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## **What Accessories Do I Need to Complement My Wedding Suit?**

It really niggles me when you see a decent suit, irrespective of the style, and then you see the most awful shoe, waistcoat, or other accessories worn with it. To me this can “cheapen” even the most expensive suit, and if you have groomsmen you simply multiply or highlight this fact.



So you have your wedding suit; what next? A decent shirt is a start, but I advise a proper double cuff version requiring cufflinks. Correct etiquette yes, but also a very classy look. Cufflinks are also a great gift for your best man or all your groomsmen. I use fitted and semi fit shirt styles in whatever I do; some hire shirts are simply massive, double up as a spare duvet, and make look like you are Arnold Schwarzenegger!

For some suit styles you may need a waistcoat. This can either add a huge element of style or damage the look. Typical hire waistcoats are a tad cheap, ill-fitting and frankly don't “blend” with your outfit. I believe a waistcoat can make or break an entire outfit, so pure fabrics and relevant patterns are chosen to ensure class, fit and relevance.

Shoes are the most important accessory. Brown Shoes with a suit worn at a formal event - NO. That is my opinion, and actually I don't mind this in general, but I do believe this can take the look of the outfit you create for a formal event into the realms of casual. To me a slick black, preferably patent shoe should be worn, especially in a group look scenario. Whether they are brown, black or bright pink shoes, a matching or coordinated group look must have some thought given to the footwear.

Oh dear, I have just had a thought, I sound just like my Dad.