

OUT IN THE COUNTRY WITH BAGS OF STYLE

Setting out across the heather with a bird in hand and prepared for two in the bush, this game fellow carries the right sort of bag in which to put his brace – a



Chapman bag. And like a bespoke suit, it has been hand cut and crafted.

The John Chapman company has been making bags for those who engage in British country sports for some 100 years. Anyone can get up a bag to look as though it is fit for purpose but Chapman bags can be relied upon to do the job for which they are designed.

They offer game bags, fishing bags, cartridge bags and rambler bags; bags for salmon, bags for artists, bags for bass and bags for trout, indeed bags to cover all sorts of game and terrain, as well as others for travel, leisure and business.

“Customers sometimes send us their bags back after many years’ hard use for us to renew or repair,” chief executive Daniel Chamier told SR, “because they have formed a personal bond with that bag.”

Which points up an interesting declension between the sexes: Women buy bags in much the same way and frequency as they buy shoes; men treasure old versions of both. Vive la difference.

Made by craftsmen in the lovely Lake District of England, the material for each bag is hand cut and then constructed using traditional methods. And for those who can’t find quite the design they want within the extensive collection that Chapman offers, there is a bespoke service to cater for individual customer specifications, a service that is popular with Savile Row customers.

All materials used are natural, most in cotton canvas, some in Scottish tweed, with solid brass trims and leather fittings. See the full collection on www.chapmanbags.com