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Seersucker shirts are "summer party," so use napkins (\$4 for \$64, Kintsey & Co.) made from it at a cocktail.



Seersucker Punch

The traditional summer fabric sheds its old-school rep with hip new styles

In D.C., seersucker enjoys a more dainty than its an-

When then-Mississippi Sen received the early 20th-century "Seersucker Thursday" on Capitol probably had heat and humidity on his mind. After all, the crinkly fabric by Brits in steamy colonial India got its name from those parts, from "shir o shakar," which means "mildly referring to seersucker's sm-



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event founder Eric Channing Brewer, who is spearheading a so-called June 4, also of 1968. "It's a nice, tailored fabric," he says. "It looks cool and clean when it gets hot."

Still, slipping into head-to-toe stripes could get you mistaken for Tom Wolfe or the ghost of Sen. Robert Byrd. So it's best to mix the storied textile with modern elements. "Wear a seersucker jacket with jeans," says Ethan Linath, owner of Georgetown prep-travel Sherman Piskey address, KFO. "But a whole suit might be a little too

Colored Sankers Or, "choose seersucker in a new, unexpected shape," says Emerson Fry whose Emerson Made Inc. (Emersonmade.com) has a flirty blouse (\$199) and a cardigan (\$216) in the fabric.

It's a good thing that designers old-school and new-wave have turned out a fresh crop of pieces in seersucker. "For me, it conjures up old-fashioned summer parties and a good way of living," says Fry. "It's seersucker, and just can't help but be in a good mood and have a good time."

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