

What do I wear to a cocktail party to avoid looking like a waiter? Also, is a shirt and jeans combo acceptable for attending a cocktail event? - Liang Hein Fock

ost waiters tend to wear basic colours, so an unconventionally coloured shirt will make you less likely to be mistaken for a waiter. The same goes for unconventional cuffs and cuff links. For example, cuff links with French cuffs look outstanding among a sea of classic white cuffs and plain cuff links. Match these with shiny patent shoes and don a statement belt, something that can speak volumes about your outfit.

The bow-tie should be of silk, satin or shiny texture. A trendy statement watch (think Tag Heuer or Franck Muller) completes the look. Don't be afraid to accessorise with some fine men's jewellery like a ring or bracelet. Cartier and Bulgari make beautiful and

classic pieces.

It is actually not appropriate to wear jeans, but if you must, ensure that the jeans are of a current cut or design and wom with a cool, stylish blazer.

In a nutshell, it's all about being uniquely you, and accessorising well. Put some effort into your look and remember that it's better to dress up than down. :

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