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Gentlemen, Antonio here. All right. Let's talk about casual clothing.

Most men don't think to get their casual clothing adjusted. We talked a little bit about business clothing and adjustments. When you spend \$1,000, \$500 on a suit – \$100 on a pair of slacks, \$50 on a shirt, \$75 on a shirt, yeah. You think to get that adjusted, especially when people you're buying it from, they offer adjustments.

Most casual clothing shops are not going to offer adjustments. One exception, The Buckle. I believe they used to actually alter jeans. But most of us don't think about that. We just buy it and it's like "Okay. I paid \$10 for this. I got it on sale. I paid \$50 for this. I'm going to wear it as is. It's close enough."

Gentlemen, I can tell you, if you pay attention to the fit and you get your casual clothing adjusted, you are going to up your style. This is one of those secret weapons.

Let me be very clear. Casual clothing does not equal sloppy. Casual just means not formal. It's a different level of dress code. It's supposed to be more relax, more laid back. Usually we're going to see lighter colors. You're allowed to bring in quite a few patterns. You can wear styles which are going to be maybe not as classic, more fashionable and not as sleek. It just really doesn't fit into the formal.

However, you're always presenting yourself. If you're a business owner, if you are a family man, if you're out there in the dating scene, you are always putting your best foot forward. You want to be, because people are always strangers, always measuring you up.

If you even think about this, you take some of your clothing, and you're going to immediately you're going to be ahead of most men, because they don't get their jeans adjusted. They don't get their casual button-downs adjusted.

But let's talk about a wide variety of items. Some items like t-shirts, you really don't want to get adjusted. It's something that you should buy it right out the package fitting you properly. We're going to talk about that.

Again, this is a secret weapon of stylish men. The best thing that you can do with casual clothing, though, is to buy it – because it doesn't usually come with this service for free, you're going to have to pay for most of your casual clothing to be adjusted. Although you may want to ask. Some stores, especially the higher-end department stores, they will actually – even though mostly it's geared towards their higher-end services – if you buy a casual shirt, Nordstrom's, they may actually adjust it for you when you purchase there. You can take it in, and they may

have that service. I haven't checked. I know that usually depends on stores, but often, finer men's wear stores, they will actually adjust some of the casual clothing that you buy from them.

Casual does not equal sloppy. However, you guys are saying "Antonio, I don't want to spend money to get my t-shirts adjusted. Can I get my t-shirts adjusted?"

T-shirts, I don't recommend. Usually because of their price point, but also because when we're dealing with shirts, when we're dealing with items that you can't hide the stitching and adjustments so well, it's going to be a little bit harder. Usually, simply, you want to buy the right size.

How do you buy the right size? You find the brand that works for you. Understand each of these brands, whether they be t-shirts, Henleys, casual button-downs, polos. All of them are going to have different types of looks and body types that they go after.

You may find that Lacoste – yes, it's going to be a little bit more expensive. Or Polo. Or you may find that Old Navy polos actually work better for you. Ralph Lauren may not be your cup of tea. However, there's a company called Vastrm that you can actually design and get your polo made to fit. I would say that that's a great company. I know the founder. Really cool guy. I love what they're doing because they actually focused in on helping people develop a great fit on the polo and get the fabric and the small little style details from the length of that to all that stuff.

Yes. If you have a casual short-sleeved shirt that you really like except it's just the sleeves are a little bit too long, they go right past your elbows, you can actually get that adjusted to go a little bit higher. You can actually get those sleeves brought in a bit the same with your button-downs.

When you go to a tailor, the key is understand what you want. You already have a lot of your business clothing that fits you well. With your casual clothing, you don't want to get as form-fitted. Casual should naturally be a little bit looser. That's the big difference we're going to see in the fit of your casual clothing. You can go a tad looser. Not a whole lot looser. It really does depend on the fabric.

But when we're looking at casual button-downs, I would say overall, you can go with a little bit looser. Although if you like it form-fitting like you like it for your business clothing, you could actually have the same exact cut. The big difference, though, especially on shirts, is going to be to tuck or not to tuck.

We don't have this issue when it comes to business clothing. However, when it comes to casual clothing, t-shirts can be worn either way. Really depends on the length of the t-shirt. My judgment for if the shirt is long enough, raise your hands up. If you are still covering your midsection with the jeans or with the trousers you're going to be wearing, then it can be worn.

