



Suede is elegant but easy to wear

"There is nothing to hide," says Bette Appel of her versatile suede clothes which are not only as soft to the touch as cashmere but amazingly washable.

Ms. Appel designs clothes intended for the active woman on the go. She constructs her designs so that they are soft and easy to wear and at the same time maintain a look of simple elegance.

Best known locally for her "no sweat" and "Joc" designs, she recently launched a new career as designer for Glen of Michigan. Now, she commutes weekdays to New York City and spends weekends at the Appel farm in Rochester with her husband Don and their children.

Bette Appel designs for Glen of Michigan, at DiFronte, Birmingham and Janet Varner, Rochester, are typical of Appel's practical theme of component dressing — a concept that encompasses a complete wardrobe in parts.

The four pieces for fall are soft, washable suede. It's hard to believe the saddle stitched, impeccably tailored sueded are washable, but they are.

The specially treated hides come from New Zealand and while the recommended cleaning procedure is to hand wash, absorb moisture in a towel and lay flat to dry, Ms. Appel washes her own sueded on the gentle cycle of the washing machine. She then removes moisture in the air-only cycle on dry.

Any wrinkling that occurs in the sueded pieces is easily removed by using a dry warm iron over brown paper placed on top of the sueded pieces, she explained.

"My real leather clothes are less expensive to buy than the synthetics," said Ms. Appel. Real leather breathes and moves with you. There is no feeling of being packaged in plastic when you wear my soft, lofty sueded," she said.

—Rustle Shand



An English country look is achieved by adding low heeled mock-English riding boots from Ciabattino to the suede pant and jacket outfit, with a casual shirt to complete the look.

Stylist Mario Bitonti saw the English lass with a front braided, controlled hair style perfect for country walks. Makeups by Hanan supplies the message that "color is uninhibited and exciting this year."

Fashion calendar

Monday, Oct.

Sak's Fifth Avenue — Josette Legoux, director of Chanel fragrance education, will introduce the new Visage Chanel colors in the cosmetics department of the Somerset store Monday through Friday this week. Frances Heneghan collection will be presented by Elaine Flom in the better sportswear dresses today and tomorrow. The Petite Femme Fur Collection can be seen all week through Saturday in Revillon Furs, first and third floors. Bonwit Teller — Fashions from Bonwit Teller will be modeled between 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. in Alfred's Restaurant in the Somerset Mall.

Lakeside Mall — The new library will be featured all week in the Mall. Monday's program includes June Brown from the Detroit News. There will also be puppet shows and storybooks. On Tuesday, Esther Shapiro from WWJ Radio will discuss business and consumerism. A fashion show will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday is Heritage Day. Thursday will feature Arts and Humanities along with live theatre and dance. Friday it's "Ben Franklin 2001" live from Greenfield Village.

Tuesday, Oct. 9

Cooper's Arms — Designer fashions from Janet Varner of Rochester are modeled informally from noon to 1:30 p.m. every Tuesday through May in the Cooper's Arms Restaurant, 606 Main Street in downtown Rochester.

Jacobson's — A collection of designer halternecks, dinner and theatre suits and elegant separates will be shown informally from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. today and again tomorrow.

Somerset Mall — The second of five lectures on art will feature "Gothic Art: A Human Approach." Speaker is Mrs. Ralph Sharkey. Time is 10 a.m. in the mall auditorium.

Lord & Taylor — Fashion focus is on sizes 14½ to 22½ in The Manhattan Shop at 2 p.m. in the Fairlane store.

Jaeger's — Fashions from Jaegers will be modeled from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in Alfred's Restaurant in the Somerset Mall.

Wednesday, Oct. 10

Lord & Taylor — New and glamorous makeup and hair with a special emphasis on easy care for the busy professional woman in the cafe from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Fairlane store.

Thursday, Oct. 11

Lord & Taylor — "Make Sense of your Dollars," presented by Audrey Pearl, certified financial planner, will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. in The Cafe at the Lakeside Mall.

