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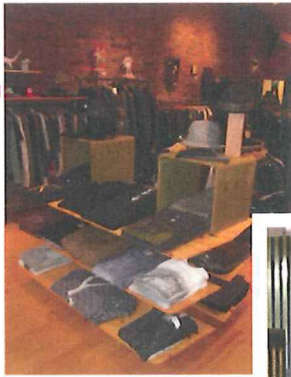
Old-school suit-makers have their place, but if you're looking for a fresh take, turn to these tailors.
Marissa Pattingrao Cooley

THE EXPERIENCE: The forte of this rugged shop beneath Belltown's slick Ace Hotel is custom suits. Owner Scott Kuhlman guides patrons through the choices—aided by a wall of fine Italian, English, and vintage wool samples—before sketching out a design, which takes six to eight weeks to craft.
THE SPECIALTY: When Seattle's creative class wants dress-up clothes, they look to Kuhlman, who marries high-quality tailoring with a 21st-century shape.
THE LOCATION: 2419 First Avenue, 206-441-1999

Kuhlman, Seattle

THE EXPERIENCE: Taavo Somer's combination retail store/barbershop is a model of unstudied cool. Suits cut from dead-stock wool share space with antiques and shaving accessories.
THE SPECIALTY: *Mad Men*-style suits (necessary tailoring included) and three made-to-measure options give barrel-chested guys an alternative to indie-frontman silhouettes.
THE LOCATION: 8 Rivington Street, 212-673-3209; freemansportingclub.com

Freemans Sporting Club, New York



Jake Vintage, Los Angeles

THE EXPERIENCE: Owner Jonathan Kanarek plays matchmaker for retro-loving guys and mint-condition vintage suits and tuxes in his new Los Feliz shop—which is outfitted with mid-century furniture and old guitars hooked up to working amps.
THE SPECIALTY: Guys with slim builds will have the best luck with the inventory, which is heavy on suits from the Truman, Eisenhower, and JFK eras.
THE LOCATION: 4644 Hollywood Boulevard, 323-662-5253

Duncan Quinn, Dallas

THE EXPERIENCE: Everything truly is bigger in Texas—including this months-old Victory Park spin-off of the Manhattan original, which has metallic wallpaper and a wood-paneled wardrobe with a library ladder.
THE SPECIALTY: The company pairs Savile Row-inspired tailoring with cropped cuts and bold color.
THE LOCATION: 2420 Victory Park Lane, 214-953-1953; duncanquinn.com

Guise/Chic, Chicago

THE EXPERIENCE: Guise/Chic recently moved to a new space three times the size of its old domain, which means there's more room for the store's vast collection of suits—plus an in-store barbershop.
THE SPECIALTY: The focus is on minimalist off-the-rack styles from lines, like Acne, Helmut Lang, Oliver Spencer, and Rag & Bone, that are more suited to low-key cocktail hours than boardrooms.
THE LOCATION: 2128 North Halsted Street, 773-929-6101; guisechic.com

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