

One Jacket 5 Ways!

This column is one for the guys! When shopping at the Goodwill Retail Store & Donation Center near me, I always gravitate toward the large selection of sport coats and jackets. Why? A good jacket can be the foundation or anchor for any outfit. I found this absolutely awesome plaid cotton jacket that fit me like a glove for just \$6.99! It was missing one of the buttons on the front so I decided to give it a little bit of a "fashion makeover".

I went to a big box retailer and purchased some antiqued silver military buttons for the sleeves and the front placket to give it some class and a slightly military look. I used one of my favorite "no sew" tricks to attach them. I used small safety pins and attached them in the back. This will only work for buttons that are not flat and have only an opening on the back. This quick fix only cost me \$3.09 plus tax, bringing my total to about \$10 plus tax. I would say that this is quite the find! When looking for a jacket or coat, I try to find one that is made of a high quality fabric, and given the season, this Egyptian cotton fit the bill! To show you how versatile this coat is let me show you how to wear it five ways.



1. The easiest way for a guy to get a fashion forward look is to simply pair his cool coat with a v-neck t-shirt in a solid color, in this case a navy blue one. Put on a pair of jeans and some great shoes, and you have a very "Euro-chic" look.



2. A graphic print t-shirt with interesting pattern makes another statement here. The bold color of the shirt doesn't exactly match and that is the point, they complement each other tonally. A very hip look if I must say myself.



3. Rock star is the word to describe this next look. A vintage "I want my MTV" shirt brings the plaid out in a modern way and also looks great with any jeans.



4. I took away the jeans and added some white Levi's 501's, and then used a finely knit polo shirt with ascot tie to create a sort of "Mr. Howell" from "Gilligan's Island" look. Classy and sophisticated at the same time and appropriate for any semi formal occasion this summer.



5. Last but not least we have a classic "summer in the Hampton's" look for all those who love the clean preppy style. I added a button down knit shirt that had some texture, and a vintage Yves Saint Laurent knit tie in canary yellow for contrast against the plaid. Put on some deck shoes and you're ready for a yachting party!

As you can see, one great find at the Goodwill Store can literally take you through many occasions and at these prices you'll have more to spend on your vacation! Tune in next week for "Fun in the Sun on a Dime!"

