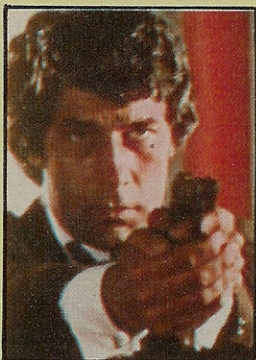


# GARETH HUNT -CASUAL BUT CLASSY

## FASHION FOR LIVING

GARETH HUNT has the kind of lived-in good looks that not only make many a female's tum turn somersaults, but also gives great dash to whatever he wears. At first he claimed not to care too much about his clothes. But as our fashion chat progressed, it became obvious he is more concerned about his appearance than he'd readily admit.

Like many men today, he says he rarely has a reason to wear anything dressier than jeans. He has six pairs in varying degrees of decay. "Not being keen on tuxedos, if I have to go to a posh do, I usually manage to get away with a casually-styled suit. My favourite is in a bottle green corduroy. I nearly always wear it to auditions, because every part I've ever gone for wearing it, I've got — and that included Mike Gambit in *The New Avengers*. So now I call it my lucky suit."



Gareth Hunt, 34, despite his classic male model measurements (6ft. tall, 38in. chest tapering to a slim waist), insists he's not an easy man to dress. "I'm long bodied and short legged and although I'm not violently stocky, I have broad shoulders. These days the cut of many clothes are very narrow on the shoulders. I can't squeeze into their narrow frame.

"Jackets are also often too short in the length and the sleeves. And if I do find a suit with a jacket that fits, then the trousers swamp me around the waist and go on for ever in the leg."

He believes that style often isn't to do with what you wear, but how you wear it. "It's also to do with being healthy. I think you can carry clothes far better if you're feeling good. I do about 10 minutes of exercises every morning and visit a gym once a week."

He also needs to be in form for *The New Avengers*. He does most of his own stunt work. One tiny grouse he has is that the clothes he wears in the series are too smart and don't stand up to his athletic antics. "I was doing a forward roll during one rehearsal and I split the seat in my trousers."

He's been quietly campaigning to wear far more casual clothes—clothes with a bit of give. The bright red velour track suit, pictured, is exactly the sort of thing he's been on about. "I can actually *move* in that." And he loved the easy-going style of the two light-weight summer suits.

With his innate sense of what suits him, Gareth Hunt doesn't have to spend a lot of time and money on his appearance. He's one of those men who looks good—without even trying.

JILL WHIFFING

1 Red cotton velour top with white stripe, £29.50 and matching trousers, £25 (also available in white) both in sizes small, medium and large and by Ben Frankel exclusively for Simpson (Piccadilly) Ltd., London W.1. White cotton polo-neck sweater, £7.50, chest sizes 36in. to 40in., in assorted colours also from Simpson. White leather moccasins, £17.99 from main branches of Lilley and Skinner.

2 Beige viscose and cotton safari jacket, £29, sizes small, medium, large and extra large, matching trousers, £16, waist sizes 32in. to 40in., also in navy or white, and beige patterned short-sleeved cotton shirt, £9.25, sizes small, medium, large and extra large. From all branches of Austin Reed.

3 White viscose and polyester suit, £63, chest sizes 36in. to 46in., in small and regular fittings, navy polo-neck cotton sweater, £3.50 and navy and white Polyester and cotton shirt, £6.95, both in sizes small, medium, large and extra large. Available from major branches of Hornes.

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