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Men are catapulted into the fashion ring

As if they didn't have enough to worry about already, men are now being thrown full force into that domain previously dominated only by women—the fashion world.

This season, more than any other, is being hailed as the choice season for men—whether they like it or not, they will be making choices. And the decisions will be more than what tie to wear with which shirt and which suit.

As the Affiliated Models pointed out in two recent fashion shows at Lakeside Mall, men will be just as important this fall and just as much fun, as women wear. For it seems while women have been absorbing with the men's look, the men have been busy redefining their own uniquely male styles.

That's been difficult, though, since much of what's popular for men is also what's in style for women this year.

The single most important element heralded by men and women alike is the return of the multi-purpose vest. Formerly the province only of college professors or those older than 55, vests started soaking back into suits several years ago.

BUT ANYONE WHO could have guessed that vests would be so popular now, would have taken a look in a vest making company.

Vests this year are popping up over everything, from shirts to fur-trimmed coats and with everything from a suit to a casual pair of denims.

Fabrics, of course, can vary from a matching well-worsted to a sweater knit, corduroy or denim. Adding a vest in a contrasting color, pattern or fabric can alter an outfit with a minimum amount of effort.

Corduroy pants can be teamed with a matching reversible corduroy vest, with the vest's cord side matching a contrasting plaid jacket.

That same jacket and pants could be worn with another vest in a coordinated color, but made of thick cable knit. The cable knit then goes with his favorite faded blue denims when he wants to be sportier, and so on.

That cable knit vest is only the beginning of what is turning into another big

item for men this fall—the sweater.

The vest is only the start of the sweater possibilities. Sweaters are seen in numerous styles from cardigans to pullovers, but bigger and bulkier than their predecessors.

Worn in various lengths, the sweaters come in muted tones or ethnic prints and close with buttons, toggles or sash ties. Also popular will be sweater sets or coordinated turtleneck sweaters and patterned wrap sweaters.

PERHAPS THE MOST important part of a man's wardrobe this fall will be the additives. No, that's not the same additives you find in food but they do the same job—enhance what is already there.

The additives are little things that add up to a lot when placed with staples like your vested suit or sweater.

The additives are things like knit gloves with leather palms and detailed stitching (perhaps a french style overcoat, worn when it's cool, slung over the shoulder when it's hot).

Scarves in creamy cashmeres or a heavier sait and pepper fisherman's knit, wrapped around the neck or worn under the lapels are another additive.

And for men who want to be extra dapper this fall, the newest additive is a hat. For casual looks, try a herringbone tweed or for dressier occasions something in velvet.

The perfect ending for these perfect looks are newly designed shoes. Interest this year seems to be in wing tip tie shoes or plain toe slip-ons and for casual wear, huge crepe soles wrapped around leather.



A thick wrap sweater replaces a regular cardigan.



Three-piece suits with matching or contrasting vests sum up this fall's fashion statement.

Where It's At

By JUDY SOLOMON

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fashion calendar

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