

*Buying a*

*Sport Shirt*



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## consider

Color choice

Fabric

Quality

What the labels say

Correct size

## look for colors

That complement your individual coloring

That are appropriate to the occasion

That will look harmonious with your slacks or suits

For blue suit or slacks, choose blues, gray or maroon.

For gray suit or slacks, try blues, garnet, green and gray.

For brown suit or slacks, try tan, cream, browns, green, orange, yellows and pure and grayed blues.

## ask for fabrics

That fulfill the needs you desire in a shirt  
*Cotton* fabrics are strong, comfortable and can have special finishes.

*Rayon* fabrics are absorbent, adaptable for summer or winter, usually washable, but require careful handling.

*Dacron, nylon and orlon* fabrics wear well, are washable and dry quickly; they hold a

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press and retain size and shape but are not absorbent.

*Wool* fabrics absorb moisture and do not wrinkle easily; they are durable and of fast color, but subject to moth damage.

### learn to judge quality

By unfolding the shirt to compare the cut and construction—stripes, plaids or pattern should line up on the body of the shirt.

By checking the stitching along the edges of cuffs or along the front panel—stitches should be even and closely spaced.

By looking to see if buttonholes are sturdy, neat and without ravel.

By examining the back to see that gathers or pleats are over the shoulder blades to provide fullness.

By seeing that the buttons are clear, smooth, round and uniform in thickness.

By checking to see that sleeves are cut in one piece so they are easy to iron and neater in appearance.

### the label should tell

If the shirt is *completely washable*

This means the shirt can be washed in commercial laundry or in home washing machine in hot water not over 160 degrees F. with soap or detergent and bleaching agent.

If the shirt is *full washable—do not bleach*

This means the shirt can be washed by same methods as above except that bleaching agent must not be used.

If the shirt can be *washed in warm water—do not bleach*

This means the shirt can be washed by same methods above, except water should be warm, not to exceed 120 degrees F.

If the shirt can be *washed by hand in lukewarm water—do not bleach*

This means the shirt must be washed by hand in lukewarm water, not to exceed 105 degrees F. with soap or detergent, but no bleaching agent; also to be pressed with hand iron.

If the shirt must be *dry cleaned*

For garments which must be dry cleaned, not washed.

If the shirt has been *vat dyed*

This assures fast colors.

If the shirt is *sanforized*

This means the shirt should not shrink out of fit. In knits, a label may tell that the fabric has been given a finish to prevent shrinking or stretching.

The *fiber content* of the shirt

The comfort, performance and care of the shirt depends largely on the fiber content.

## watch the sizes

*Men's* shirts usually are sold by size marked—small, medium, large, extra large or by neck size and sleeve length. The charts below may help determine your correct size. To get the neck size and sleeve length, measure from a correctly fitting shirt. Lay the shirt flat and measure: the inside neck band from the center of the button to the far end of the buttonhole; from the center

### MEN'S

Size	Small	Medium	Large	Extra large
Neck measure (in.)	14-14½	15-15½	16-16½	17-17½
Sleeve length (in.)	31½	32½, 33½	32½, 33½	33½
	32½	34½	34½	34½

### BOYS'

Age-size	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
If chest is (in.)	26½	28	29½	31½	33	34½	36
If height is (in.)	47-50	51-54	55-58	59-61	62-64	65-66	67-68

back of neck across shoulders to the lower edge of the cuff.

*Boys'* shirts are sold marked by age.

To get the correct size measure chest around boys underarms and over tips of shoulder blade. Measure height without shoes from floor to top of head. The chart below may help to determine the correct size to buy.

The style and brand of the shirt may make a difference in the fit. Try on the shirt to check the fit.

Neck size (in.) for men	Sleeve length (in.) for men
14-14½	32, 33
15	32, 33, 34
15½	32, 33, 34, 35
16	32, 33, 34, 35
16½-17	33, 34

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