A natural bridge to spring comes in a pair of elegant furs. On left, natural red fox cut with bigger sweep, fuller sleeves and longer length. Right, Canadian ribbed beaver dyed to pale wheat with large notched collar by Anne Klein. Dittrich's Furs.

Something
Fur's

Once upon a time if you told your husband you were interested in long hairs, he might think you wanted to cozy up to Beethoven. Today's woman recognizes long hairs as the fur industry's strong statement.

Trendy long hairs include raccoon, lynx, mink, and fox. If that seems prosaic enough, the way the new coats and jackets are put together are anything but basic. There are furs done in stripes and herringbones, two-tones and combinations that team furs with leather and knits.

As for color, furs are being shown in many variations of tone and color. You can buy honey beige chinchilla and lavendar fox or mink, for example.

As far as trends go with furs this year, it's a tale of tails. Jackets, mufflers, stoles and coats come with cascading fur tails trimming every imaginable part of the garment.

Arthur Bricker, of Furs by Bricker, says the offerings are opulent, splendid and varied, with something for every taste, but "Mink is still the king, for styling, warmth and wear."

It's fun for the entrepreneur to show the off-the-wall kinds of things like a spotted jacket of Geoffrey cat or a raccoon reversible to corduroy, he notes.

TRADITION has gone by the boards in the fur business in terms of styling and it's meant a rejuvenation of the industry. Furs are young again and being worn by both sexes.

To accomodate the layering that continues to dominate fashion, coats are fuller and looser.

Hal Dittrich of Dittrich Furs in Bloomfield Hills says coats are longer in order to cover the bigger skirt look and will go to 47 or 48 inches this season.

"The sweep of the coats is enlarged this year," he said. "Also we're bringing out new collars, some are smaller,