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# COZY & COOL

As temperatures drop into the single digits, it's time to layer up. These pieces cover all the outerwear bases and score points for style, too



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1. SCARF FACE Stay toasty as the cold-weather chills start to nip. This chunky knit scarf teams well with everything from a fitted coat to a heavy-duty down parka. **H&M scarf**, \$15, at [hm.com/ca](http://hm.com/ca) 2. DA BOMB(ER) The wool blend and rich-hued colour blocking transforms a classic autumn bomber jacket. **Oliver Spencer jacket**, \$635, at Hudson's Bay, [oliverspencer.co.uk](http://oliverspencer.co.uk) 3. MAD TRAPPER Defend against Old Man Winter. Whether your adventures take you down the street or to the highest mountain peak, a warm cap is a necessary (and stylish) companion.

—NATASHA BRUNO/PHOTOGRAPHY BY ADRIAN ARMSTRONG

Nathaniel Cole by Crown Cap aviator hat, \$35, at Hudson's Bay and [thebay.com](http://thebay.com) 4. GIVE RAIN THE BOOT Battle the rain with these waterproof wellies. Complete with micro-fleece lining and a heavy-duty rubber sole, these lace-up boots will keep your feet dry, warm and stable. **Hunter navy cruise boot**, \$200, at Harry Rosen and [harryrosen.com](http://harryrosen.com) 5. SHAKE HANDS RIGHT A smart pair of leather gloves is a great investment and adds panache to any look. **Hugo Boss leather gloves**, \$145, Harry Rosen and [harryrosen.com](http://harryrosen.com)



## ASK JEANNE

*Hi Jeanne, Last year I started a job in financial services and wear a gorgeous suit daily. Problem is, so does everyone else. How can I add a signature layer to my favourite Scandinavian two-button suit?*

—Jeremy

### DEAR JEREMY:

First of all, lucky you! I know some men may find it imposing, or even daunting, but the fact that you've got a gig for which you're compelled to wear a "gorgeous suit daily" really is quite divine. This daily exercise in good style will keep you on your toes.

Now, in terms of adding a signature layer to your favourite suit, allow me to suggest that in fashion, God is often in the accessories.

So let's start with cool, classy, good-quality shoes. You could go for a pair with a little edge, but make sure they are always polished. Shoes say so much about a man!

It's also a no-brainer to punch things up with the right tie. Try finding a particular label you love, and start collecting some striking ones. They make great conversation pieces. Personally, I adore Hermès ties, and know several smart gents who sport them almost exclusively. Some Hermès silk prints are a little whimsical, if that's your fancy, others are a tad more serious. And though they're pricey, they're all fabulous and scream true luxury. If you're on a budget, or just feeling more artsy, you might want to go the vintage route. There are some amazing silk ties out there that are very distinctive and quite affordable. I remember often running into the late great Ken Thomson, media baron and one of Canada's most successful businessmen, and always being utterly charmed by each and every stupendous tie he wore. He collected them, and that became a signature style he was famous for.

You might also start playing around with pocket squares. [Ed note: see Radar, below.] There are some fun ones out there, and if you really mixed them up, people would look forward to seeing which one you chose every day.

I also know lots of style savvy men who swear by their socks!

There are so many fantastic patterns around these days, from stripes to dots to paisley, that they've become amusing to collect. Socks also provide just the right amount of flash.

Cufflinks also provide a great signature. And investing in some gorgeous shirts (to match your gorgeous suits) with French cuffs will undoubtedly inspire you to even greater sartorial heights.

Send questions to [askjeanne@thekit.ca](mailto:askjeanne@thekit.ca). Jeanne Beker is a contributing editor to the Toronto Star and host of Fashion Television Channel. Follow on Twitter @Jeanne\_Beker

HERMÈS TIES, \$210 EACH, HERMES.COM

HARRY ROSEN AND GARY TAXALI POCKET SQUARE, \$95



## Not-at-all square

Luxury menswear retailer Harry Rosen has launched a collection of special-edition pocket squares designed by award-winning illustrator Gary Taxali. The five comical, cartoony silk squares celebrate Canada's heritage and feature Toronto, Montreal, Calgary and Vancouver. "I was inspired by how diverse our Canadian cities are, and tried to capture the different moods and stories of Canadian life in a playful way," says Taxali. \$95 at Harry Rosen and online at [harryrosen.com](http://harryrosen.com). —Natasha Bruno

## Mr. Porter gets groomed

Curator of highly coveted and hard-to-find luxury fashion, [mrporter.com](http://mrporter.com) has just added grooming to its repertoire so you can kit out your bathroom as well as your closet. Below, buyer Sam Kershaw shares his faves (Psst: Santa, take note!)



