



**Tips for Finding
Good alteration
services:**

As with most professional services, one of the very best ways to find a good alterations individual is to get referrals. Your dry cleaner may provide these services, and if you're happy with their dry cleaning services, you will likely be happy with their alterations services. If they do not, they certainly know who *is* good and are very happy to provide a referral. Always get some type of guarantee of satisfaction.

Alterations

Shortening Slacks: To Cuff or Not to Cuff

Whether you buy a suit, or just a pair of slacks, you'll probably need them to be altered. Even the seemingly fully proportioned "off the rack" trousers that are 34 inches, really need to be 33 inches to fit you well. You can go with the too-long pants, but everyone notices this.

It's better to get them tailored properly. It doesn't cost all that much and it is well worth it.

For the unhemmed slacks, they usually run 38 inches long and have no hem on them.

Cuffs or Not?

Your first consideration is to decide whether or not you want them cuffed.

Cuffed pants are very traditional and often provided additional weighting to them, making them drape nicely, giving you a clean and classic look. If the trousers are pleated, you should probably cuff the hem.

When measuring to see where the cuffs should be placed, make sure you have the trousers placed properly around your waist. Pleated pants are to be worn at your natural waistline, not dropped like you might wear blue jeans.

If your slacks are the slim unpleated front look, you may want to consider continuing this clean line by going with an uncuffed hem. This style of slack does not need the added weight at the hem to drape properly.

Break

A trouser without a break (a bend in the front crease at ankle height) is called a "flood". We sometimes call them "high waters". This is not a very popular choice as it usually looks as if you've outgrown your trousers.

A Half-break is a smaller break where the back of the pant hem ends about 1/2 to 2/3 of the way down the shoe. This allows a peek of your socks when you walk. This is a nice look, showing the slightest of breaks where the cuff or hem of your slacks hits your shoe.

Full-break hems or cuffs your trousers at the very bottom of your shoe (at the top of the heel section). This will create a much more pronounced break at the front of your trousers. No sign of your socks should show when you walk in these trousers.

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Independence Day

We might be taking the 4th of July a bit for granted, so let's recall the important events of 1776 and what they meant to us. Prior to the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, Americans had been chafing under the rule of Britain's King George who wanted not only to rule and tax the people of the new colonies. He also wanted to keep them well under his thumb, limiting their ability to expand territories and to export all our natural resources. The Revolutionary War is the result of that desire for Independence and the signing of the Declaration of Independence was merely the beginning. It would take six very long and painful years before we broke free from British rule. The Revolutionary War pitted families against one another long before the Civil War ever did. Some people were content to remain loyalists, but I am glad that the Patriots held fast. Hurray for the USA!

Red, White & Blue Foods

Care to see how many red, white, and blue foods you can serve on the 4th of July?

- How about potato salad, with red, white, and blue potatoes
- Coleslaw with red pepper, onions, and purple cabbage
- Strawberry and blueberry shortcake with whipped cream
- Chicken salad with cranberries and blueberries



"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal,
That they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights,
That among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.

~Declaration of Independence, 1776

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If two friends ask you to judge a dispute, don't accept, because you will lose one friend; on the other hand, if two strangers come with the same request, accept because you will gain one friend.

He didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it. ~Clarence Budington Kelland