

The fashion plate

7 beauties: Crisp fall fashions

By RUTLE SHAND

The first crisp cool days of fall bore some investigation into what some of our "do as I do" fashion retail experts are wearing. Those who believe strongly in "investment" fashion simply reached in their closet, took out a basic garment purchased perhaps several years ago and teamed it with new fall accessories. Others made new investments and are off to a fresh start. I found seven totally different looks.

•Men's wear classic—At Jacobson's in Birmingham, fashion coordinator Phyllis Morrison teamed her three-year-old navy wool suit with a navy and rust Greenchy sweater with matching scarf, and wore navy ribbed stockings and navy buttoned shoes.

•Transition—At Humeboch's in Birmingham, Sue Smith also went with navy in a transitional cotton tunic dress, matching navy stockings and navy t-strap shoes.



•Ultra-suede classic—At Walton Pearce, fashion coordinator Pat Rousseau wore her "investment" buckskin colored ultra-suede "poah" coat dress over a black knit dress and teamed it with buckskin boots.

•The real dresses—Sherry Nelson, assistant store manager at Bonni Teller in Troy, wore her "investment" Diane von Furstenberg wrap dress with regular legs and black slingback shoes.

•Ralph Lauren play—At Saks Fifth Avenue of Troy, fashion coordinator Brenda Rosenberg chose a new Ralph Lauren costume: a bold plaid trouser skirt, a flannel gowth stock tie shirt and hand-knit French blue sweater, teamed with stockings and a high-heeled, tasseled leather boot.

•Blue denim—At Apogee in Troy, fashion coordinator Cheryl Galey chose blue denim and wore a scarlet fringed/bonnet skirt and vest with a

without them. Also Kenneth Jay Lane hammered gold jewelry with a pre-Columbian look.

Stock tie pins and pocket watches at Jacobson's, and cashmere mufflers, opaque stockings in chevron and pun stripe—all to complement the London Bond Street look.

Fendi belts with attached necessity purses at Hatties. Great with pants and skirts or to nip in the loose dress. Sonia Rykiel hats, scarfs, meters and shawls.

Oblong muffler scarfs to wear with your cool neck sweaters at Humeboch's in Birmingham. Smaller bags for the menswear haberdashery look and half-inch belts for your trousers.

A great collection of pure silk French scarfs in lively fall prints at Walton Pearce, to wear softly tucked in necklines, both short and long oblongs. A four-inch hinged gold cuff bracelet, for easy-on, easy-off.

DON'T THROW AWAY your flare leg pants. Seam in the flare or use masking tape and wrap the flare around your ankle and tuck it all into boots, or cut them off below the knee for a slim split skirt.

Don't throw away your Habbon ultra-suede coat dress, it's a keeper. If it's a little shorter than you would like, it to be, wear it over lined trousers or skirt. If it's long enough, team it with a cool neck sweater or dress.

Don't throw away your Diane von Furstenberg wrap dress, it's a keeper. Wear it with regular legs and a t-strap shoe.

Don't throw away your Yves Saint Laurent knit cable sweater with fur collar and cuffs, it's a keeper too. Wear it over a cool neck sweater or dress for a time-on-time look.

plaid cotton flannel stock tie shirt, teamed navy stockings and cream leather cowboy boots.

•The new pants—At Hatties in Birmingham, gray flannel pants were worn tucked into a pair of burgundy color, crushed leather boots with a red-and-white checked cowboy shirt over a white turtleneck shirt, both tucked into a red lizard belted waistline.

WHERE TO FIND—Kittie shoes, great with all the sportswear looks—at Saks Fifth Avenue in Somerset Mall, where there are also wool panty hose in basic colors and other go-with shoes—a must if you shun boots except for blizzards. Plaidkin gloves at Bonni Teller in the Somerset Mall, along with roomy saddle bags by Coach—your rustic look of acreage ownership will miss

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