### 1. WORKOUT WONDER

"The Athlete set is all any guy needs post workout," says Kershaw. **Aesop Athlete kit**, \$105

### 2. COOL TOOLS

"This manicure set was shortlisted for a *Wallpaper\** magazine Design Award and contains eight tools to keep you in tip-top condition." **3Czech & Speake leather bound manicure set**, \$500



### 3. OLD-SCHOOL CHARM

"I like D R Harris' soap in a refillable wooden bowl, because it brings a handsome touch to my morning routine." **D R Harris Arlington Shaving Bowl and Soap**, \$30, all [mrporter.com](http://mrporter.com)

COCA-COLA BY DRX



# radar

The style news that got us talking this week

## Always Coca-Cola

Clothing designer Dr. Romanelli (a.k.a. DRx) has partnered with Coca-Cola for a 200-piece collection inspired by vintage Coke clothing found in flea markets and thrift shops around the world. Coca-Cola by DRx is a retro street-wear collection of jackets and vests ranging from \$450 to \$1,650 and T-shirts from \$35 to \$50. Quench your thirst for this retro fashion now at NoMad, 819 Queen St. W., Toronto. —Brooke Halnan



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# MORE THAN HE'S CRACKED UP TO BE

He's hot, he's Canadian, and he plays a motorbike-riding detective. What's not to love? *Cracked* star David Sutcliffe on his rugged style and how he learned to open up

BY ALEX LAWS. PHOTOGRAPHY BY NORMAN WONG

He's not the first David that comes up when you Google the name—he's way behind the sculpture, "Golden Balls" Beckham and the guy who recorded the song "Space Oddity." But you'll know this David's face immediately. You just can't put your finger on how.

Case in point: when we were talking about who should be our November Mr. Kit, the conversation became unexpectedly heated when the name David Sutcliffe came up. ("Rory's dad! I love him!" shrieked the online editor, which sparked a chorus of agreement.) You may remember him, like she did, as Christopher Hayden of *Gilmore Girls*, or know him from a slew of so-bad-they're-good made-for-TV Christmas movies, or his current role as the motorbike-riding psychiatric crime solver Aidan Black of CBC's *Cracked*.

Sutcliffe has peppered TV shows and movies since the mid 1990s. The six-foot-one, Saskatoon-born actor has that attractive familiarity that makes you think, for a second, he could be the hot guy who lives upstairs. He comes off as cheeky (when we asked if we could talk grooming, he leaned in and said with raised eyebrows, "You can ask me anything") and he has an intensity to him that makes his grey-blue eyes seem to look right through you.

Sutcliffe, who at 44 made *Hello Canada's* Most Beautiful Canadians list this year, describes his look as "rugged casual." He jokes about wearing plaid so much that in October his *Cracked* co-star Brooke Nevin asked him not to sport it to an event in Cannes.

And as if the list of pros wasn't long enough, Sutcliffe is also into feelings. In a big way. "I think we all want to feel more," he says. "Feelings are the most direct route to self-discovery and they can be healing." That's partly what led Sutcliffe to explore his own emotions in a series of web video diaries. In fact, he uses all kinds of social media to be open with the world. (His Twitter profile photo looks distinctly like it was taken in bed.)

"I enjoy communicating with people," he says. "It's a way to express myself." (We're not complaining.)

We sat down with David Sutcliffe to learn more about his self-discovery and style.

**THE KIT:** What's your approach to grooming?

**DAVID SUTCLIFFE:** Well, I don't remember the last time I combed my hair. I rarely shave. I just tidy up my beard. Mostly I wear jeans, boots and a T-shirt, and I try to have a number of good jackets in my closet.

**THE KIT:** Who do you think has great style?

**SUTCLIFFE:** Idris Elba has style. I think he's officially the coolest dude on the planet right now. I love that coat he wears in *Luther*. I've looked for it. I can't find it, so I've actually thought about getting one made.

**THE KIT:** What item best represents your character in *Cracked*, Aidan Black?

**SUTCLIFFE:** The biker jacket expresses his personality. The problem is we shoot through summer and the clothes are not nearly as fun as in fall and winter. There are fewer options.

