

Dandy Men's Looks for spring

While I was getting dressed to go to work today, I thought I should share with you my recent purchases at the Goodwill Retail Store & Donation Center near me. I arrived on Saturday morning with no real agenda, other than looking to see what separates or accessories I could find. I scored two! First was a brown/tan herringbone, wool button down vest with great leather buttons for \$4.99. Then I spied the long scarf that also had neutral tones of taupe, brown and black in the subtle paisley print. It was then that I realized that this was my "uniform" of sorts, something that always works with whatever you pair it with. My look got a lot of compliments, and I don't care if you're a man or a woman, this is how to wardrobe-build and accessorize.

I am going to use men as my illustration this week including me! The basics for most guys are jeans and the looks you'll see all build from that common item. I call this the "dandy" look because it is so much more sophisticated and cool than just a t-shirt and jeans. It is also readily affordable, as you'll see if you know what to look for next time you're out shopping!



One guy that always stands out fashion-wise is David Beckham. Here we see him utilizing a scarf for an "up-to-the-minute" contemporary look. In the next picture, he wears a fitted cardigan, plaid shirt and grey tie with his jeans. This is really how to look casual and stylish at the same time.



A simple way to do jeans and a shirt is like the young man in the next picture. A fitted black shirt with a contrasting white tie is very clean, and certainly looks sharp for a night on the town. When worn with jeans a tie is less stuffy than when worn with a suit or dress slacks. It becomes more rock and roll!



The group of "dandy" looks all show how separates can be combined together with excellent sartorial results. For example a v-neck sweater or sweater vest with button down shirt, jacket and tie, becomes even more fashionable with a poor boy cap! In the group picture the khakis worn with dark vest jacket and scarf, create contrast and texture.



A plaid shirt is always a good anchor for other darker colors or contrasting colors as our guy with the grey tie shows. He also knows how to wear a cap!



The guy with the button down dark t-shirt, nice neutral cardigan, and jeans wore this look to Berlin Fashion Week, and it's obvious his lady likes it!



Men, try a little harder when it comes to accessorizing, and ladies give him a hand or even suggestions when it comes to how he looks. He just may need a nudge in the right direction to become a "dandy" himself!! It just goes to show you that good fashion is all about putting it together, and what better place to start than with the Goodwill Retail Store & Donation Center in your neighborhood.