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It also depends – and this is another factor – what type of pants or jeans or trousers you're wearing. If it's something dressier like dress slacks, cords, you're wearing a belt with it, you probably want to tuck it in. I recommend for most men try tucking in. We've kind of become a society which most things are left untucked, but polos, t-shirts, even Henleys, a lot of those are designed – in fact, if you look at the bottom of the polo shirt where the front is slightly shorter than the back – basically, if it's got a polo type of bottom, then it's most likely meant to be worn untucked. However, if it is long enough, you can wear it tucked, and I think a polo being worn tucked looks perfectly fine, especially if it's a nicer polo, and you're wearing it with slacks.

Now the casual button-downs. Same things apply. We're going to see different types of bottoms. There are bottoms that are designed to actually be worn untucked, and then there are those that remain to be worn tucked. Usually, if you raise your arms up a bit and you've still got two inches of material, that needs to be worn tucked. It's way too long.

However, if you want this to be worn, you really think this is going to look great untucked, you can actually take this to a tailor, and he can fix the bottom – or she can fix the bottom – of that shirt so that you can wear it untucked.

We're moving on from shirts. Let's talk about the different types of trousers out there: jeans, chinos, khakis, flannels, dress slacks, cords, even cargo pants.

Yes, you can get those adjusted to fit better. Cargo pants I'm going to say are the least formal. However, for certain situations, if you're going out on a hike, if you are relatively young and this is a style that you really want to pull off and you're very fashionable, then go for it. But make sure that they fit you. Cargo's usually going to be one of the looser styles.

Chinos, khakis – chinos are going to be looser as well. Khakis, I like to lean more towards when you look at Dockers, I believe oftentimes those are too casual, but I think companies like Bonobos have done a pretty good job bringing khakis back to where they should be, and that's more closer to dress slacks.

The difference between khakis and dress slacks is dress slacks are usually going to use a worsted wool or a finer fabric, and it's going to have a much cleaner drape. Khakis are going to use more of a cotton or a heavier-weight fabric – can give a more wrinkled, more casual look.

Flannels made from a worsted wool – these, you do want to have. If you're going to go out there and buy some flannels – and there's great companies, like on Amazon, Orvis. The problem with Orvis is it runs big. You will probably want to have these adjusted, maybe slimmed up a bit, especially if you take care of yourself.

Jeans. Like I said, there's a few companies like The Buckle I think that used to adjust jeans for free. I don't know if they do it anymore, but I will tell you that getting your jeans hemmed is very important. You don't want to actually wear them too long. I know it seemed like only an inch. What happens is you end up stepping on the back, and we get that frayed look. Then we

run into the problem that it moves up and literally the jeans are no good anymore. It's worth getting them brought up about an inch. Ask the tailor to make the style the same as what you see down there. Oftentimes we see a bit of a distress. It's sometimes hard for them to repeat that, but if you get a skilled tailor, they can find a way to make that happen. If not, believe me, very few people ever notice.

Another option for men that are going with a casual look and let's say want to wear a boot with that and are going for a raw denim is that you can actually stack your jeans – basically roll them up. However, that is a more fashionable look, little bit beyond what I do. I don't wear it that way. But for some of you younger men, you can pull that off.

Let's talk now about the casual jacket. The casual jacket very similar to the fit and feel of the sports jacket. In fact, the sports jacket is often going to be a casual jacket, although you've got some casual jackets out there which will actually – the lapels will roll all the way up. They're going to be a little bit more stylish, oftentimes totally unstructured, just the material.

The casual jacket can be a slightly looser fit, reason being if you want to wear a sweater underneath, you want to wear something that's a little bit bulkier. I've seen some younger men pull a hoodie on underneath it. Now, again, that's more fashion forward and more for the younger man, but I still think a casual jacket such a safari jacket can look great on an older, more sophisticated type of a look that a man maybe is going for in his 40s or 50s or 60s.

But again, think towards the sports jacket and the way you get it adjusted there. You want to leave yourself room that if you were to pick up a weapon – we used to hunt in these things – however, you don't want it to be so loose or too long that it looks like it belongs to your big brother.

All right, guys. That's it for casual fit. See you in the next video.

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