



Master barber Tina Kawlewski shaved Justin Dretsch at Heimie's Haberdashery in St Paul. Straight-razor shaves are a booming business. TOM WALLACE • twallace2@startribune.com

Sharper image

By combining nostalgia and a spa-like experience for men, the old-school shave is new again.

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Usually, Lance Wiegel of Minnetonka shaves daily with an electric shaver. However, a few weeks ago, he let his stubble grow in anticipation of his first professional shave with a straight-edge razor. He had no particular impetus for trying the service, other than he'd never had one.



Barber Jim Carmache, known as Mustache Jim at Heimie's Haberdashery in St. Paul, dresses the part.

"There's something old-fashioned and traditional about getting a hot shave with a straight razor — and letting someone else take care of it for a change," he said.

So on a Saturday morning, Wiegel passed by the barber pole next to the door of Winston's Barber-shop in Uptown Minneapolis, and into a dark wood-lined room with leather chairs, a red-felt pool table and ESPN on the television. Then

he sat down in master barber Nick Castano's chair.

For the next 30 minutes, he enjoyed a treatment with pre-shave oil, warm shaving cream, and hot towels. Castano used a disposable blade to cut through the weeklong growth.

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Tools, lotions and potions for at-home shaving:

1. American Crew's Essential Shave Oil (\$12), from Winston's.
2. The Art of Shaving's Shaving Cream in Sandalwood (\$40), from Cherie Boutique, 750 Lake St., Wayzata, 952-475-2212.
3. Organic Grooming Carrot and Cucumber After-Shave Balm (\$18) from Whole Foods, see www.wholefoods.com for locations.
4. E shave's silver-tip beaver bristle brush (\$140), razor (\$60) and S-stand (\$82) from Winston's. E shave's natural alum block (\$16) from Winston's — it seals up any nicks and cuts.
5. Truefitt & Hill's 1805 Cologne (\$75) from Heimie's Haberdashery.
6. Pré de Provence's Shea Shave Soap (\$15) from StormSister Spatique, 635 S. Smith Av., St. Paul, 612-716-5480.
7. Dovo Solingen straight-edge razor set (\$350) from Heimie's.