

Arresting looks

Guilty of quilting! The verdict is in on fall's most arresting new look. The judge ruled us guilty of rubbing the season. Then he added the charge that we obscured justice by hiding the evidence.

Because we were apprehended photographing cold weather quilted clothing in 82-degree heat, he sentenced us to one month of cuddling inside smart geometric quilted clothes while the temperature remains above the 80-degree mark.

We were accused of being two-faced, of hiding precious ranch mink under an outer shell of quilted, collared poplin.

He reprimanded us for covering up the fact that most of the printed quilted jackets reverse to a solid side, piped in contrasting color.

The judge listened patiently to our argument that there is no law against adding a vest and a leather belt to a black poplin raincoat. We thought we had won him over with a floral printed velvet, Chinese-looking evening jacket. But the judge would not be swayed.

We plan to appeal the case when cold weather sets in. That's when we expect quilting to take over as the fashion signature of the year.

Meanwhile you'll find us serving out

our sentence, quietly waiting for the first nip in the air.

IN TIME we expect to see the proof of our arguments that fall on deaf ears. Need we tell you, we asked, the facts that quilted colors are the brightest we've seen yet; and that they've never looked better, particularly in reversible coats and jackets?

The bulk of past seasons' quilted clothes is gone. New narrow synthetic padding permits close tailoring.

Many quilted coats and jackets reflect the Chinese influence. China is in the news and that's where quilting started a thousand or so years ago. It has never been bettered for warmth without weight.

Everybody knows — quilting functions. It's lightweight, comfortable and, in some fabrics, washable — qualities that are hard to beat in an energy crisis.

Quilted clothes and accessories add a soft look to an otherwise constructed fall. Square and rectangular shaped shoulder bags take on a plushy look when made of quilted fabrics or skins. Leather jackets, never known for their winter warmth, are being quilted, adding function to the list of assets of leather.

Our arguments must have made points with the judge and there's a chance he may repeal our sentence. We heard, later, that he stopped off at Saks Fifth Avenue, Troy, on his way home from court and bought a quilted outerwear jacket for himself, a poppy red and green print reversible jacket for his wife and quilted ski jackets for the kids.

Now we plan to subpoena the judge as the star witness for our own defense. We're sure he'll reverse the guilty verdict.

— Rustie Shand



Caught in the act, center, collage quilted vest that reverses to burgundy, piped in red by Jeanne-Marc is ideal over raincoat and western influenced boots. On right, the luxe in quilting, a poplin jacket lined

with natural ranch mink. By Jeanne-Marc for Revillon furs. Saks Fifth Avenue, Troy.



Quilted clothing adds a soft look this fall, especially if it's a topper of channel quilted velvet in shades of plum.



The fall's arresting looks include creme quilted jackets piped in black from Bill Blass, and another bronze quilted full length coat, also by Bill Blass. When the verdict is in quilting will be found guilty of being the season's favorites.

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Shoes by Charles Jourdan.



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