



Designers: Artful Gentleman, Cari Borja. Stylist: Jake for Artful Gentleman. Kelly Puleio Photography.

## Preview

# Well suited for a white wedding

You can't go wrong in a beautifully tailored suit — for him or for her. Jake Wall of the Artful Gentleman, a made-to-measure men's and women's suiting brand, says that about 30 percent of his clients are women. This season, pantsuits made a big return on the runways, especially at Dior. A special-occasion suit — perhaps a white one for wedding season — makes an elegant statement. From the Yves Saint Laurent white Le Smoking jacket Bianca Jagger chose for her 1971 wedding to Mick to the white Zac Posen pantsuit Ellen DeGeneres wore to marry Portia de Rossi in 2008, it's a timeless choice.

With 12 states now legalizing same-sex marriage and the movement gaining momentum in Congress and with the public, Wall, Berkeley fashion designer Cari Borja and photographer Kelly Puleio teamed up for a wedding photo shoot at the Palace of the Legion of Honor to showcase their spring-summer looks and celebrate togetherness. "Love is love," Wall says.

On Aug. 15, Wall hosts the first Suit Up for Equality, a fashion show and fundraiser at the McRoskey Mattress company on Market Street (also the location of his upstairs atelier), along with the San Francisco branch of the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest civil rights lobbying and educational organization advocating for gay rights. Tickets start at \$35, and suits for sale will sport a custom silk lining incorporating the Human Rights Campaign logo.

Just the thing, perhaps, to wear to the organization's 29th annual gala and fundraiser, to be held Oct. 19 at the Westin St. Francis. For details on these events, go to [www.sf-hrc.org](http://www.sf-hrc.org) or [www.artfulgentleman.com](http://www.artfulgentleman.com).

— Sylvia Rubin

**Top, from left:** Suit, vest, shirt, pocket square, \$2,395, \$250, \$35, Artful Gentleman, [www.artfulgentleman.com](http://www.artfulgentleman.com). White Noise vest and pants set, shirt, tie, sterling silver tie tack, pocket square, \$995, \$75, \$225, \$275, \$45, Artful Gentleman; shoes, \$495, [www.toboot.com](http://www.toboot.com). Wings of the Dove Silk hooded cloak, \$950, [www.cariborja.com](http://www.cariborja.com); vintage jewelry, \$225. White Rook women's wool herringbone vest and pants set, shirt, tie, \$1,195, \$250, \$75, Artful Gentleman; shoes, \$395. Cari Borja one-shoulder



velvet gown, \$950. White King tuxedo with satin details, shirt, tie, pocket square, \$1,895, \$250, \$65, \$35, Artful Gentleman; shoes, \$395, [www.toboot.com](http://www.toboot.com). White Knight women's wool suit with vest and pocket square, \$2,395, \$35, Artful Gentleman. Cari Borja silk halter gown and hand-painted silk jacket, \$1,100, \$725; vintage jewelry, \$175. **Inset, on her:** Tuxedo shirt, pants and cummerbund, \$250, \$350, \$150, Artful Gentleman; [www.artfulgentleman.com](http://www.artfulgentleman.com); vintage jewelry, \$225. **On him:** Men's herringbone suit, shirt, pocket square, \$2,395, \$250, \$35, Artful Gentleman; shoes, \$395, [www.colehaan.com](http://www.colehaan.com).