On His Majesty's Suiting Service

Every man at some stage of his life aspires to be like James Bond - licence to kill, access to an equally sexy selection of cars and women, and of course the ultimate tuxedo. When putting on a flawless suit that fits like a glove it makes any man swagger along oozing with confidence - which as all men know is the key to attracting a woman.

In the build up to the release of the eagerly anticipated 23rd James Bond film 'Skyfall' there have been several photos of the current Bond, Daniel Craig, doing the media rounds; filming on set and with his wife Rachel Weisz.

I particularly like the above photograph as it shows James Bond in an everyday light that most men can actually relate to - just holding hands with the wife in your lunch break. And yet, even in this more casual pose, how is he still projecting such an air of effortless, debonair sophistication? With a pale grey, mohair, two piece suit, white shirt and metallic, spot-print tie, that's how. This specific suit shows a double vented, two button jacket with straight flapped pockets and a medium width notched lapel and three cuff buttons. The last button has been left un-done for what I can only assume to be some magnificent cufflinks. The trousers, slightly unusually, have a 1 inch turn up, straight cut and tapered down the leg. If you fancy trying this style for yourself, I have the design ready and waiting so just follow the link: grey two piece .

A very appropriate quote that has always stuck in my mind from his first Bond film, Casino Royale:
James Bond: I have a dinner jacket.
Vesper Lynd: There are dinner jackets and dinner jackets; this is the latter. And I need you looking like a man who belongs at that table.
James Bond: How?... It's tailored.
Vesper Lynd: I sized you up the moment we met.

It is evidently the jacket that maketh the man. And I say maketh the jacket work for the man! (or woman) For example, when I tried to take my partner's attention away from the PlayStation to show him these photos his first comment was, "Now that's a Classic Bond Suit," which got me thinking.

All actors honoured with the role of 007 have also been fitted with their own unique take on this classic grey number. The number of buttons, width of trouser, point of the lapel and colour of tie may change but the impact is equal on each man.