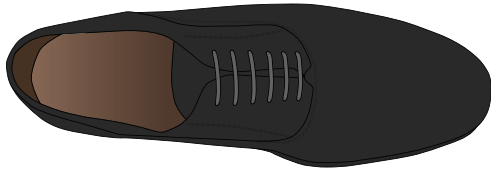


# Bespoke Unit's Guide To The Oxford / Balmoral Shoe



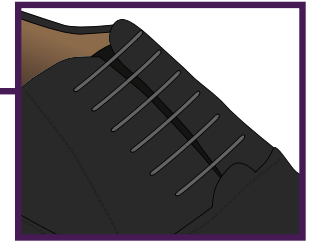
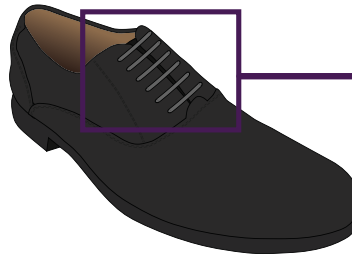
## Bespoke Unit's Key Oxford Facts

- Also known as a "balmoral," it originated at Oxford University in 1800, replacing a half boot called the Oxonian
- Considered the most formal of daytime dress shoes for men, it looks best with a suit



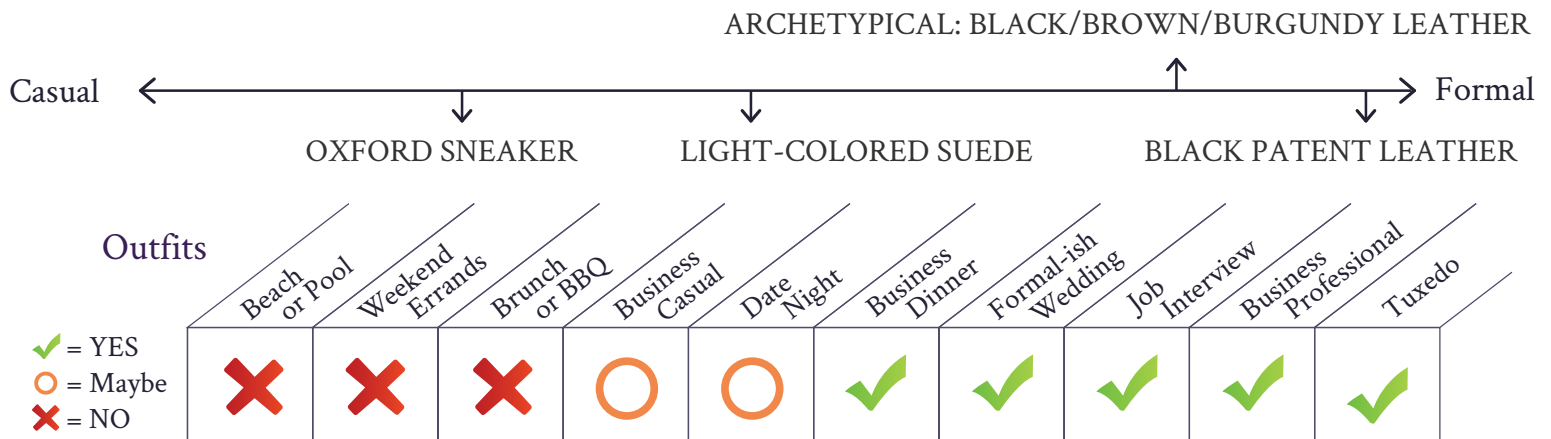
## What Makes It An Oxford Shoe?

- An oxford / balmoral is defined as a lace-up shoe with a closed throat lacing system, unlike a blucher / derby which uses an open-throat lacing system



## Oxford Shoe Style Guide

Below is our "formality slider" for the oxford shoe and its casual and dress variations



- The most formal of men's dress shoes, they can be worn with suits during the day
- In black patent leather, it's one of the three classic options for a tuxedo
- Can be worn with jeans in lighter-colored, chunkier versions

Aesthetically Similar Shoes: Blucher, Brogue, Cap-Toe

Classic Quality Makers: Allen Edmonds (USA), Samuel Windsor (UK), Unhandy (Online Custom)

Typical Quality Makers' Price Ranges: Low: \$79 | Mid \$395 | High \$1000+