

Men's Style Guide

Men's Fashion

1840 – 1850	
Coats	Extra-long, narrow sleeves
Shirt	Dress: tailored white cotton; narrow sleeves; small collar turned up under a tie. Work: colors and pattern or smocks.
Necktie	Ties in a horizontal bowknot, dark-coloured.
Trousers	Fly-front
Hair & Beard	Ear-length, parted high at one side; clean shaven but fringe beards



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1850 – 1860	
Coats	Generous cut; vests.
Shirt	Collar turned over the tie. Work: colours and patterns. Dress; pleated starched bib fronts. Shirt fronts could be purchased.
Necktie	2" wide, half-bow
Trousers	Fly-front, wide pant legs
Hair & Beard	Clean shaven; end of decade full beards appear. Oiled hair, long on top, side part, combed into wave at centre of forehead; collar length; ears covered later in the decade.



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1860 – 1870	
Coats	Long, overlarge sack coats.
Shirt	Collars folded down around the neck; white, stripes and plaids
Necktie	Narrow.
Trousers	Wide, longer at the heel; suspenders common.
Hair & Beard	Chin whiskers; hair at ear level in back side part.



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1870 – 1880

Coats	Shorter and close-fitting; narrower, buttoned at top button only to show vest.
Shirt	Made without collars; collars purchased. White, blue, red, black or grey stripes, small plaids.
Necktie	Wide and tied in a loose knot; ends overlap. Striped.
Accessories	Fur hats and coats.



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1880 – 1890	
Coats	Short sacks; narrow sleeves high on shoulder.
Shirt	White.
Necktie	Variety of ties, wide and soft.
Trousers	Narrow with no creases.



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1890 – 1900	
Coats	Narrow, small coats; buttoned all the way to the top.
Shirt	White shirts, trim-fitted collars, small and stiff; toward end of decade collar may be very high and stiff.
Necktie	Black bow ties: narrow ties of black or patterns.
Trousers	Narrow.
Hair & Beard	Short haircuts; large moustaches.

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