

THE COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO CLASSIC MENSWEAR BRANDS



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Please note:

- When I say ‘... **handwork (e.g., collar)**’, I mean that the collar is hand-attached to the coat, but **not** hand-padded (i.e. it can be machine-padded).
- When I don’t say whether the canvas is hand-stitched or machine-stitched, I simply do not know if it’s hand-stitched or machine-stitched.
- When I say ‘canvas is hand-stitched’, I mean lapels and collars are hand-padded too, but please note, I cannot bet that the canvas is hand-stitched in all that brand’s garments as well as that the canvas is completely hand-stitched.

A.Caraceni

- Milanese brand (atelier), **Bespoke only**
- Made in Italy
- Fully-canvassed, the canvas is partly hand-stitched (**except** collar and lapels area)
- Lots of handwork (buttonholes, pick stitching, pockets, lining, armhole, etc.)
- [Anatomy of A.Caraceni suit](#)
- MOP and horn buttons
- Great selection of *hi-end* Vitale Barberis Canonico fabrics — and they also offer other fabrics (from English and Italian mills only)
- [Official website](#)
- Read much more about Caraceni [here](#)

Anderson & Sheppard

- English brand (atelier), **bespoke only**
- Made in England
- Bespoke: 8-12 weeks, 2-3 fittings
- Fully-canvassed (the canvas is hand-stitched)
- Lots of handwork (buttons, buttonholes, armhole, etc.)
- Horn buttons
- Signature soft shoulders and drape cut
- Prices start at 4000 GBP (VAT included)
- [Official website](#)

Andrea Campagna

- Italian brand
- Made in Italy
- Fully-canvassed
- Handwork (collar, buttons, part of the lining, etc.)

- Horn buttons
- Fabrics: very good quality, maybe sometimes excellent
- Lining 100% cupro or 100% silk
- The lining is hemmed by hand
- Working cuffs
- Official website

Barena

- Italian brand
- Made in Italy
- Fused or unstructured
- No handwork
- Fabrics: average and above average, often with 20% polyamide or 5% elastane
- Often unlined; sleeve lining — acetate + polyester or cotton
- Non-working cuffs
- Prices start at 290 GBP (sportcoat, VAT excluded)
- Official website

Beams

- Japanese brand
- Made in Japan (probably not always, but often)
- Usually fused
- No handwork (or sometimes a bit)
- Good fabrics (sometimes Harris Tweed)
- Lining: cotton and cupro
- If you are in between sizes, I would recommend to go **up** to the nearest size
- Prices start at 345 GBP (sportcoat, VAT excluded)
- Official website

Belvest

- Italian brand with its own factory
- RTW and MTM
- Made in Italy
- Fully-canvassed (machine-stitched canvas)
- Belvest Silver line is half-canvassed
- They also offer unstructured, unlined and very lightweight Jacket-in-the-Box sportcoats