

Who's Your Tailor?

Latest Men's Patterns Feature Designer Fashions For Home Sewing

It may have all started when your wife or girl friend gave you a hand-made tie for Christmas with her own personalized label!

The idea of wearing something hand-made is so appealing that you've been asking her for more hand-made ties. But she's too busy stitching up designer original patterns for herself, along with lots of other fashion items. She's been making her entire wardrobe from patterns and now there's a whole wardrobe of patterns available for you, too.

Menswear sections of the various pattern catalogs have patterns for the most fashionable and wearable jackets, shirts, blazers, vests, suits and trousers for spring. A contemporary collection, created by Vogue Patterns, featuring special patterns by Pierre Cardin and Bill Blass, so you can have hand-made designer originals, too.

If your favorite seamstress is too busy sewing for herself, there's nothing to stop you from learning how to sew your own clothes. All you really need is a sewing machine which you can rent locally while you're learning to sew. Then you should have someone take accurate measurements of your neck, chest and waist for you.

Try making a vest first and choose a pattern by your chest measurement. Then you can graduate to a versatile knit shirt and select the pattern by your neck and chest measurement. A pair of slacks or shorts can be made by using your waist measure for pattern selection. By working with your own measurements, you can be sure of custom-fitted clothes every time you sew something!

Pretty soon you'll be whipping up your own Cardin and Bill Blass suits for less than half what they would cost you to buy ready-made. When you make them yourself you can choose your favorite fabrics, textures and colors, too. You can have made-to-order clothes made by you!



BILL BLASS designed this shirt-jacket and pants for home sewers. The shirt has a button-down collar, front button band closing and epaulets. Straight-legged pants have top-stitch trim along with front and back patch pockets. The Blass sportswear looks great here in corduroy, but can also be made in wool, doubleknits, velveteen, canvas, seersucker and even linen!

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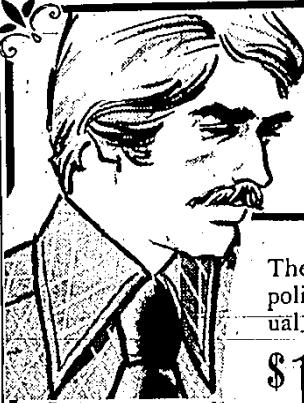
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