**THE KIT:** How long do you spend in front of the mirror?

**SUTCLIFFE:** I spend a hell of a lot more time looking in a mirror when I'm working. It's not great for the ego. As an actor you have to be concerned with how you look. It's a part of the job I don't like. There's no way you can't be neurotic as an actor.

**THE KIT:** Do you feel pressure being on TV?

**SUTCLIFFE:** People are looking at you all day long—the grey in your beard, your body, wrinkles. I'm 44 now so everything's happening.

**THE KIT:** When you're not acting, you practise Core Energetics. What's that?

**SUTCLIFFE:** Core Energetics is a therapy that really resonated with me. The basic philosophy is that we hold tension in our bodies and there are exercises like hitting, kicking and deep breathing that help us release it. I discovered it 11 years ago, and I've since become a facilitator.

**THE KIT:** You made a video journal of your feelings online. What was that about?

**SUTCLIFFE:** I realized I was hiding a lot of who I was. I felt like the path to liberation was complete transparency. So that I could be freer and not concerned about what people thought of me. Letting go of the judgment, the fear, it was an experiment to see what that felt like. I learned so much but it was also incredibly f\*\*king humiliating.

**THE KIT:** You are also very open in social media.

**SUTCLIFFE:** I try to be as honest as I can and separate from the image that is often presented of me as an actor. That isn't as interesting to me, living up to the "actor image." I'm just a guy trying to go through life, and I have my fears and I have dreams and I have all the regular shit that everybody else has.

Alex Laws is *The Kit's* senior editor. Watch *Cracked* on Mondays at 9 p.m. on CBC. This interview has been edited and condensed.

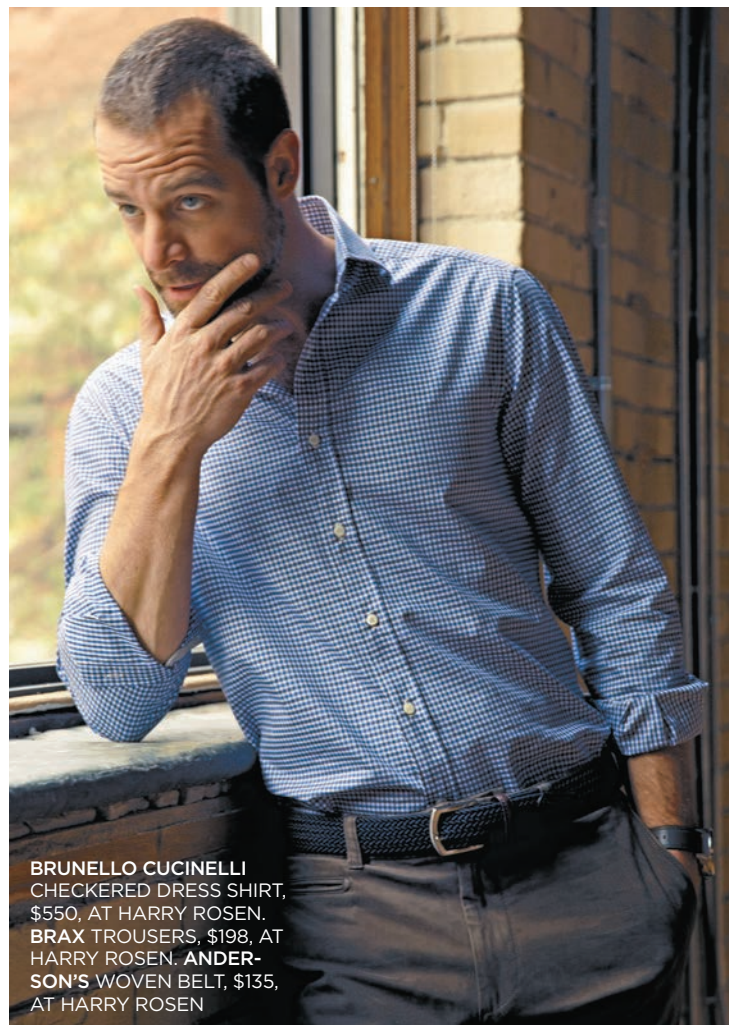


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## Time for Style

After several seasons of big, flashy watches, the classic timepiece has returned



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RADO CENTRIX WATCH, \$1,250, AT FINE JEWELLERY STORES



TIMEX WATCH, \$75, TIMEX.CA

## Grooming Essentials

Here's what you'll find in David Sutcliffe's bathroom and inside makeup artist Sheri Stroh's grooming kit

### MUST-HAVE MOISTURIZERS

"I love this organic brand because even after shaving it doesn't irritate." —Stroh

