



Stand out (ironically) with camo shorts and a solid T-shirt.

- ABOVE, FROM LEFT
- Dockers, \$58
- Patagonia, \$59
- Aether Apparel, \$120
- BELOW, FROM TOP
- Saxx Underwear, \$30
- 2UNDR, \$35
- Mack Weldon, \$24

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Streamlined Shorts
 Looking casual is one thing, but the go-to summer option for many guys—extra-baggy shorts with wrinkled pockets—just makes them look sloppy. Instead, try to find a pair of slimmer shorts in a lightweight material. They'll fit better and will always look sharp whether you're hiking trails or running Sunday errands. We're big fans of performance brands such as Patagonia, Arc'teryx, and Aether. Fit is key: You want

to strike a balance somewhere between relaxed and slim, says Aether cofounder Jonah Smith. A gently tapered leg will look sleek and modern, but don't go too tight—the lack of breathability can cause sweat to build up fast when you're out in the heat. Look for a classic cut with no flaps or extra pockets. A dark or neutral color that's free of showy logos will be the easiest to dress up with a crisp polo or a soft hoodie at night. Finally, check for high-quality technical elements, such as taped seams, concealed fasteners, zippers, and stretch fabrics that are resistant to wind and water, says Rookwood. Those are pretty good indications that the garment was designed to last.



2
Amphibious Underwear
 Your trusty cotton undies absorb moisture and bacteria from sweat, which can result in soggy drawers and nasty rashes. Instead, look for versions made from performance materials, and feel free to wear them under your swim

trunks if you need extra support. "That's one reason you see a lot of butt cracks at the beach," says Michael Isaacman, cofounder of the basics brand Mack Weldon. "Lightweight, low-profile underwear will be the most effective—it will breathe, stretch, and dry in minutes." Look for tagless pairs that feature sealed construction; they're less likely to chafe when you're wet. Brands like Saxx, 2Under, and Mack Weldon are ahead of the pack.



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