

Bespoke

Because it's not only your suit that should be made to measure



Our trends in the north

Time for our Mancunian friends to ditch the parkas and head down to Nicholas Jones Bespoke, the northern metrop's most Savile Row-esque tailor. Choose from thousands of high-end cashmeres, linens and silks to create an unbeatable suit, coat or shirt. According to director Nicholas Hartshorne-Evans there are even fabrics interwoven with 24-carat gold or diamond 'chips' in case you fancy indulging your inner pimp. The company also specialises in personal visits to your office, home or 'other location' (yacht perhaps?). Ideal for those of us with considerably less time than we'd like to indulge our taste for the exotic. From £1,300; 0161-834 4992; nicholasjonesbespoke.co.uk



Telly on the bling

Now that every man and his robot dog has a flat-screen telly, it was inevitable that customisation would kick in. Loewe's new range of LCD televisions offers 400 nifty variations – like materials, colours (from chrome silver to aluminium bronze to high-gloss cream) and mounting preferences – plus each can be pre-installed with a range of digital options, including analogue, DVB-T or DVB-C (no, we haven't got a clue either). Of course, Arena will be going for the leather upholstery option to match the sofa in the lounge. Comes in two screen sizes – 60cm or 80cm; expect to wait six weeks for delivery.

From £1,400; loewe-uk.com



Light orchestration

Do more for the complexions of less blessed visitors than any revolutionary 'exfoliator' by custom lighting your home. The Light Corporation has illuminated venues as diverse as Ministry Of Sound, Prohibition, Conran's eateries and Madrid's Hotel Puerta America. You can join its A-list clientele who have all discovered the megalomaniac joys of manipulating the atmosphere through light. Choose from colour-mix systems, vertical and horizontal slots, suspended ceilings, on-scene setting control and low-level under-seat lighting (and all the opportunities for 'upskirting' that entails, obviously).

01442-216200; lightcorporation.com



A proper leathering

Arena has long considered shiny to equal sexy, and now it seems smart footwear is becoming more well-groomed with each passing month. Latest to reinforce the 'buff' movement is Patrick Cox's new handmade range of shoes and boots. Colours on offer range from tan to very dark brown to 'vino', and there are four different designs – two boot styles, one slip-on shoe and one lace-up. And you get to select your choice of hide – from French calf leather to the increasingly *à la mode* ostrich. Just don't ask the shop assistant for lifts...

From £600; 129 Sloane St, London SW1; 020-7730 8886; patrickcox.co.uk