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Better than Bogey's

We thought the trench coat was perfect back in the '40s, when Bogart made the beige, belted classic a staple of guy style. We were wrong—witness this updated beauty from Coach. Now then, don't skimp on a collapsible umbrella. Style owns a real, big-boy's, no-I'm-not-going-to-lose-it umbrella.

Coach trench coat (\$600), (888) 262-6224



Handy pants

It's the Holy Grail: 100 percent wool pants that can go from washer to dryer to covering your ass without ironing. Now, we've had our hearts broken plenty by such big claims. But these newbies from Dockers have a natural feel and drape. A tip for your suits: Unless you spill soup on them, dry-clean them only every five or six wearings. Just hang 'em up and quick-clean them with a lint brush.

Dockers Never Iron washable wool trousers (\$145), dockersstore.com



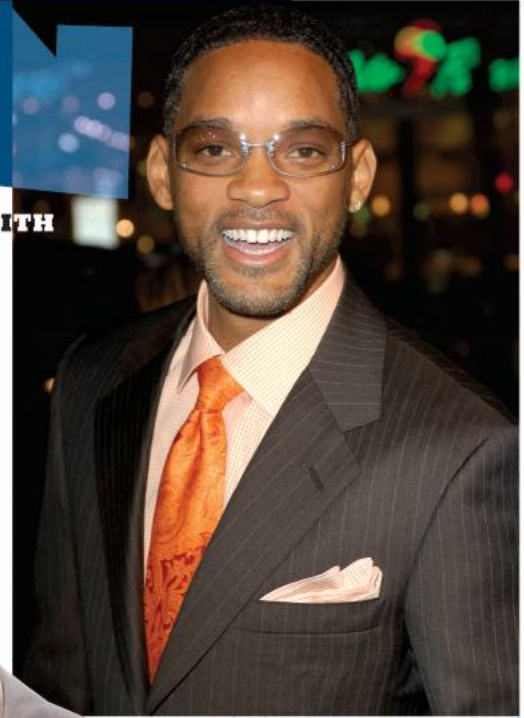
Soft leather for your hard drive

The licorice leather of this laptop case is a big step up from Boy Scout-y canvas or nylon, and perfect with a navy or gray suit. But don't mix black with olive. Yes, that means you may need to buy two bags. Sometimes you have to spend it to make it.

Erik Magnussen Collection by U-designs laptop bag (\$750), u-designs.com

* WILL SMITH

A well-dressed man commands attention, which is why Will Smith reigns on the red carpet. Even if you're not box-office gold, you can garner your share of attention with this season's new crop of brights. Pair a neutral suit with revved-up color, like Will's pale orange shirt and deeper orange tie. Good places to start looking: Alfani (at Macy's), Charles Tyrwhitt, Express Men.



The skinny

The trend in suits is toward slimmer silhouettes, shorter jackets, even, in some cases, shorter pants. A slim suit requires a scaled-down ensemble. Your tie should be skinny, your shirt collar should be smallish (both in height and width) and your shoes should be sleek enough to match the shrunken suit.

Boss Selection suit (\$1,100), (800) 484-6267; Boss Black shirt (\$145) and tie (\$95), (800) 484-6267

Put on your suit jacket whenever you leave your office—even to duck down the hall. Suits form a two-piece impression.

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