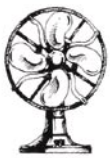
SUIT CARE Made-to-Measure Since 1987

A proud tradition of new zealand craftsmanship. Working style offers a complete range of menswear for the man who appreciates the finest that new zealand has to offer: hand finished suits, tailor made business shirts, casual wear and accessories. A working style suit: natural fabrics of the highest quality crafted by skilled new zealand tailors. A product of advanced computer technology combined with the attention to detail that only hand tailoring can give.

tip 1

HANDMADE BY OBSESSIVE NEW ZEALAND TAILORS

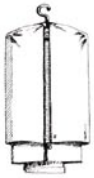
Your Working Style suit has been made for you in New Zealand by highly skilled and somewhat obsessive tailors. The cloth you selected was woven at one of Europe's finest fabric mills from the best natural fibres available. The pattern of your suit was adjusted to your body shape by the master tailor, placed on the fabric and to ensure it drapes correctly, and that any stripes and checks match. Essential elements to the overall fit and line of the suit, such as the neckline and armholes, were sewn by hand. After the final hand detailing, your suit was expertly hand pressed on both the inside and outside to set its shape permanently. The master tailor made his final fastidious checks and your suit was left to settle for a short time to allow its natural fibres to assume the proper shape. Others might say our quality standards are unnecessarily high. But they don't look as sharp as you in your new suit.



tip 2

GIVE RESPECT, GET FAITHFUL SERVICE

This garment has been well made from the best materials with utmost pride. Treat your suit with respect and it will repay you with years of dutiful service. Your suit will not respond well to being worn each day. If you want to wear a suit every day and stay sharp, invest in at least three good suits and employ a reconditioning and rotation policy. By resting each of your suits for at least 24 hours between wearing, you will extend the life of them all. Resting allows the creases to drop out and the fabric to recover. If your suit needs freshening after being in a smoky environment, hang outside in a shaded area. The flow of fresh air will naturally remove all traces of unpleasant odours.



tip 3

MODERATION IN ALL THINGS – ESPECIALLY DRY CLEANING

Dry cleaning is a necessary evil for any well-made garment. Dry cleaning chemicals are harsh on natural fibres and make them brittle, making overly dry-cleaned garments shiny and lifeless, just like cheap whisky did to your uncle's nose. Only dry clean your suit when it is soiled and try to keep it under two or three times a year. If your suit becomes hopelessly wrinkled but it isn't soiled, take it to the dry cleaner and ask for a press only. Always use the very best dry cleaner you can find. To find the best on your patch, ask your Working Style tailor or another top-end clothing retailer. A bad dry-cleaner will ruin your clothes. Bad dry cleaners use excessive heat, poor quality chemicals and excess moisture. One hour and one day cleaning services have a particularly bad reputation for butchering beautiful clothing.

tip 4

BRUSHING UP

Dust can act as an abrasive and may accelerate the deterioration of the fabric. We suggest that you use a good natural bristle clothes brush to remove any dust: a stiff brush for worsted or fine suit fabrics, a softer one for woollens and more delicate fabrics. Use long sweeping movements or short flicks, always in the same direction. Never use a circular or scrubbing motion.

tip 5

BEATING WRINKLES

When your suit becomes wrinkled, and it inevitably will, resist the hot iron. Ironing is not good for tailored clothing. Frequent ironing will make a suit look shiny, lifeless and worn out – just like the poor sap wearing it. If the iron is too hot the fabric will be weakened and the shape of the garment irreparably altered. If you decide to iron your garment at home, use a damp cloth between the iron and the garment, as a gentle steam press is far better than a hot iron. Your first attempt to beat wrinkles should always be to hang your suit or a few hours in a steamy bathroom and let the heat, gentle moistness and gravity encourage the fabric to restore its natural crispness. If your wrinkles are beyond all forms of home help, take a "press only" trip to the dry cleaners. To avoid wrinkles for as long as possible steer clear of corporate life, self-employment, marriage and fatherhood.

tip 6

ON BEING WELL HUNG

Storage is essential for a well-tailored clothing. Your suit has come on a shaped hanger with the shoulders thrust slightly forward by the shape of the hanger. This makes the jacket hang straight, with the fronts of the jacket neatly folding over one another. Always use this kind of hanger, never use a cheap plastic or wire hanger. A badly hung jacket will sag and unsightly creases may form. Suits need fresh, dry air, so avoid overcrowding your wardrobe, as crushing will occur.

tip 7

DON'T TOUCH YOUR STAINS

If you stain your suit, resist the temptation to clean it yourself – in most cases you'll simply spread the stain and entrench it in the fabric. Stained garments should be taken to your dry cleaner as soon as possible with emergency haste. Give your cleaner as much information as you can about the stain: the more the cleaner knows about the stain, the swifter and more efficient the removal. Be warned - some stains which appear invisible (such as white wine) may become more obvious after cleaning.