

Fashion's in a lather over leather



Charles Suppon combines supple leather with nubby tweeds. For him, he shows a super-soft, quilted leather jacket, complemented by claret and gray tweed pants and plaid "dickie shirt." For her, supple brown leather in a rich news-boy jacket with double pocket and pouch. Underneath, tweed pant and teal vivella with necktie shirt.

Fashion insiders know the best game in town for autumn and winter will be the skin game.

Touches of leather and leather garments and outfits are being seen in the top collections of the season.

Leather jeans are being touted as a basic ingredient for most up-to-date wardrobes. Smooth versions as well as chambray and sueded can be found in skirts, vests and pants as well as suits and outer garments.

Pants are easy, relaxed with gathered waistlines and tapered legs and appear also as second skins. Skirts are skimming the body more closely and those who layer do it with a deft hand, working for a coordinated, but not a heavy look.

Charles Suppon is designing the wide shouldered look that tapers to a wedge and likes to use "money belts" at the hipline.

"My aim was to use great tailoring, yet keep it very feminine," the designer said. "The clothes are designed to look different and charming, with lots of detail and a lot of effort put into perfectionist workmanship."

Each of his collection groups mingles chambray (the dry-cleanable kind) and leather with mohair, very sophisticated tweeds, textured velvet, rubberized linen crash, plaid wool, wool voile, cotton gabardine, corduroy and fur.

Snakeskin moves into the picture for evening along with chiffon, extravagant fur fantasies and the gleam of satin.

DOUBLE-SIDED coats and double jackets that button together and are reversible are marks of the Suppon collection. All the coats are three-quarter or long and repeat the wedge line.

Accessories that look new will be newsboy caps, fedoras, high heeled boots and shoes, texture hose and fur tail coats.

Legs and provocative necklines will belie the sober, purposeful look of clothes designed for walking and working and the rage for disco dancing has created a whole new clothes category which is sensuous, bold and costume-like.

Dresses are still soft but narrower and more tunics than blouses will be seen along with a lot of leg.

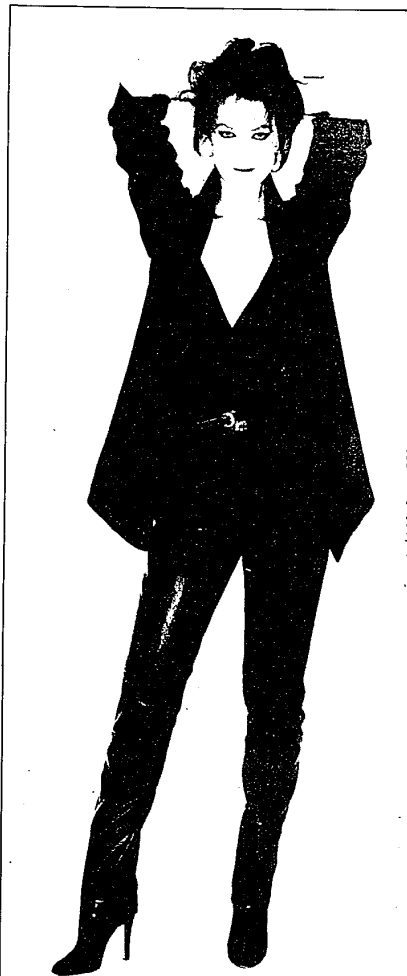
Jackets, vests, sweaters and short furts take the spotlight. Often the jackets that aren't fur or leather will be quilted in poplin, wood, corduroy or silk. They are airy, down-filled and sometimes as thick as a comforter.

Coats also, will be stressed and a great variety in fur and cloth will be available.

Allover pleating, deep vertical shoulder tucks that widen the shoulder line and minimal collars are other fall 1978 keynotes. Wide shoulders necessitate non-bulky collars or none at all.

Colors of the season will be not vivid, but not somber and include cocoa and mustard, khaki, dark greens, wine and big doses of black, with no color being excluded completely.

And tying it all up, belts will be big news.



Hairston makes his statement (at left) on the importance of leather for fall in a shiny raisin-colored jacket with a new-looking sleeve. At right, Donna Karan and Louis Dell'Osio do sexy sportswear with a smooth green leather pegged trouser, worn with a green ancient madder silk big blazer and red silk halter blouse.

