

Straight Up With a Twist Rethinking Black Tie

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Tom
Ford's
O'Connor
cocktail jacket
(\$3,300) is a real
scene-stealer in
rich teal velvet
with a graceful shawl collar.
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Louis Vuitton
commissioned
British artists
the Chapman
brothers to
interpret scenes of
Himalayan
wildlife—which
are embroidered
on the silk
evening
jacket
(\$6,175) to
surreal
effect.

Styled
by
Tasha Green


The elegant
subtlety of
Brioni's
wool-mohair
dinner
jacket
(\$5,450) in
aubergine
is offset
by the
graphic
staccato
of a
black-
and-white
pocket
square.



SOFT GOOD STYLING BY SHARON RYAN



Paul Stuart's
custom double-
breasted silk
dupioni dinner
jacket
(from \$4,500),
with its four
mother-of-pearl
buttons
(on a two-button stance),
is constructed
by hand in
New York City.



Named
after a
16th-century
Japanese
decorating technique,
Uman's jacquard
silk-lined
Komon jacket
(price upon request)
has a triple-collar
overlay that is
handstitched and
interchangeable.



The wool
tartan jacket
(from \$3,195)
is part of
Isaia's
made-to-
measure
program,
so that its
fit can be as
spot-on as
its flair.