

FASHION MEN **WARDROBE**

FASHION *DILEMMA*

WHICH BELT TO WEAR?

The basic function of a belt is simple – to keep your pants in place. However, choosing a suitable belt is a little less effortless than you might think; although a belt might seem like a minor accessory, choosing the right one can make a **MAJOR IMPACT**, and, ultimately, it has the ability to tie an entire outfit together. As a general rule of thumb, when buying a belt you should make sure that the material matches the texture, finish, and even colour of your shoes. If your outfit is formal, then it's more than likely your shoes will be too, thus your choice of belt should be no different. If it's a black suit or tuxedo you're wearing, your belt should be a similar shade of black, the buckle should be kept sleek and understated. **LITTLE DETAILS** like texture (ranging from matte or patent leather, to embossed, woven, or braided designs) can add a **LUXURIOUS DIMENSION**. Daring detail (grommets and metal embellishments) are best left for jeans. Black, brown or tan belts are generally the safest options; a brown/black reversible belt is a practical staple. A burnished brogue belt would look good with this season's must-have leather boots or a fabric belt is great with trainers. Remember: buy a size larger than your waist measurement and, when buying, bring the trousers to check that the belt isn't too wide for the belt-loops.

Clockwise from top: Suede belt, Lanvin, €253; leather belt with silver buckle, Balmain, €309; both at Matches. Burnished leather brogue belt, €157, Paul Smith. Perforated leather belt, €57.85, at Ted Baker.



NEW *designer*

As the days get colder, it's time to rid your wardrobe of baggy old knitwear from seasons past and invest in a couple of new well-fitting sweaters. **EDMUND MC NULTY**'s lush offerings for winter are a great place to start. The **LOUTH-BASED DESIGNER** is beloved of a discerning Japanese customer but is less well known here – although that is about to change. Items on our must-have list include the midnight blue **ALPACA MIX** hoodie, the slate grey **BABY CAMEL-HAIR** chunky knit scarf and the green **MERINO WOOL** double breasted jacket. *Edmund McNulty is at Gentlemen Please, 47 Main Street, Blackrock, Co Dublin, 01 278 8788; www.edmundmcnulty.com.*



STOPWATCH

Panerai's latest Luminor Marina 1950 has all the hallmarks of a **MODERN CLASSIC**, its 1950s aesthetic gleaned from the Panerai archives. From €6,300; www.panerai.com.



AMERICAN *idol*

US label **FOREVER 21** is set to open its doors in Dublin's Jervis Centre on November 21 and will bring **VALUE-FOCUSED, TREND-SAVVY FASHION** to our shores. 21MEN, one of its strongest areas, targets men of all ages, focusing on great knits, jackets and accessories. "Forever 21 is the most **EAGERLY AWAITED** brand to hit Ireland. The fast fashion concept perfectly suits the Irish consumer's insatiable appetite for trend-led fast fashion at value prices," according to Larry Meyer, Forever 21 Executive Vice President. www.forever21.com.



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Sometimes, poor quality fabrics are where the high street falls down, but the Harris Tweed collection for Topman is a sight for sore eyes. The classic Harris orb stamp symbolises a superior cloth that has been handwoven by the islanders of the Outer Hebrides using pure virgin dyed and spun wool. Topman have honed in on the tweed trend and come up with fantastic slim-fit jackets, coats and suits. From around €170, only available online; www.topman.com.