

Spring fashion speaks softly and delicately

Fashion changes this spring will be of a subtle nature, according to designer Kasper. So don't look for major revolutions, just minor revolutions.

Plan on having double vision and maybe more because there's no one look that's right. It will be a season for the individualist and the innovator. Designer Albert Capraro's spring collection is replete with full, floaty dresses with Victorian overtones, longish smock shapes and full sleeves, delicate trims and ruffle-edged yokes.

It's not a "dated" collection but a contemporary attempt with fabrics that are up-to-date, earthy textures such as clay-colored silk-and-cotton jersey, natural hopsacking and raw silk with the rompage effect countered by sportive elements like full sleeves rolled back and knotted.

Capraro suits are young and very trim, with small cropped jackets, pretty crepe de chine of mid-thigh cotton shirts and softly full dirndl skirts circled with narrow snakeskin belts.

Eveningtimes, the collection calls for little restaurant suits featuring the same soft tailoring.

DRY, SUNNY, beige in cotton poplin, chino and hopsacking are used in one tone called Tumbleweed for sports clothes and rain outfits. They are big in feeling but always light. The sack shorts are culled at mid-thigh and rounded like rompers, buoyant rather than baggy. Capraro pants are eased through the hips and tapered toward the ankles.

Dresses will be soft and often flowered in soft prints, sometimes in batiste or fine window-green cotton. Looks for gentle gathers and frilly necklines and full sleeves with wrist ruffles or slashes that bare the top of the arms.

Everything floats, sways and drifts in a rosy shimmer making for scenes of glamorous innocence in dressy dressing.

Adrienne Vittadini's favorite things include "shirts and laces and gentle handsmocking, cheesecloth and blouses and grandfather's vests."



Pink bouquets on plum woven cotton make nice spring dressing with this two-piece camisole dress designed by Albert Capraro. The bodice with shoe string straps and the mid-calf full dirndl skirt are edged in self ruffle. Capraro is sold in this area at Saks in Somerset and the Fashion Corner in Birmingham.

Avanzara, a division created to showcase Adrienne's talents is in its third season and the clothes have grace and breezy sophistication. The designer says she tries for "refined realism in day clothes and refined romanticism at night."

Avanzara spring creations show a great deal of fine details which add to the delicacy of the look such as fine insertions, lace yokes and shiny loose knits, tiers, sheer layers, flounces and the lavish use of white in whipped-cream textures.

Her clothes are thoroughly practical and she labels them as "sporty and yet dainty."

ONE GROUP is a layered story of raw silk knit with printed cotton done in four colors: clay, sand, berry and celadon.

Full tops and skirts as well as dresses are done in a variety of shapes with skirts side-bottomed or back-bottomed. Waistlines are drawn close with drawstrings and other skirts have tucked hiplines or yokes.

Dresses are voluminous with smoked yokes, and one pinafore dress sports a ruffled skirt. Embroidered scalloped edges are a dainty trim.

Another grouping mingles celery green, khaki, berry, black, pewter pearl and white in a mix and includes the designer's knee length shirt-tail dress, harem pants, roll-up shorts, very full sun dresses and delicate flower prints.

Knits edged in hand crochet with fabric skirts in



Adrienne Vittadini for Avanzara designed three-piece pants costume that can take you around the world. It sports a two-button blazer in 100 per cent raw silk homespun over a short, dolman sleeved blouse and a shirt in matching raw silk knit. Avanzara can be seen at the Oak Park Boutique.

the same tonality make another group which plays up the sloppy, sporty putlines of cardigans, big sweater shirts, grandfathers vests done in hand crocheted cotton string.

Not least though last are picture dresses done in silk-like crepe lavished with French lace edging, fine tucks and embroidered scallops.

Fashion Calendar

Monday, March 13

Easter fashions at Oakland Mall — The mall will host an Easter Spring Fashion Show at 2 p.m. in the Center Court. A live jazz band will accompany the narration.

