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### **MILITARY STYLE IN FASHION**

After every war militaries have come back with new skills and scary stories, but also with tested in the fight their clothes which with a bit of time transform into a part of our daily clothes. A lot of aspects, such as the functionality and high quality, the comfort, the technology used to create new, more resistant fibers and fabrics, and the economy of resources and materials and others represented a legacy, which the clothing industry ably transferred from military to civilian production of modern fashionable garment [2].

So today we have so many clothing of this style in our wardrobes: the wool pea coat of sailors, the leather flight jacket of pilots, the fur-edged hooded parka of explorers, safari jackets and cargo pants, multipocket vests and jackets, backpacks and many others [4].

The cut coat, Eisenhower's famous jacket, is a good example of the way national borders become useless against the powerful world fashion. This jacket was a combat jacket cut short at the waist for more ease and to save on fabric [1]. Today buttons have been replaced by zippers, and a designer logo has taken the place of the decorations. But it was decided to save the proportions the same: wide around the chest and narrow at the waist with wide shoulders.

The main features of a militarist's style are:

- outerwear and topping tailoring and urban wear with a signature parka, pea or officer coat;
- the boots: heavy duty versions of the Derby with traction soles or crepe;
- the colour and design: this is the most striking element of military's attack, launching shades of green, brown and khaki over trousers, shirts and tees, before going AWOL with reworked camouflage prints – in the most unlikely places [5].

Camouflage confidently and strongly goes to military design for men looking for a fashionable edge. Perhaps it isn't appropriate for office-look, but camouflage works for smart casual occasions. To look stylish you can pair a faded camo-print tee under a navy blazer and khaki chinos and white sneakers [1]. As an option replace the sneakers for army brown leather lace-ups – no socks with cuffs rolled.

Speaking about the military style, it's hard not to mention about the outer clothing. There are two basic types: the pea and officer coat. The first one is associated with marines, and has fast become a modern essential. The double-breasted cut, matched with its sprawling, flared collar was made famous by Steve McQueen. It fits greatly over a suit for work [3].

The cropped coat offers a tailored edge to any t-shirt and denim clothing. You should also stick to muted shades of such colours as, for example: navy, black or olive for this it, or camel for something softer.

Keep the details simple – never choose a printed details – and the brass buttons could easily be replaced for tonal ones to match the colour of the coat [5]. To look stylish, you can wear a cut, woolen pants with folds and Derby boots.

Green – in both khaki and olive shades – is the best colour for military style. The natural shades are a great replacement for black and navy colours. They should never be worn with camo-print, as it creates a rather fancy-dress military look [1].

A green suit is a huge trend, which was shown to us by Pitti Uomo 88. It was also created in olive shades. The earthiness of the color aligns with natural fabrics such as linen. Separating a cotton suit is a cool option too [2].

Add a camo-print pockets for an extra thematic kick with the blazer. You can leave the pants for an unbuttoned collared brown shirt and also add matching chocolate loafers.

The combination of washed out denim with khaki is one of the best. For more daily appearance you can choose an army green tee under a bomber or a black trench coat as a layer over an olive green shirt [4].

Parka is the foundation of military look in winter. While it won't protect you from weapon fire, the hooded, floaty coat is a great winter garment. The types of

parka include fishtail and the eskimo fur-lined [2]. The raincoat parka or its sports model in either matte rubber finish can be in satiny, nylon or other fabrics.

The weightier parka in clean design detail is ideal over suits for mod work apparel. It also can be the militant hues pop over a light grey suit and black Derbies boots or Chelsea. And if you're feeling very mod, you can add to your look a tweedy waistcoat for a tonal and textured grey three-piece suit [1].

Today even military style has succumbed to the sports trends in menswear. The sturdy militant pants in relaxed silhouette become more tailored with cuffed ankles and elasticated waists [5].

The typical utilitarian details such as cargo pockets and thick buttons are replaced with metal zips, elastic, synthetic fibers, accentuating the active notes [3].

So, the effect of the military outfit can be found in the camo prints on overalls, jumpsuits, dresses, pants or jackets and coats, cargo pants which are available in different colours such as olive green and khaki, gold buttons that can be found on collars or shoulders and other trends that are presented to us by the military fashion and refuse to leave. Some of the decorations that are presented to us to decorate what we wear are also inspired by the military clothing such as the wide belts, buttons, fasteners, etc.

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