



F O R M A L S



Measuring Techniques

The Nine Principles Of Measurements

1. Neck - measure around the neck and add 1/2" to the measurement.
2. Sleeve Length - measure from the centre of the collar and follow outside contour of the back and arm to the crease in the wrist.
3. Chest - Measure around chest as high as possible under the arm. Put your hand under the tape. This will check overarm measurement.
4. Overarm - measure overarm at top of muscle. Deduct 7" from overarm measurement to get the coat size.
5. Waist - measure around waist at line of navel. Waist measurement should be pulled snug.
6. Outseam - measure from top of pant waistband down. The outside of leg to middle of shoe above the heel.
7. Thigh - measure the thigh at its widest point (up snug to the crotch).
8. Hip - measure hip at largest point. Subtract 7" to find proper waist size.
9. Insleeve - The jacket insleeve should be measured with the customer wearing a jacket. The measurement is from under the arm pit following the jacket insleeve to the wrist bone.

Coat Formula

1. When measuring the chest, put your hand between the body and measuring tape to get approximate coat size. Always fit slightly large.
2. Overarm measurement minus 7" usually equals coat size (this takes into account upper arm size).
3. If a try-on coat is not available, compare results of overarm and underarm to choose the proper size.

Pant Formula

1. Measure waist at navel, allowing for tape to be slightly loose.
2. Measure hips at widest point, subtract 6" to find proper pant waist size (this is especially important on athletic customers)
3. Compare both waist sizes, always go with the largest.

How should a Derk's Tuxedo Fit?

1. The coat should allow free movement of the arms and shouldn't feel snug in the armholes.
2. The coat should be fitting smoothly across the back.
3. The hem of the coat should reach to the curl of the fingers when arms are held straight down at the sides.
4. The coat sleeves should be 1/2 inch past the wrist bone.
5. The trousers should be hemmed even with the top of the heel of the shoes in back and in front they should break, resting on the top of the shoes.