QARTINA GEBHARDT SHEABUTTER LOTION 100 ML, \$47, PUREANDSIMPLE.CA

"I use Kiehl's moisturizer on my face every day." —Sutcliffe

KIEHL'S ULTRA FACIAL MOISTURIZER, \$22, KIEHL.S.CA

### HAIR SAVERS

"You can use it for extra texture on any hair type. It adds a dry fullness." —Stroh

HANZ DE FUKO QUICKSAND, \$18, AT HANZDEFUKO.COM

"I rarely use hair product, but when I do, this is it." —Sutcliffe

CREW FORMING CREAM, \$20, AMERICANCREW.COM

### SECRET WEAPONS

"This balm is super soft and it doesn't smell strong." —Stroh

QTICA INTENSE OVERNIGHT LIP REPAIR BALM, \$12, QTICA.COM

"I'm very particular about my beard, and this has a good motor." —Sutcliffe

OSTER PROFESSIONAL FAST FEED TRIMMER, \$100, CANADABEAUTYSUPPLY.CA



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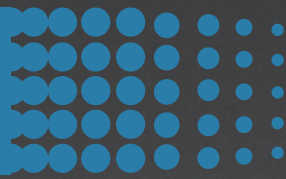
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## SOLDIER BOY

Take a cue from designers like Patrik Ervell and DKNY, and add some camouflage to your kicks

—NATASHA BRUNO

### SUBTLE STYLE

These suede sneakers are fully breathable and waterproof thanks to Geox's Amphibiox technology that's in both the shoe's sole and the upper. The hint of camouflage on the sole adds a pinch of pattern without being overbearing. **Mattias ABX**, \$160, geox.com



### LAID-BACK LUXE

Add a dose of visual interest when hitting the high streets. Match these cozy slip-ons with dark denim and a great knitted sweater for a dapper ensemble. **Prada** camo shoe, \$450, at Harry Rosen and harryrosen.com



### SPOT ON

The washed-out camouflage pattern upgrades a high-top classic. Wear them with a plain tee and a pair of chinos for an easy weekend look. **Converse** Chuck Taylor All Star camo print, \$70, at Town Shoes, and converse.com



### STREET CRED

Infused with urban edge, these special edition leather boots combine fresh style with practical comfort. Pair them with neutral basics for an eye-catching focal point. **Palladium** Pampa High by Billionaire Boys Club, \$120, palladiumboots.com



## one minute miracle

### SCRUB LOVE

Take note of superstar makeup artist Dick Page's grooming routine. The creative director of esteemed Japanese skincare brand Shiseido knows his stuff. So, get thee to a cosmetics counter and pick up a tube of this fine-grain, creamy cleansing scrub for smooth skin that's free of blackheads.

—DEBORAH FULSANG

Shiseido Men Deep Cleansing Scrub, \$30, shiseido.com



## A CLICK AWAY FROM YOUR CLOSET

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The texture and colour of snake adds interest to the classic round-toe pump, while the three-inch heel creates a statuesque silhouette.

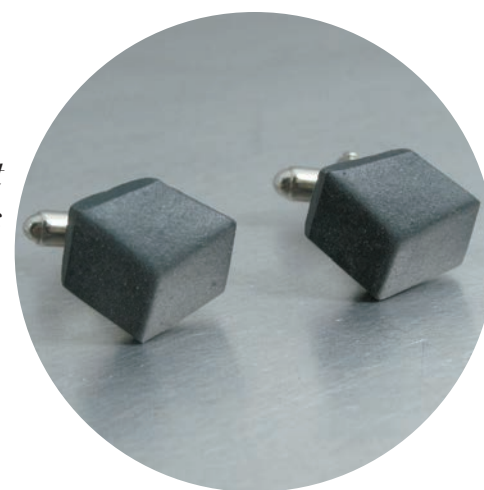
Michael Kors Sheila Snake Pump in burgundy, \$295



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Heydey Design Black Porcelain Cufflinks, \$40

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## OUTFIT ENVY

### Ryan Gosling

The heartthrob knows how to dress down a smart, statement-making suit

—NATASHA BRUNO



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## why we love it

### TIE IT DOWN

The black knit tie provides casual contrast to the luxurious velvet.

### FABULOUS FABRIC

Gosling opts for a tailored tux in plush velvet, giving a mod twist on the traditional suit and tie.

### NOT-TOO-FANCY FEET

Slim lace-up boots add sleek downtown edge for an altogether formal look that's anything but boring.



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