Tuesday, March 14

Saks presents A "Dior" Able — Saks Fifth Avenue will feature Christian Dior robes and nighties for girls in Children's Lingerie on the second floor of its Somerset store. Informal modeling between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15

Bill Blass at DSO Women's Association benefit — Bill Blass will commemorate his spring and summer collections during a benefit for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Maintenance Fund at Fairlane Manor in Dearborn. Tickets for the extravaganza are \$12 per person general admission, \$25 for patrons and \$50 for benefactors. Reservations for the luncheon benefit are available by calling 961-0700.

'SFabulous Evening Dresses at Saks — Saks Fifth Avenue will present informal modeling of glamorous evening fashions between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. on the third floor of its Troy store.

Harold Levine at Bonwit Teller — Ms. Dolores Brown will present the Harold Levine spring collection on Wednesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Designer Salon. Collection includes looks which move easily from late day into evening, plus a group of soft, fashionable handloomed dresses appropriate for any occasion.

Thursday, March 16

AAUW Spring Fashion benefit — The Birmingham Branch of the American Association of University Women will hold its annual spring benefit at the Franklin Community Church, 32473 Normandy, Franklin. "Fashions on the Village Green" will feature collection from Alvin's during two performances at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Refreshments will precede each show. Tickets are \$3 and will be available at the door or in advance by calling Gerri Ford at 353-9590 or Jane Jacobson at 612-4072. Proceeds from the benefit go to the branch's programs and community activities.

League of Catholic Women benefit at Detroit Plaza

— Saks Fifth Avenue will collaborate with the League of Catholic Women to present a luncheon fashion show benefit in the Renaissance Ballroom at the Detroit Plaza. Features will be a special showing of Albert Nipon's spring collection following an 11 a.m. cocktail hour and noon luncheon. Nipon's wife, Pearl, making her first visit to Detroit, will be the commentator and special guest at the benefit. Tickets are \$12 per person and are available by calling 831-1000.

"Women on the Go" at Bonwit Teller — Bonwit Teller comes from and center to show and tell what women on the go will be wearing this season.



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Mrs. Earlene Woodard of Airway will be here on Wednesday, March 15 from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

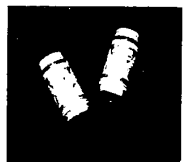
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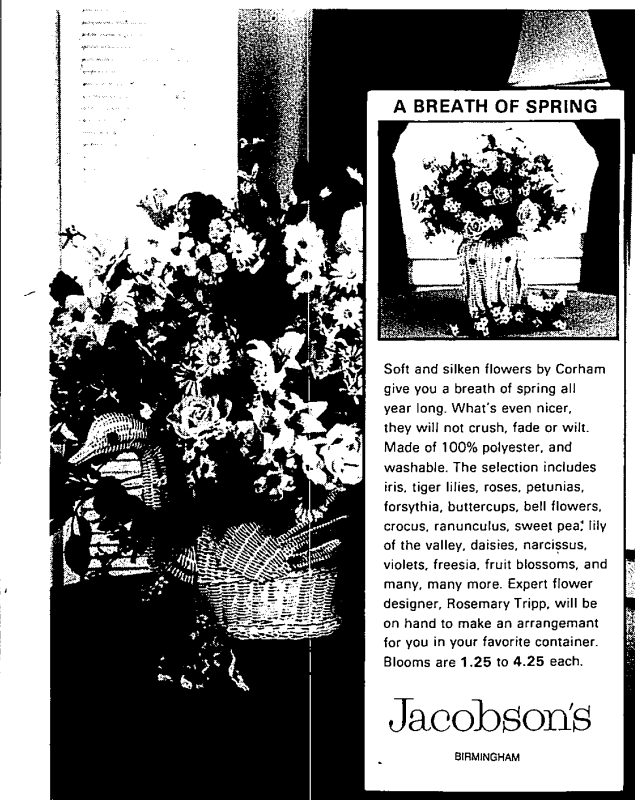
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A.M. antidotes

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Ms. Tripp will be at Jacobson's Thursday, March 16 from 10:30 to 5:00 P.M.