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WHY SHOULD LUMBERSEXUALS HAVE ALL THE FUN? **JOHN PAGE**, STYLIST MANAGER AT **SAKS FIFTH AVENUE**, TELLS US HOW TO PLAY WITH PLAID THIS FALL.  
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**So plaid is back! How does this trend look today?** Plaid is definitely back! On the runway we saw it in all different variations—from loaded-up for an edgy, young look to stand-alone pieces for a more refined look. **Plaid is a traditional suiting pattern—where else are we seeing it?** Strong shirting from Givenchy and Saint Laurent, cool oversized tees from Lanvin, and even

a plaid hoodie from Balmain. Gucci has a fantastic plaid horsebit loafer that will find a home in my own closet. **How should DC men incorporate it into their wardrobe?** The teams at Brioni and Canali continue to give us gorgeous plaid suiting that would work in even the most rigid office dress codes. Plaid shirts are my favorite thing in the world. To pair one with a plaid jacket this fall, hit the mute

button with a solid color V-neck or cardigan. **What's a standout piece this season?** There is an incredible Isaia blazer with a camel, oxblood, and jade pattern. It could be worn with dress trousers and a collared shirt for a business-casual look or paired with a turtleneck—another fall trend!—and jeans for a casual evening out. **How do you complete a look?** I always say pick a piece and make it the star. Overall my advice is simple: Be bold! Some of my best combos were happy accidents. *Saks Fifth Avenue, Mazza Gallerie, Chevy Chase, 301-657-9000; saksfifthavenue.com* ■

Style tip: "The beauty of plaid is that you can pull any of the colors out to accent the jacket," says Saks Fifth Avenue's John Page. Rock this sport coat by **Isaia** (\$2,895; LEFT) with the Albany folio in bordeaux by **Dunhill** (\$1,150; BELOW). Cardigan (\$695), shirt (\$475), and denim (\$495), also by **Isaia**.



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