



## The Sharp Dressed Man

Hats on men are tricky business. Here are some helpful tips.

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A guy I know who happens to be a lawyer, once told he wanted to explore the possibility of a cowboy hat. My response? Not unless you wake up and discover you're Tim McGraw. Hats on men are tricky business.

"You first need know if the occasion would warrant a hat with your outfit, then a select a hat that compliments your face and outfit," says Jamie L. Yasko-Mangum, President of [Successful Style & Image, Inc.](#), and author of *Look, Speak & Behave for Men*.

Personally, I never want to see a cowboy hat on a guy. If you ooze confidence, maybe you can carry off a tweedy newsboy (but prepare to be mocked), and if you're over 50 ad ooze confidence, rock that fedora.

For the rest of you guys, though, the baseball hat is the way to go. Fitted, garment washed styles are hot. Say no to camo - look for classic colors and details like embroidered logos. Wrap the brim around a bat with some rubber bands to beak it in.

And there's the question of etiquette: "Make sure the hat is appropriate with the outfit. For instance if a man is wearing a social evening outfit, a baseball hat would not be warranted. I would suggest no hat," says Yasko-Mangum. And don't forget to take it off when appropriate (so make sure you aren't sporting hat head). "If you are eating inside, I would recommend you remove your hat. However, if you are eating outside, keeping your hat on is appropriate. When the national anthem is played I would recommend you remove your hat and place over your heart or down by your side until after song is over; same with pledge of allegiance."