental fabrics are especially noted for their sheerness and unusual patterns. Cuff details, hand-sewn pockets, pleated effects and newer ideas in collars are other important features of shirts from abroad, England and France in particular.

Strike a Match
High fashion notes include oxford cloth shirts matched with suspenders. These are favored for warm weather wear when it's necessary to take off jackets. The shirts have button-down collars; the suspenders come in the same color and fabric. Light tones of blue, grey and tan are favored for spring.

Checked Shirts
Checked shirt patterns are also shown with shorter point collars. Small checks in blues, greys and tans are shown against white grounds. Some checked shirts even come with rounded button-down collars which represent an important note in the ever changing cycle of men's shirt fashions. Against these checked shirts are worn solid color ties, silk shantung under-the-knot effects against solid grounds lead the fashion parade.

Shirt Styles from California
California is a way of life that finds expression in the appealing shirts designed and created in the golden west.

Shirts designed in California carry on the tradition of colorful shirts keyed to casual living. Fashion leaders in other climes have taken to California styling in shirts that have the magic touch of individuality and inspiration. These casual styled shirts can be worn for business and leisure since they incorporate many features of regular shirts. The fabrics are especially noted for their neat patterns. Even the far west gives nods of approval to the shorter point collar, because of the fact that it tends to create a neater and slimmer appearance.

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