TUXEDOS

Styles give grooms fashionable choices

remains very fashionable. "The look is a return to the romantic era of black and white movies, very classy," Mayer says.

Among other tuxedo trends spotted by Mayer are a modern single-breasted two- or three-button classic black tux with a dimensional satinlayer notch lapel and a highstyle four-button with a longer coat length, which is a popular look with younger men.

The news in accessories for spring is matching satin vests in black, white or ivory as well as an array of colors.

"It was time for the industry to come out with a solid look for the vest that's not bright and shiny," says Mayer.

Brides may want their grooms to choose a vest color that complements her attendants' dresses. "Pastels are coming on strong for spring. Of our six new colors, five are pastels — baby blue, pinks, yellow, and soft green. With so much color selection, the bride can create a color story."

For those who prefer texture, a chevron-patterned vest worn with an ascot tie, is another great modern look for spring.

"The bow-tie business has been so-so," Mayer says. "The ascot and cravat are really in at the moment."

During the past century, men have come to rely on the tuxedo to punctuate the important occasions in their lives, their wedding most of all. With the style selections available today, a groom should have no trouble finding one that makes him look as good as he's feeling — on top of the world.





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