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Five Tips for Men Going Sockless This Season

You, too, can let your ankles free

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It's mid-April, which means ankle-baring season is upon us. But before you ditch your midcalf dress socks, let's go over some short, simple rules to help you achieve the sockless look and remain odorless and blister-free.

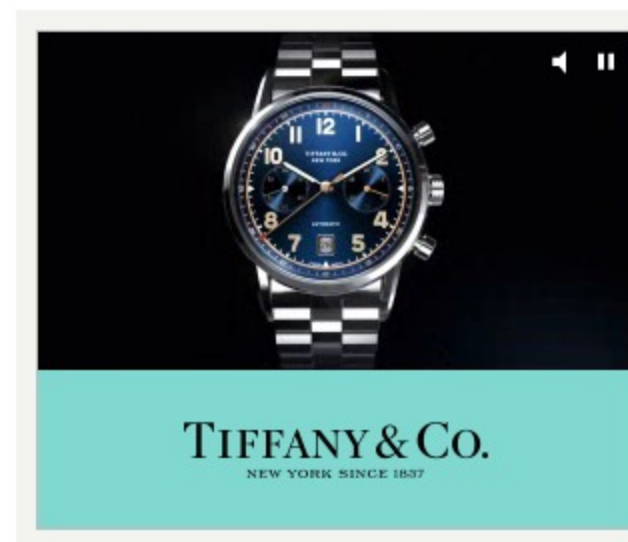
1. Select the Right Shoe



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Low-cut shoes are what you are looking for when you want to go sans sock and really let those ankles breathe. That means drivers, loafers, boat shoes, slip-on sneakers ([here are nine handsome ones](#)), or your favorite Nike Flyknits. These really lend themselves to the look and are appropriate on hot days outside.

(Here's where to get the above shoes, from left to right, top to bottom: Gatsby marquis red espadrilles, \$250, [stubbsandwootton.com](#); Abe penny loafer, \$195, [jackwerwin.com](#); Common Projects original achilles low, \$398, [needsupply.com](#); Burnished leather boat shoe, \$95, [sperry.com](#); Dramer driver shoe, \$450, [bally.com](#); Melton tassel loafer, \$175, [johnstonmurphy.com](#); Emboss check slip-on, \$60, [vans.com](#); Valentino striped leather sneaker, \$745, [mrporter.com](#); To Boot New York Flanders double monk strap shoe, \$350, [nordstrom.com](#))



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