

Soft colors, soft fabrics, soft styling

Saks Fifth Avenue introduced the fall's new softness look at its Very Special Preview this month. Soft colors, soft fabrics, soft styling take naturally to unfurled, gentle shapings, subtle prints and unstressed colors.

There seems to be no big upheaval in the new fashion look other than another step in the direction of ultra-feminine that came last season.

Pants take a step back, while skirts and dresses come to the fore.

The women's shirt has turned into a blouse, with more than likely a bit of lace circling its Peter Pan collar, a string tie, then maybe a bit of accent jewelry on the lapel of it's jacket.

The soft colors come from the cosmetic shades, from peachy pinks and blush, through the wine colors and to brandy ambers and browns.

Plaid for your major purchases of coats and suits, or touches of plaid accents in scarves and shawls, are the mark that will replace last summer's flowers.

The blouse is still with us but it takes on a new look with dolman sleeves.

The overall look is that of big on top, slim from the hips down. The big top comes from heavy muffs that wrap and tie several times about the throat, floppy soft berets, wide turtle necks, wide lapels, and shawls of every size and description.

Pants, the few that were shown, were slim, sleek, straight and tight.

Even the most classic, the most tailored looks are softer, more feminine, and this comes out more often than not in the skirts, many made of soft-as-down challis print, fashioned as a dirndl, or with soft pleats falling from the waist.

The flowering challis brings the peasant influence, shirred or

smocked at the waist, with floured hem. In Paris they named it "the sweet dress."

In the season of softness, the softest hat of all is a cuffed toque of fluffy rabbit hair-acrylic wool, worn with a Bill Blass light, fine and colorful wool challis shawl for around your shoulders, or around your waist.

If you are planning to invest in a new pair of boots this season, Ken Dewey, fashion coordina-

tor for Saks suggests pellamino, a color that will go with all the soft shades this year.

Shoes are either very flat or very high heeled. Invest in one of the new patent leather tuxedo flats, he suggests, to go with your textured stockings, or solid colored hose. Moccasins are back and so is the penny loafer, for both men and women.

Christian Dior shows a spiked heel moccasin, though most of the eiga-

ret-slim heels held an airy arrangement of slanty straps that were just barely there at all, and the ankle strap wrapped around much higher than the ankle.

A mixture of textures was evident in almost every costume Dewey had put together for the show, and many three-piece outfits came with a combination such as velvet, crepe, and wool.

Blazers are soft as a sweater this season, but

chopped and boxed, in neutral shades for versatility.

Corduroy, houndstooths, wools, tweeds, the synthetics,

have all taken on a new softness, for an easy-go season.



Fashion Calendar

Tuesday, Sept. 6

Aristocratic opals at Dobie Jewelers — A comprehensive collection of internationally acclaimed opals will be exhibited for sale at Dobie Jewelers, 500 South Washington, Royal Oak. Included in the exhibit and sale are will be black opals, uncut specimens, and a rare specimen of royal quality jewelry. The Flower of Shalimar. Valued at \$150,000 the necklace consists of one central 108-carat opal and over 600 separate diamonds mounted in a multi-purpose platinum setting.

Anne Klein at Hudson's — Anne Klein's autumn fashion mood is all soft, featuring mohair and suede. Designer collection in muted autumn shades will be featured at a formal showing at Hudson's Northland store at 2 p.m. in the Woodward shops. Formal showing will be repeated on Sept. 7 at Hudson's Oakland store.

Charles Suppon at Bonwit-Teller — Bonwit Teller will present Charles Suppon, the imaginative, innovative sportswear designer at a formal show at 1 p.m. Collection includes fashions for men and women. Featured will be jackets, shirts, shells, pants, and skirts. The collection is noted for unusual treatment of fabric. Suppon will assist customers in putting together and accessorizing the new fashions. Informal modeling continues to 4 p.m.

Soo Yung Lee at Bonwit Teller — Designer collection of silk separates will be modeled informally from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Safari Room. Room is traditionally a showcase for new talent.

