

Joe Polowczuk takes the train from Greenwich, Connecticut, to Grand Central five days a week. He never realized he was traveling with way too much baggage

→ We found Joe Polowczuk, 34, in Grand Central Terminal, New York City's commuter hub. Although he had just gotten off the eight ten from Greenwich, Connecticut, Polowczuk may as well have been ice-skating, considering how bundled up he was. (Which sort of makes sense; he plays ice hockey in his spare time.) He was wearing a leather coat too short for the blazer underneath it, a scarf that looked like Christmas past, and gloves more appropriate for wielding a stick than carrying the *Journal*. The only thing missing

was a hat, which, considering that he needed a haircut, wouldn't have hurt.

Yes, winter commuting is a pain. It's tempting to bury yourself beneath layers of clothing and hunker down until spring. But in these dark months, your outerwear is all your fellow travelers notice. Though you wouldn't have known it, under all that clothing, Polowczuk is a trim guy who can carry a slim suit and topcoat like they were made for him. And he didn't have to forgo the hockey theme entirely—Bruins fans should appreciate the scarf.—SARAH GOLDSTEIN

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Nothing kills an outfit quicker than a topcoat that isn't one. This jacket is too short, too bulky, and dull. Roll into the office looking like you belong there.

1 Haircut

Polowczuk's curls were becoming more of a helmet than a head of hair. A trim provided the right attitude to match the new threads.

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Scarf

A university scarf adds color to a subdued winter wardrobe without being too cool for school, so to speak.

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Coat

A real job requires a real topcoat, plain and simple. Most importantly, it should fit perfectly at your shoulders, just as a suit would. And if you want to look here and now (instead of, say, mid-'80s), go for one that hits above your knees.

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Bag

Black topcoat, black shoulder bag. And notice how it hangs from his shoulder instead of binding him across his chest like a seat belt.

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Gloves

Unless your work involves ice climbing, leave the sports gear for the weekends. Go for a nice pair of leather gloves. And if you're feeling particularly... racy, try a pair of driving gloves.

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Shoes

Once you enter the working masses, those dress shoe-sneaker fusions no longer cut it. Buy a pair of nice leather lace-ups. If comfort is key, consider ones with rubber inlays (turn the page to check them out).



Coat, \$369, by Club Monaco. Suit jacket, \$565, pants, \$235, and shirt, \$209, by J.Lindeberg. Tie, \$65, by Tommy Hilfiger. Scarf, \$89, by J.Press. Bag, \$695, by Lambertson Truex. Gloves, \$175, by Martin Dingman. Shoes, \$760, by Church's. Where to buy it? See the Directory, page 333.

After

