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Your ultimate 2025 lookbook

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Letter from the Editor

Merry Christmas, Houlton! This year I wanted to give you a gift that's as thoughtful and unique as you are. Welcome to your very own style guide! Inside, you'll find fashion inspiration that's tailored to current trends, your style aesthetic, and personal touches you love such as penguins and lots of blue. And, of course, it wouldn't be complete without a little Parisian flair to honor our first trip to Paris this year—a city that knows a thing or two about timeless style.

This guide combines what makes you happy with what's stylish—according to your Style Director of course. Every page is made with love, care, and a sprinkle of inspiration to make getting dressed a little more fun and expressive. Whether it's a casual look for everyday life, something polished for romantic date nights, or fun looks for one of our adventures, I hope this guide becomes your go-to for feeling like the best version of yourself.

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Houlton's Aesthetic: CASUAL COOL

The Casual Cool aesthetic is a relaxed yet stylish approach to men's fashion that prioritizes comfort, versatility, and effortless appeal. It's rooted in simplicity, focusing on wardrobe essentials that can be easily mixed and matched for various occasions. Unlike trend-driven styles, Casual Cool exudes timelessness, often incorporating classic staples like well-fitted jeans, neutral-toned t-shirts, and casual sneakers. The hallmark of this aesthetic is its adaptability, striking a balance between looking polished and feeling laid-back.

This aesthetic encompasses several nuanced subsets, allowing individuals to tailor the style to their personal preferences and lifestyle. For example, Classic Casual leans toward timeless staples and clean fits, while Sporty Casual integrates athletic-inspired pieces like joggers and hoodies. Rugged Casual emphasizes durable, earthy fabrics such as flannel and leather, whereas Edgy Casual incorporates statement pieces like ripped jeans and leather jackets for a rebellious vibe. Each subset maintains the overarching goal of creating a look that feels effortlessly put-together without excessive effort.























Functionality is another key aspect of Casual Cool. Whether incorporating minimalist elements for a sleek and refined look or streetwear influences for a bolder, trend-driven edge, the aesthetic ensures that every piece serves both a practical and stylish purpose. The color palette is often grounded in neutralsblack, white, gray, and earthy tones allowing for easy layering coordination. Accessories are minimal but intentional, with items like leather belts, understated watches, and crossbody bags enhancing the outfit without overwhelming it.

Overall, Casual Cool is the perfect blend of comfort and style for the modern man. It suits a wide range of settings, from relaxed weekends to casual social gatherings, making it ideal for men in their 20s seeking a wardrobe that feels authentic and approachable. By drawing inspiration from various subsets, individuals can infuse their personality into the aesthetic, ensuring a look that is both distinctive and versatile. Whether leaning toward classic, sporty, or edgy, Casual Cool is a reliable foundation for building a timeless and stylish wardrobe.

"CASUAL COOL EXUDES TIMELESSNESS, BLENDING COMFORT AND STYLE WITH CLASSIC STAPLES THAT FEEL EFFORTLESSLY PUT-TOGETHER."

Houlton's STYLE ICONS



Ryan Reynolds

Ryan Reynolds' style is a blend of sharp tailoring and casual ease. He pairs well-fitted suits with simple shirts or t-shirts, and off-duty, opts for denim jackets, chinos, and sneakers, creating a refined yet relaxed look. Ryan's ability to seamlessly combine sophistication with laid-back comfort makes his style both refined and relatable.





3David James Elliott

David James Elliott is a TikTok influencer known for his effortless style that blends streetwear with laid-back sophistication. He pairs oversized shirts and hoodies with fitted jeans or cargo pants, often accessorizing with hats, sneakers, and subtle jewelry for a balanced, comfortable look with an emphasis on comfort, versatility, and personal expression.

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Henry Cavill

Henry Cavill's style combines timeless sophistication with rugged charm. Known for sharp suits that highlight his muscular frame, he balances his formal looks with casual elegance, opting for fitted jeans, leather jackets, and classic footwear. His preference for classic cuts and muted colors reflects a refined yet approachable aesthetic.





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Jack Harries

Jack Harries, the YouTuber, has a casual and minimalist style. Jack favors simple basics like t-shirts, slim jeans, and sneakers. He creates a laid-back yet polished look with neutral tones and clean lines, balancing comfort and style with a modern, youthful edge.

