



Style
For men

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The best of both worlds
Torn between jeans and chinos? Dockers' new Alpha Khakis promise to marry heavyweight khaki fabric with the sturdy feel of denim. Now just choose between four jeans-like finishes – raw, one-year scraped, five-year dirty and ten-year destroyed (from £80; gb.dockers.com).

Brand watch Alan Paine
Old-school knitwear, still top class



In the early 1900s, one William Paine, a tailor based in Godalming, Surrey, happened upon some old knitting machines and had the brilliant wheeze of knocking up the first cable-stitch patterns, selling sweaters to the local Charterhouse School. When he added club colours to the range, it became all the rage at sporting clubs and made a fan of the Prince of Wales, later Edward VIII. These days, it is a successful heritage brand, popular with the likes of Dermot O'Leary (left). Knits such as the Dalmally (above right), £135, retain a hint of those sporting roots (alanpaine.co.uk).



BLUE SUEDE SHOES
Milan's Volta footwear uses Tuscan leather and Limonta wool to produce a hybrid shoe/sneaker that works surprisingly well. The original Classic (above), £115, features suede uppers with a ribbed nylon collar and low-profile sole, and comes in blue and other colours (oki-ni.com).

5 reasons why we love... Ministry of Sound MOS 006 headphones

1. Their 50mm drivers have great sound quality...
2. ...and the anodised aluminium cups they're housed in look cool, too.
3. There's a soft, adjustable, foam-coated split headband, so they're pretty comfortable.
4. They have a curled cable section influenced by DJs who don't want wires to get tangled...
5. ...and a soft-touch/anti-tangle cable, too (£39.99; ministryofsound.com).



THE LITTLE THINGS THAT COUNT: BACKPACKS
Lightweight luggage for work or leisure



MANTALK
'The primal instinct for food kicks in at about 11am, which in my mind makes it acceptable to eat curry'
Carl Barât

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