

## Don't Dare to be Different in the Show Ring

**When it comes to hunt-seat clothing, traditional style is always a winner.**

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There are places in society where individualism is rewarded, but the English show arena isn't one of them. Unfortunately, non-conformists are frowned upon because they're seen as breaking with tradition. This is especially true in the hunt-seat fashion department, where improvisation and creative license often end up with the competitor looking horribly out of place.

Rather than giving the impression that you're an interloper or a poser instead of a savvy participant, always reach for the tried-and-true, classic apparel options in hunt-seat clothing. Sedate navy blue or gray huntcoats are always in fashion. Khaki breeches are the norm. You can have fun with colorful shirts, as long as you don't stray too far into a Neverland of loud colors and bold prints.

These admittedly boring, staid choices are why you must be selective when shopping at a consignment store featuring used tack and clothing. Show apparel that is vintage or past-season often has an outdated look, harkening back to a trend whose day has passed. However, by sticking with the classics, you can still be budget conscious and in style.