SHIRTS

Madewell Garment-Dyed Allday Crewneck Pocket Tee in Lighthouse, \$35

Uniqlo Crew Neck T-Shirt in 68 Blue, \$20

Uniqlo Crew Neck T-Shirt in 09 Black, \$20





Uniqlo Crew Neck T-Shirt in 07 Gray, \$20

Uniqlo Crew Neck T-Shirt in 38 Dark Brown, \$20

Madewell Navy Button Up, Owned







Abercrombie Sweater Polo, Owned

Gap Linen Button Up, Owned

Long-Sleeve Button Up, Owned







GRAPHIC TEES

Theramura Niche-Designed Heavy Duty Hong Kong Style T-Shirt in White, \$40 Outsider Supply A Drawing of Yves Klein Heavyweight Tee, \$70 Etsy Andromeda Tee Vintage in Black, \$45







Abercrombie Lord of the Rings Graphic Tee in Black, \$40 Princess Ace, Cool Cats And Charming Kittens Graphic T-Shirt, \$25

Vanity Feel I Just Gotta Be Me Penguin Shirt, \$25







JEANS & PANTS

Madewell 1991 Loose Straight Jean in Hanlon Wash, \$138

Madewell 1991 Loose Straight Jean in Aalto Wash, \$138

Abercrombie Rigid Denim Loose Jean in Cream, \$80



Khaki Shorts, Owned



Buck Mason Japanese Loomstate Selvedge Full Saddle Jean in d018, \$248



J. Crew Classic chino pant in Storm Navy, \$98



Navy Shorts, Owned







SWEATSHIRTS, SWEATERS & CARIDGANS

Abercrombie Oversized Marled Crew Sweater in Light Brown, \$80 Madewell Crewneck Sweater in SoftWool in Dark Metal, \$158 L.L.Bean Men's Signature Camp Merino Wool Crewneck Sweater in Navy/Maine, \$149



Abercrombie Oversized Marled Crew Sweater in cream, \$80



J. Crew Heritage 14 oz. fleece sweatshirt in Hthr Athletic Grey, \$90



Land's End Cotton Drifter Saddle Crewneck Shaker Sweater in Nautical Blue, \$80 *Only wear with very dark or light colors







