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DSQUARED² MEN'S AW13

'LA NOUVELLE NOIR'



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This season Dsquared² take inspiration from the Golden Age of Jazz: from the back streets of New Orleans, to the basements of Paris – it's time to blow your trumpet, wax that hair and hit the town with a seriously cool swagger.

Weathered work-wear is made smart with thick fabrics of the softest wool, tweeds and plaids all combined. Jackets are bunched in and wired to create movement. Un-tucked dress shirts reveal scalloped edges to give a slouchy feel. Carefully pressed jeans - loosely hung and worn out, are paired with polished three-quarter length coats in the richest angora wool or astrakhan fur, cut with sharpest tailoring.

Heroes returning from the front line arrive in drop-waist, voluminous three-quarter trousers, with the signature Dsquared² slender thigh and cropped hem. Military motifs remain throughout, in characteristic pleats and shrunken trench blazers.

Next is the Dsquared² modern mobster, who trusts only in the hand-stitched *Sartoria Italiana*. This has inspired the brand to transform their iconic, sharp, slim-fit, into a new relaxed style. Collars and geometrically patterned ties are pressed down by pins into a permanent furl to play a significant role under double-breasted suits – a style and cut founded by the tailoring masters of Naples. The *Napoletano* jacket is made with a careful construction to allow for ease in the 'cap' which gives the appearance of absolute formality and yet, the jacket comes completely unlined so the fit and feel is like a cardigan.

Industrialised chunky military boots mounted on layered soles are mixed with something a little more formal and classic – a dancing brogue. Thick, crushed socks drop into shoes to create their own special mash-up. Totes, shoppers and duffle bags have a sensible, utilitarian tone.

Colours are largely monochromatic: black and white with touches of gold, red and green. Detailed patterned ties, rich embroideries and jewellery are spotlighted.

This season, layering is key: dress-shirts of tulle make the poplin underneath shimmer, whilst waist-coats, suspenders, pocket watch chains and even a tuxedo bib play a part in Dsquared²'s styling.

The final touch that completes this memorable Dsquared² throwback to the Golden Age comes from on top – the mohair 10 Gallon Fedora.

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