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Monday, Sept. 25

Thursday, Sept. 28

Sak's Fifth Avenue—Elegant, tailored selections from the European Coat Collection will be modeled in the Regency Room of the Somerset store today and tomorrow. Lancombe, "Great Escape II" get a purchase with a purchase is the featured attraction in the Cosmetic Collections on the first floor of the downtown store.

Hudson's—Cecil Dyer, author of *Wok Cockery*, will show how to use this versatile appliance to cook all types of fascinating dishes, not only Oriental. Stop by and watch her prepare such un-Oriental dishes as cheese timbales, scrambled eggs Italian style, and mill-lionaire's hot dogs. She'll be at the Lakeside store from 2-4 p.m. today and at the Eastland store from 7-8 this evening. In addition she will visit the Northland store from 2-4 p.m. Tuesday and the Oakland Mall store from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Lord & Taylor—The ancient Mexican craft *Ojos de Dios*, evil spirits be gone, is demonstrated in this lecture at the Twelve Oaks store. Program begins at 9:30 a.m.

Bonwit Teller—Elaine Multer will introduce fashions by Julio today, Tuesday, and Wednesday at the Somerset store.

Tuesday, Sept. 26

Lord & Taylor—Let your hair down or put it up, but always in a manner to compliment you and your lifestyle. Beauty salon artists share their expertise at the Fairlane store. At the Twelve Oaks store today Ruth Lefkowitz from the Detroit Institute of Art presents Biblical Figures in Great Art in a fascinating slide presentation.

Sak's Fifth Avenue—Sylvan Fox will introduce a dazzling collection designed for you by Alfred Bosand in the Regency Room of the downtown store today and tomorrow.

Wednesday, Sept. 27

Davidson's—Special occasion dresses by Asuman will be informally modeled today through Friday in the Birmingham store from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Lord & Taylor—Learn how to make accessories work for you in the presentation at the Fairlane store today.

Sak's Fifth Avenue—Irene Dickenson will introduce soft, billowy attire for cocktail dressing. Fashions by Gentile can be seen in the Fifth Avenue Shop of the Somerset store today and tomorrow.

Hudson's—Bill Orr, chairman of the board of Oster products, will show you how to use Oster appliances to your best advantage. Cooking demonstrations will be held in the Northland store from 1 to 2 p.m. today and at the Oakland store from 7 to 8 p.m. this evening.

Bonwit Teller—The Young Designers Showcase featuring fashions by Jasper Nyebø, Frank Massandra, Jonathan Hachcock, Martin Magel, Frank Tigrino, and Le Mouche is the program for today.

Sak's Fifth Avenue—Soft plaid flannel shirts by Giant will be featured in men's furnishings in the downtown store.

Lord & Taylor—Ken Gross, executive director of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Association, will be the guide on a romantic, visual trip that focuses on the history, religion and art of the island of Bali. Program will begin at 9 a.m. in the Twelve Oaks store. Florist Harry Miller demonstrates the ease and joy of making your own arrangements at the Lakeside store.

Friday, Sept. 29

Hudson's—Beebe Gow from the Gow befarm is coming to the downtown store today from noon to 2 p.m. with some of her delicious honeys. Join her for an unusual honey-tasting demonstration featuring horsemint and huajillo honey. She will be at the Eastland store tomorrow from noon to 2 p.m. and at the Oakland store from 2 to 4 p.m.

Lord & Taylor—Graphology expert Florence Dinsor will do some sample readings at 9 a.m. in the Fairlane Store. Discover some interesting facts about yourself as shown in your handwriting. Ruth Lefkowitz will present the slide film on Biblical Figures in Great Art at the Lakeside store today. Bring the children to see a 30 minute animated color cartoon narrated by Peter Ustinov. It's all about the adventures of Babar and our very own "Babar" will be the host. Film will be shown from noon to 2 p.m. in the Lakeside store today and in the Fairlane store tomorrow. Twelve Oaks will feature the same program on Sunday.

Sak's Fifth Avenue—Chloe, the collection designed by Karl Lagerfeld, will be introduced by Nichole Fiechels in the Regency Room today and tomorrow at the Somerset store. Revillon Fur Collections suggests you work a fur into your life. New fashions shown today on the second floor of the downtown store.



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