

## Photos by Doug Bauman



Brigitte Launce (above) and Suri Kole model two different looks of fall sportswear from Alvin's.



The tunnel-neck sweater and dirndl full skirt is an important look that will flatter women of all sizes.



Designers Anne Klein (above) and Chesa Davis are emphasizing the soft look with less tailored styles.



# Femininity is the key to fashion

By SUSAN TAUBER KLEIN

Regardless of how many new clothes you buy for your fall-winter wardrobe, they won't have the new look if they are masculine and stiffly constructed, according to a woman in the fashion scene.

Lana Gendron, the designer sportswear buyer for a woman's clothing store, said everything for the woman is "super feminine for the first time."

"Blouses are crepe de chine with soft ties. There aren't shirts anymore. Jackets are shorter with slimmer lines. Skirts are fuller and sweaters are huge."

"If you must wear pants this year, only wear those with straight legs."

the buyer from Alvin's said.

Ms. Gendron said the whole fashion look has been softened. Anne Klein sportswear is featuring smaller-looking blazers that are "all softened up." Chesa Davis of California is designing at-home evening outfits with lightweight wool and polyester chalis fabric that drapes around the body. And Allen Benard of New York is emphasizing the dirndl full skirt to be worn with bulky, fuzzy sweaters.

FORTUNATELY FOR the general population, Ms. Gendron said the soft look of sportswear fashion will complement any woman, regardless of her size, as long as she selects clothing with the right proportions.

"Any woman can wear the shorter jacket suits. The cowl neck sweaters with skirts also look great. But of course, small women will have to be careful with the long sweaters and the theater-length skirts," Ms. Gendron advised.

She also said the fall fashion color, navy, should be kept in mind when one is shopping for sportswear.

"But this is a very easy year. Before you shop, take an inventory of your wardrobe. Suits are still in, hopefully suits with skirts. You can stretch your wardrobe this year by adding tunnel neck sweaters that can be worn over the hair like a hat, smaller cowl-neck sweaters or big sweaters." For the brave at heart, Ms. Gendron suggested the casual look of a long, fuzzy sweater over heavy tights. The look is accented with leg warmers.

"This definitely isn't for everyone, only for the thin woman. So not everyone should wear it," she said.

But as long as women keep the look soft with fullness in their clothes and fuzziness in the fabrics, Ms. Gendron said they can shop for well-made clothing that gives them the most for their money and still be in fashion.

"Fashion is not a price, it's a look. Women can buy clothing by such designers as Dalton, Givency, Pierre Cardin, Adolf Schuman and Anne Klein and buy good quality clothing that will be in style," she added.



## Where It's At

By JUDY SOLOMON

By George

Say goodbye to onion dips and cheese and crackers. Taboule is the "in" hors d'oeuvre this season and you can buy it already made at the Mediterranean Kitchen. It's a Lebanese recipe that combines bulgar wheat, chopped parsley, green onions and tomatoes and it's delicious. You can spread it on very thin Lebanese Markouk bread (\$1.50 for one dozen huge round slices), on party rye or Romaine lettuce leaves. You can also put it in scooped out tomato shells and serve it as a salad. Manager George Gize makes a batch Monday through Friday at 4 p.m. and it is available all day Saturday and Sunday. One pint of Taboule costs \$2.50. Mediterranean Kitchen, 75 W. Long Lake at Livernois, Troy, 528-1220.

Having pull

Scroll pulls were originally used in the Orient to adorn ancient scrolls. Today people use them in all sorts of creative ways. They make unique Christmas ornaments or window shade pulls. They look smashing hanging from a ribbon around your neck or hanging from a belt around your waist. At Dulany's, you'll find a wonderful selection of both old and new scroll pulls. Available in many lengths, sizes, forms and colors, they incorporate such elements as hand-carved jade, ivory, porcelain, coral, amber, hand embroidered silks and colorful silk or silk blend tassels. Prices range from \$7.50 to \$45.

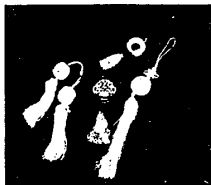
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Knit picking

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It's in the bag

Here's a good-looking tote bag with a different twist. It starts out measuring 15 by 13 inches. If you reach inside and pull out the second set of handles, it expands to 15 by 21 inches, almost doubling in height. Made of 100 per cent cotton, the color-fast washable bags are available in yellow, natural, chocolate brown and red and are priced at \$10.99 each. Cargo Hold, 202 E. Maple, Birmingham, 642-8661.



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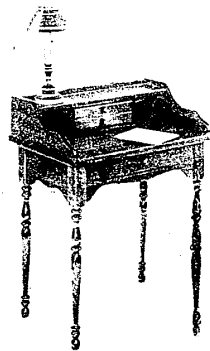
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