



Vested pantsuits are pretty and practical for the woman on the go.



A tunic and sweater are perfect for the office.
(Photos by Mike Niederquell)



Enjoy nippy autumn afternoons in a cozy sweater-coat.



This striped pullover is casual but becoming.

a la mode

Autumn fashions accent sweaters

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Anyone who keeps up with fashion trends this fall will be all right. It's very, very warm.

As if anticipating Michigan's peculiar winter weather, fall fashion forecasters have introduced what promise to be some of this year's most popular—if not current—looks.

Which means no more suffering from winter winds with too short skirts or flimsy jackets.

The unveiling of all these new looks came last week in the west central court of Lakeside Mall. Featured were models from Affiliated Models, Inc., wearing clothes with more layers than your mother used to put under your snowsuits.

These clothes promise to keep you covered from head to foot with little more showing but your face and hands. Baggy sweaters under big coats are pulled up over pants. A blouse goes under a turtleneck which, of course, goes under a vest, which worn under a blazer and topped off with a huge coat—hooded or perhaps a parka style with long loose sleeves. Then over the coat goes a bright plaid blanket worn like a shawl.

WRAPPING HEADS WITH scarves is still popular to an even greater degree. Sometimes goes a hat. As if you didn't need more to keep your neck warm, some models pulled up their cowl-necked sweaters, wrapped them over their heads, and then put on a dapper hat.

But despite all the bulk of the new fall

clothes, the look remains amazingly fluid and one can still get a sense of freedom. Freedom from dainty fabrics that fall apart and avant garde designs that don't last out the year.

This season it's back to being basic, although not back to being dull. A lot of the styles are stolen straight from Wall Street from their cut, overly straight and masculine to their fabric (pinstriped grey wool blends and flannels). With that kind of influence it's hard to tell the women from the boys, but the key to solving that problem will probably be color.

The colors women wear as accents with their clothes are deep olive-brown and fern green—deep deep red with pink and green accents with teal blue.

And that color scheme goes from work clothes to casual, outdoors to dreams. Whatever the color, the warmest look is a solid, dependable vest. Worn with either skirt or pants, the vest is one of the most practical, wearable and dependable outfits in which a woman could invest.

Not only do they look great, they're great on the budget. Women who have to play with limited finances can buy their wardrobe in bits and pieces, a blazer now, perhaps with the skirt, and later add the vest. Ankers, or a long skirt.

Women will need a little more though to pull these separates together into a really terrific look, something like a pair of boots, oval neck sweater or turtleneck. But by taking individual pieces and mixing them together, you're bound to come up with something truly unique.



A woolly cap and sweater make football games warmer.

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Aug. 30 and 31—Informal modeling of fashions by Kasper for Joan Leslie from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Saks Fifth Avenue Somerset Mall, Troy.

Aug. 31—Maternity fashion show at 7:30 p.m. on the second floor of Saks Fifth Avenue Somerset Mall, Troy.

Sept. 1 and 2—Informal modeling of fashions by Shelly Coffey from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Saks Fifth Avenue Somerset Mall, Troy.

Sept. 2—Informal modeling of fall fashions from the Knit Group from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at B. Siegel, Birmingham.

Sept. 7—Formal showing of furs at 2 p.m. in the fur salon at J.L. Hudson's Northland Center, Southfield.

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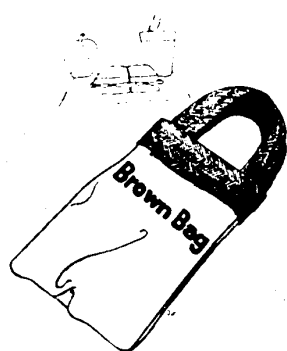
Tuesday—Informal modeling by Vivian at Cooper's Arms Restaurant, Rochester.

Tuesday—Informal modeling by Boulevard Fashion Salon at the Atrium, Telegraph north of Twelve Mile, Birmingham Farms.

Wednesday—Informal modeling by Ann's at the Troy Hilton Haymarket, Troy.

Friday—Informal modeling by Vivian at Bedell's, Bloomfield Hills.

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