Bonwit Teller — Fashions will be modeled in Alfred's Restaurant during luncheon.

Friday, Oct. 12

Rodier's — Fashions from Rodier's will be modeled during luncheon at Alfred's Restaurant.

Saturday, Oct. 13

Sak's Fifth Avenue — Ski Shop opens with new arrivals from Bogner, Head, Slalom and White Stag. Somerset Mall — Oleg Cassini will be on hand to present mens' fashions during a cocktail party and buffet supper. There will be dancing around the fountain throughout the evening. Ticket information can be obtained by calling 424-8656.

Tennis Lady — Fashions from Tennis Lady are modeled between 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. at Alfred's Restaurant in the Somerset Mall.

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Mario Bitonti of Birmingham was so inspired by the glamorous soft look of paired suede skirt and blouse that he created a special hairstyle to complement the sophisticated town look of the casual outfit.



Where It's At

By JUDY SOLOMON

Basket case

It's no secret that baskets are great to look at and great to use anywhere in your home and Mostly Baskets stocks the cream of the crop. Ranging in price from 98 cents to \$260, many of the baskets have interesting histories. A stunning 36-inch square winnowing tray was originally used for shaking the wheat from the chaff. Fishermen employed scoop-shaped baskets with long, diagonal handles, birdcage-shaped baskets and tall urn-shaped baskets to catch various kinds of fish. The store also has a wonderful selection of dried pods, leaves and branches that you can use to fill the baskets.

Mostly Baskets: 870 Bowers, Birmingham, 644-3407 and 7396 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, 851-5850.

Clay feat

Here's a novel way to commemorate a special occasion. Cele Elliott will handpaint a ceramic tile with any design, name and date that you desire. The tiles have built-in hooks so that they can be hung on the wall. You can also prop them up decoratively on a table or use them for coasters. (6-by-6 inch tiles cost \$12 and those 4-by-4 inches cost \$9.) Ms. Elliott will also custom design and make tile surroundings your fireplace or tile inserts for your cocktail tables.

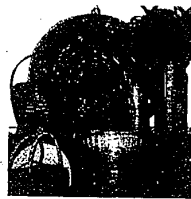
The Tile Stop, 870 Bowers, Birmingham, 642-2282.

Good and healthy

Just ask any doctor, health club or reducing spa, too much salt in your diet is a no-no. That's why I'd like to recommend Spike, an absolutely delicious natural seasoner that enables you to both cut down on salt and to enhance the taste of your food. Spike blends judicious amounts of earth and sea salt with a combination of interesting herbs and spices such as saffron, curry, ripe white pepper, wild sage, summer savory, orange and lemon peel, oregano, basil, rosehips and water-cress. You can find Spike at most health food stores either in three-ounce bottles (98 cents) or by the bulk.

Petal pushing

Inflation et. al., at these prices (20 Marguerite daisies for \$3), you can easily afford to give her a daisy a day. Or, better yet, you can be a sport and buy one for each gal in your office. Northwood Florist and Nursery also sells fresh bittersweet by the bunch (\$1.25 to \$2.50 depending on the size of the bunch) as well as good decorative items for Halloween, namely corn husks (\$2 per bunch), Indian corn (\$ for \$1.25) and pumpkins. Northwood Florist and Nursery, 630 S. Adams, Birmingham, 642-5700.



The great blue denim dress by Calvin Klein...because jeans just aren't enough! Because in a season where dresses are craved (and legs and calves and ankles are flashing), the denim dress is obviously the next logical step in relaxed and easy, high-powered and perfectly sensational fashion. Un-snapped down to there...up to there! With sleeves rolled back. The waist snugged in tight. And not much else but a supple, beautiful body beneath. In 7 oz. cotton; for sizes 4 to 14, 178. In V.I.P. jeans...where we are all the things you are.

Saks Fifth Avenue, Detroit. Second at Lothrop, open Monday through Saturday, 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM. Troy, Somerset Mall, Big Beaver at Coolidge, open Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 AM to 9 PM; Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 AM to 6 PM; Sundays, Noon to 5 PM.