

*Every Friday we feature one of the garments from the magazine in a post about styling. We suggest different ways to wear the garment in question using mock-ups from [Polyvore](#). We encourage readers to tell us what they think about these outfits via our [Facebook page](#) or [Twitter](#), and if folks want to make their own outfits, please tweet them at us with the hashtag #twiststyle. You can find all of the Style Friday posts [here](#).*

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Happy Friday, fashion fans!

I often feel like I have to learn how to dress myself all over again every time the seasons change. I spend more time in the mornings looking quizzically into my drawers and wondering how I can possibly assemble some of the items into outfits. That feeling is also what I get when I style menswear on Polyvore. The selection of stuff available is small and strange, so I did my best. You'll see in a second. First, let's take a good gander at this week's featured sweater. The squishiest, most deeply textured, lovely [Joist](#).



We will get to the women's version next week; this time we are focusing on more masculine modes of dressing.



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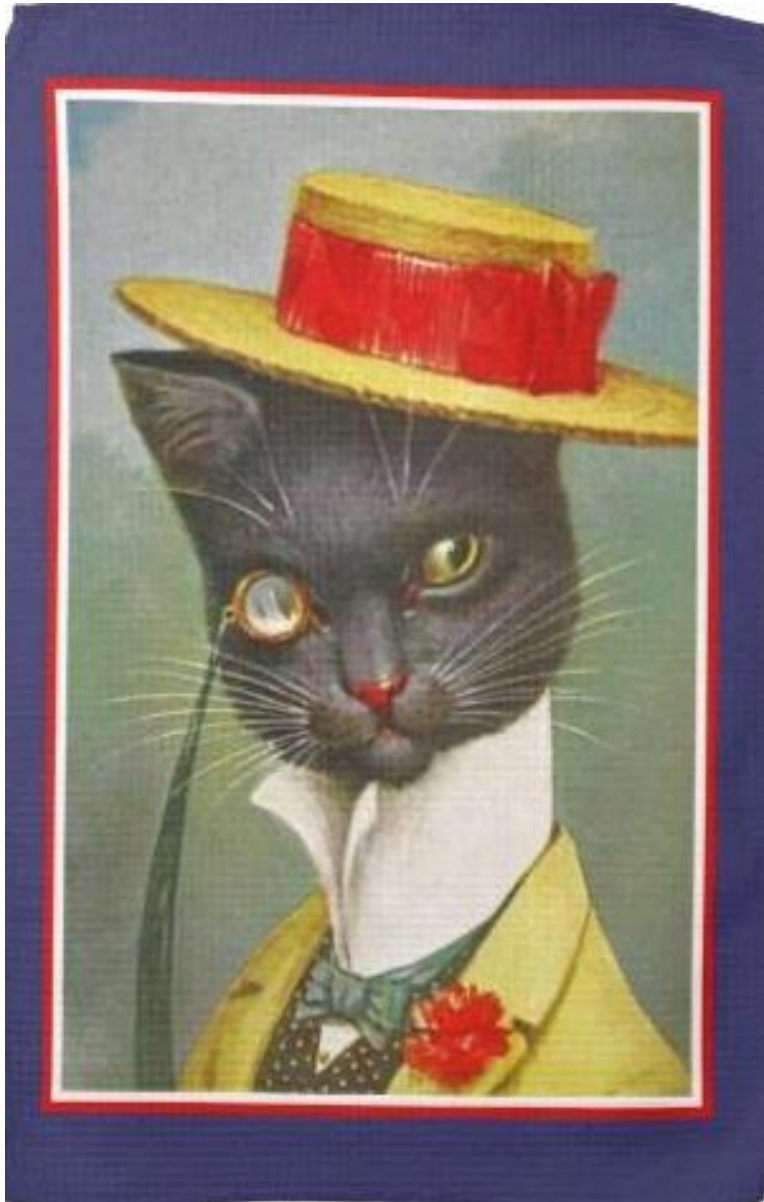
These cables slay me. They're so sculptural! I want to squeeze them like pets.

Earlier this week I was discussing masculine ways of dressing with a friend of mine who is fond of bow ties, who explained three such modes to me; butch, dapper, and dandy. Now, I am not about to claim that these are the *only* masculine ways of dressing, I think there are probably millions. But these are some fun archetypes to work with, and so I'm going with it!

Butch is an idea folks are probably familiar with, even if that's not the word you'd use. It's sort of your garden-variety dude stuff (I'm making generalizations here, bear with me). Dapper has a little more attention to detail, and dandy is the most ostentatious; campy even. I could keep using silly words to explain, or I could show you a handy visual aid. We will use the true rulers of the internet as our guides: cats. You ready for this?







See the difference? Me, after being shown these, I explained the dapper/dandy split like this: dapper asks "is this too much?" while dandy shouts "YOUR TOO MUCH IS MY NOT ENOUGH!" and then farts a glitter rainbow in your general direction. I don't have a good photo of a butch cat, but really the butch cat would probably just be a cat. Maybe it would be holding a beer, or wearing a baseball cap. You can imagine it.

Below are my interpretations of butch, dapper, and dandy, all starring our good buddy [Joist](#).



In case you were wondering - yes - that bowtie on the right is leather.



I would love to know, how will you wear [Joist](#)?