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Fashion is commonly thought to be a realm dominated by women. So much so that a man who stands out from the crowd may be considered a renegade. But historically, fashion was actually a domain celebrated by men as well. It wasn't until the 'great masculine renunciation' of the late eighteenth century that there came a trend for increased sobriety and uniformity in men's dress. We've had subculture groups and their distinct style, like punks, but your average Joe does little to deviate from his suit, jeans and t-shirt.

One possible explanation is some men's concern with the association between fashion and homosexuality. Perhaps it comes from the fact that non-conformism has often meant a feminisation of design. Look at the

renegades of the 1960s: all chiffon and frills. Or David Bowie's platform shoes in the 70s. Or the makeup and teased hair of Boy George in the 80s. Certainly, in nineteenth century society the well-dressed 'dandy' was frequently homosexual, and today gay men often dress well. But are we seriously still connecting men's fashion with buggery? Admittedly there are some clothes from the catwalk that don't work beyond the runway, but there is definitely room for you to move with the times and re-invigorate your style. Remember, you're not gay if you wear flip-flops. You're gay if you like fucking men.

Accessorize. Be bold with colour. Mix patterns. **NC**

Look 1

Seal Kay purple t-shirt, £40, Mottoo
 Duck and Cover checked shirt, £42, Envy
 Blueblood jeans (with special antibacterial spray to refresh denim without having to wash them, to avoid untimely fading – a student's dream come true), £190, www.urbanoutfitters.co.uk
 Diesel cap, £35, Cecil Gee
 Vans slip-ons, £35, Kurt Geiger



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renegade (rn-gd)

n.
 1. One who rejects a religion, cause, allegiance, or group for another; a deserter.
 2. An outlaw; a rebel.
adj.
 Of, relating to, or resembling a renegade; traitorous.
intr.v. renegaded, renegading, renegades
 To become a deserter or an outlaw.
 Spanish renegado, from Medieval Latin renegatus, past participle of renegre, to deny : Latin re- + Latin negre, to deny; see ne in Indo-European roots.



Look 2

Seal Kay purple diamond jumper, £100, with stripe shirt, £80, Mottoo
 Evisu jeans, £175, Cecil Gee
 Holland Esquire Jacket, £269, Cecil Gee
 St. George by Duffer pointed Derby lace ups, £60, Purple leather driving gloves, £40, Debenhams



Look 3

Black and white polka dot shirt, £35, French Connection
 Grey wide legged trousers, £25, Topman
 Red cardigan, £30, Topman
 Grey trilby, £12, Topman
 Hemmings Correspondence lace ups, £139, Kurt Geiger



Stockists: Cecil Gee, 52 East St, 01273 329570, www.cecilgee.co.uk; Debenhams, 95-99 Churchill Square, 0844 5616161, www.debenhams.com; Envy, Unit 57, 7 Western Road, 01273 204544; French Connection, 26-27 East Street, 01273 727117, www.frenchconnection.com; Kurt Geiger, 1 North St, 01273 749727, www.kurtgeiger.com; Mottoo 15-16 Dukes Lane, 01273 771093, www.sealkay.it; Topman, 179 Western Rd, 01273 774611, www.topman.com

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