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### Kill that Stain

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Time magazine recently named a new fabric treatment among the “coolest inventions of the year,” so we had to check it out. Without getting into technical details, we can say that fabrics treated with “nanotechnology” to make them wick perspiration and resist spills are worth seeking out.

We tested a Nano-Tex treated Brooks Brothers tie by dunking it in red wine and splashing it with soy sauce- and yep, the offending substances blotted right off.

Nano-tex treatments are being used in water-resistant outerwear and casual clothing from TravelSmith, the Gap, Eddie Bauer, L.L. Bean, among other retailers.

How do you know if that travel blazer you’re considering has been treated? Look for a Nano-Tex or “stain resistant” label, or ask.