JACKETS & COATS

Massimo Dutti Cotton jacket with snap buttons in Brown, \$190



Massimo Dutti Twill jacket with snap buttons in Ochre, \$180







American Giant Gray Chore Jacket, Owned

L.L.Bean Navy Puffer, Owned

Navy Blazer, Owned







SHOES



G.H.Bass Men's Suede Ranger Super Lug Moc Boot in Brown, \$245

Koio Capri in Triple White, \$245



Vans® Premium Authentic sneakers in Navy, \$75



Brown Loafers, Owned



Converse Chuck 70 Canvas in Parchment/Garnet/Egret, \$85



Koio Fermo in Nero, \$365

Accessories



Uniqlo HEATTECH Knitted Gloves in Navy, \$10



Seiko Presage Automatic SRPE43 in Blue Stainless Steel, \$425



Quince Mongolian Cashmere Ribbed Beanie in Charcoal, \$30



Uniqlo HEATTECH Ribbed Beanie in Navy, \$10



Huckberry Waxed Canvas 6-Panel Hat in Coal, \$44



Dalix Penguin Hat in Navy Blue, \$30



TIMBUK2 Flight Crossbody Satchel in Rust, \$79



Eternate 14k Gold Square Signet Ring, \$506



Roka Rory 2.0 in Matte Black Tortoise Frame - Glacier Mirror (Polarized), \$220



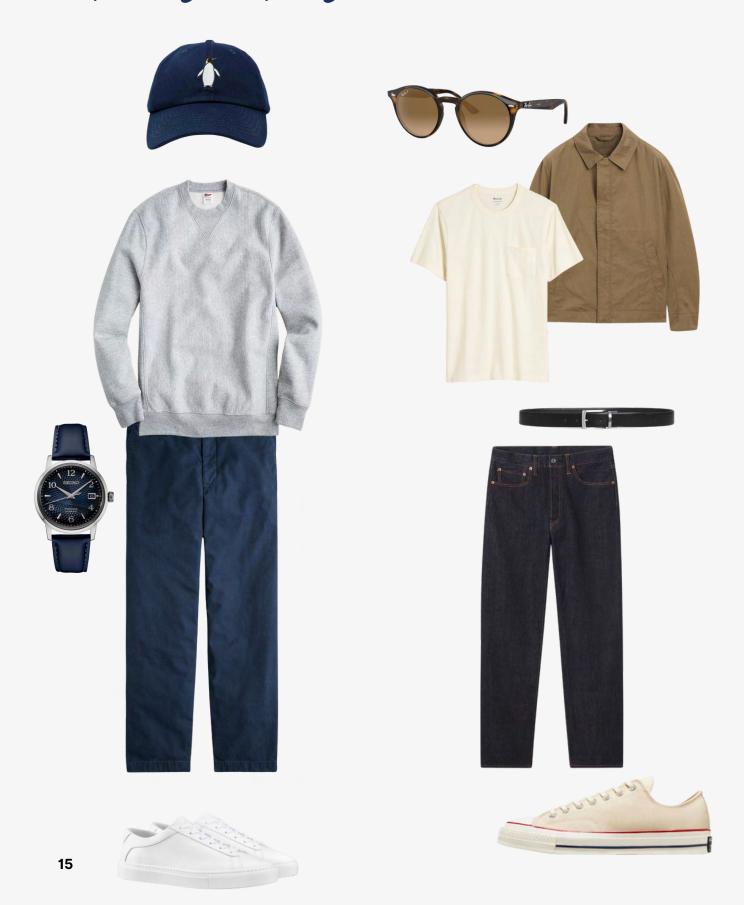
WMP Eyewear DASH Sunglasses in Whiskey Brown Tortoise / Grey Lens, \$39



Ray-Ban RB2180 in Polished Light Havana Lens Polarized Brown, \$238



The Lookbook Outfits styled for you































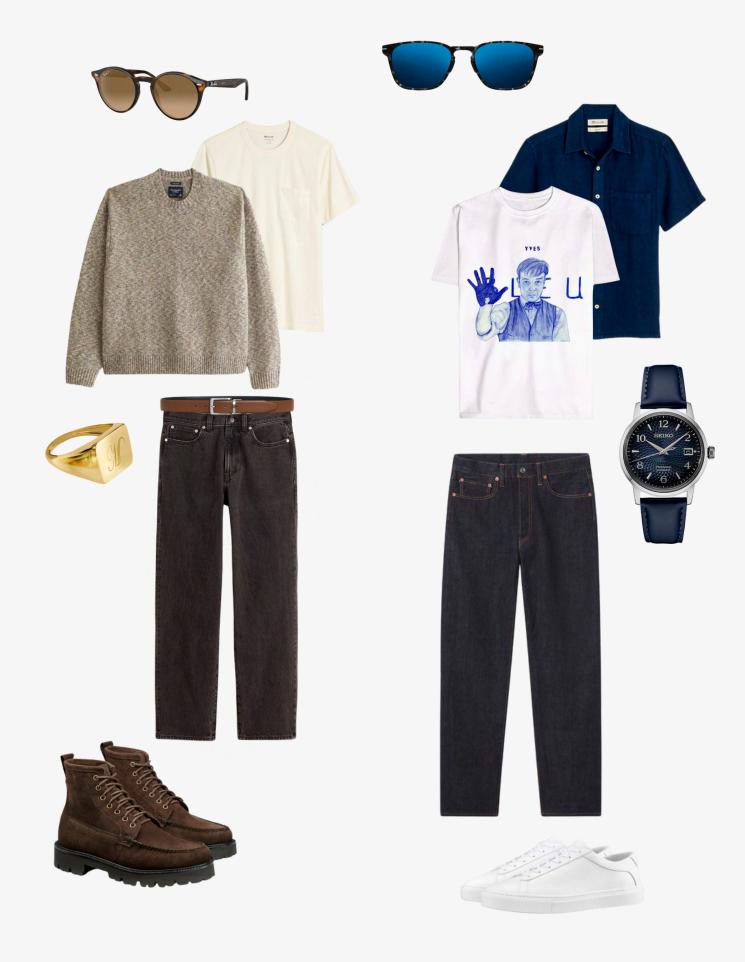












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