Wednesday, Sept. 7

Abe Schrader at Hudson's — Conservative fall suiting by designer Abe Schrader will be shown at Hudson's Northland store at 2 p.m.

Arthur Richards at Saks — Arthur Richards for the Arthur Richards' Woman will be featured in the Saks' first floor collection sportswear. Fashionable separates feature men's wear created in a whole new attitude for women. Informal modeling between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Harold Levine at Bonwit Teller — The Harold Levine collection of dressy daytime knit dresses will be modeled informally in the Bonwit Designer Salon between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Ultima II at Hudson's — Hudson's Fairlane store will host a 9:30 a.m. fashion breakfast featuring the Ultima II fabulous fashions for fall from its Bordeaux collection by Revlon. Demonstration of intensely rich and rubbed Bordeaux makeup will feature use of makeup with newest dressing for a total fashion look. Breakfast is complimentary with the demonstration, but reservations are necessary. Call Hudson's at 223-2404.

Friday, Sept. 9

Evan Picone at Hudson's — Evan Picone's mixed media classics will be featured during a 2 p.m. formal showing at Hudson's Northland. Versatile, easy-to-wear fashions are a trademark of this collection. Gerald McCann for Larry Levine at Hudson's — Designer Gerald McCann for Larry Levine will present his collection of chill chasers,

including great coating and suiting looks. Formal fashion presentations from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Woodward Shops of Hudson's Oakland store. Show will be repeated at Hudson's Northland store on Sept. 10.

"Fashionscope 77" at Hudson's — Romance is back in fashion this fall and will be the topic of Hudson's "Fashionscope 77" Preview opens at 2 p.m. at Hudson's Oakland store. Featured will be head to toe dressing selected from Hudson's Woodward Shops. Contemporary Collections and New Reflections. Designers to be highlighted include Liz Claiborne, Anne Klein, Ralph Lauren, Frank Smith for Evan Picone Calvin Klein, Kasper for Joan Leslie and many others. Show will be featured at 13 locations between Sept. 10 and 24. Presentation will be repeated at

Hudson's Fairlane store at 1 p.m. on Sept. 12.

Garnet at Jacobson's — The Garnet Collection for fall and winter 77 will be featured during informal modeling from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Dress Salon of Jacobson's Birmingham store.

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You, you're the one
If leaping through Vogue or Harper's Bazaar depresses you, don't give up the ship. The Take Time Fashion Workshops conducted by Barbara Mazer and Ruth Laven in the J.C. Penney stores are geared to teach housewives and working girls how to get right into the swim of things. The workshops consist of four three-hour sessions which cover how to know what clothes, colors, hair styles and makeup are right for you, how to invest wisely and how to put it all together. The cost is \$30. Separate workshops on health and nutrition and on physical fitness are also being given. The workshops at Northland begin on Sept. 12. You can register at the J.C. Penney credit departments or call 646-8232.

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If you're like me, chances are you have spare car keys, house keys and whatever floating around your house and, just when you need to find them, you can't quite remember where they are. The Extra Key Keeper (\$7.50) is the perfect solution to the problem. Made of imitation suede, it contains 20 numbered vinyl slots for keys plus a numbered chart where you record for which key is for what. Jac LeGoff's Hallmark Shop, 172 North Woodward, Birmingham, 645-1144.

Girl talk
Whether your daughters need a total new fall wardrobe or just a few special items to complete it, you should know about The New Generation. The shop emphasizes the high fashion look (for girls only, sizes 4 through pre-teen) and has a terrific selection of French import jeans, knickers, gauchos and big, bulky cardigans as well as everyday fare. Owners Torchy Silverman and Thelma Stalburg have ordered a group of soft, feminine clothes for the holidays because "girls are going to start dressing like girls again." The best news of all is that any item in the store that is priced over \$5 is discounted 20 per cent. The New Generation, Heritage Building, 24901 Northwestern, Southfield, 357-1123.

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