

The fashion plate

Lagerfeld amuses with flowers



Chloe's slender black and blue flowered print has its waist cinched in bright yellow leather and is worn with red shoes.

Chloe designer, Karl Lagerfeld, lengthened his long slim lines with amusing placements of fresh flowers when he showed his spring/summer collection at Saks Fifth Avenue, Troy. No little blossoms were tucked behind the ear. Instead, he used sprigs of forsythia like plumes in the hair.

Or, he used a large gilt and jewel leaf in the hair at one side of the head then placed a smaller, matching leaf earring on the opposite ear.

"These clothes," he said, "are not for women who are shy, have complexes, or are unsure of themselves."

Lagerfeld's strongly feminine approach starts with light bodices, tiny waists, broad but not overpowering shoulders, and skirts that round out the hips and narrow at the hemline. Clothes cling closer, skirts are skimpier, and waistlines are hugged in with belts or with darts and seaming.

"The bodices of my dresses, my bustiers, get whalebone structure and polystyrene foam," said Lagerfeld. "Then the entire structure is covered in silk."

The skirts of his dresses are newest when they end in a triangle hem. Draped and bias cut silk often buttons or ties or can be twisted to convert a fuller shape into something tight and sexy.

For day, he favors simple cotton pique bustiers worn with magic marker bright, loopy knit sweaters. For evening, he lets loose with gloriously beaded, floral-printed black crepe de chine or mouseline and space age printed crepe de chine.

One of his best new evening ideas is a panel-curtain skirt, a soft petal-shaped concoction with spaghetti strap v-shaped neck. The skirt is softly draped and raised in front before tapering softly below the knee.

— Rustle Shaad



A padded shoulder "magic marker" sweater tops a print strapless dress. (Staff photos by Dick Kelley)

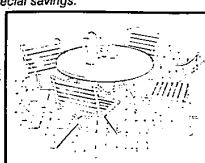
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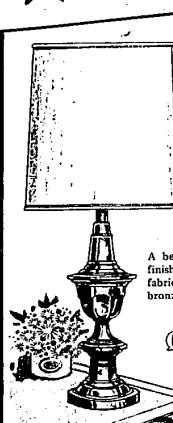
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