

The luxury of linen...

... over skin

"The need to design for an ever-changing reality has made it necessary for me to optimize the distinction between sportswear and clothing. Sportswear is comfort — functional and vital. Clothing is elegance — sophistication personified."

The explanation is Bill Kaiserman's introduction to his Spring '79 collection for Rafael.

The collection therefore is known for bold, authentic sportswear and striking silhouettes which are triangular with broad shoulders, narrow waists and slim pants.

Outfits with non-matching components include Italian military cotton shirts and pants, safari-inspired shirts, pants and suits and motorcycle and funnel-necked jackets.

Five styles of practical, narrow-legged sport pants, from double-knee patch to single-pleated self-belted underline shirts of jewel-tone cotton chintz, linen or iridescent cotton.

Sweaters assert themselves in linen — iridescent ribbed linen. Leathers strike out on their own with second-skin shirts, motorcycle jackets and jeans.

Kaiserman remarks the return to sophisticated tailored clothing by allowing the individual the freedom to create a moment, epitomized by double-breasted iridescent linen and celery green slubbed silk suits, Indian hemp and wool tweed sport jackets, and the sport suit in Italian military cotton, linen or iridescent cotton.



Bill Kaiserman for Rafael turns to the luxury of linen for sweaters. At left, iridescent camel and green ribbed v-neck worn with olive drab cotton narrow pants. At right, his shawl-collar pullover with epaulets and self-belt.



The long, lean look — brown and natural, wool and Indian hemp tweed double-breasted jacket over grape linen funnel-neck shirt and deep brown leather jeans. Me & My Lady, Tweed's.

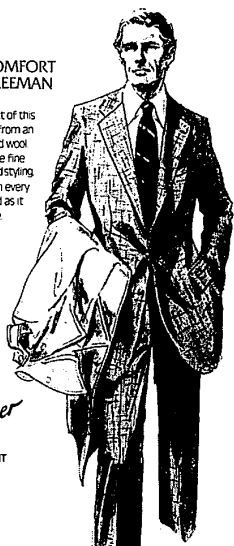
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