

This Spring, energize your Wardrobe

SHED THOSE winter blues. It's time to come out from under your layered clothing and down-filled coats, open your warm-weather valves, so you're ready for a season of exuberance.

It's going to be a high-voltage spring, where individuality prevails. Fashion designers offer options for every type of lifestyle, taste, figure and pocketbook.

If you have great legs, there are plenty of powerful short outfits in bright colors to accent your assets.

If lanky legs aren't your style, you'll find skirt, short, dress and pant lengths stretching from mid-thigh to mid-calf.

No matter what your figure dictates, there is a large array of styles from which to choose. Spring is a time for kinetic dressing, so if you only buy one or two new articles, make them bright and bold so you're guaranteed to kill winter recessionary doldrums.

THE BIG attractions this season reflect deliberate lack of balance of proportion and dissimilarity of color combinations. Architectural,

dramatic and sculptural best describe this season's clothing designs.

There is a large, loose pouf of the blouse on over the skimp skirt. And in contrast, is the close-fitting bodice over a long flounced skirt.

Petticoats, lace insertions, corselet waistbands and hip wraps take the 1980s free woman back to heroines of days gone by. Skirts are full, ruffled, sometimes tiered.

In pants, there are ballerina shorts to Bermudas, knickers, bloomers, clam diggers and enormously full cropped pants. To achieve these electric looks, pants should be full and rounded, not tight.

NATURAL FIBERS of silk, linen, cotton and cotton poplin are prominent. There is also an easy mixture of texture, such as a silk dress wrapped at the hip in suede or a smooth silk skirt topped with a nubby linen jacket.

Suede is the newest spring fabric. Soft, supple and featherweight — suede is showing up in bold colors such as ink blue, emerald green and coral.

Colors are brilliant and rich, natural and

white. Pale, pale pastels are set against white and off-white. Turquoise emerges as the new neutral; black and white, in stripes, in tandem, or each alone, are a must. Red is a sensational new color to go with everything.

Patterns are paired, combining stripes and dots.

HIGH HEELS return for fancy footwear, while flats remain the staple for daytime. Pearlized leather has replaced metallic. Thongs and sophisticated moccasins are the newest additions to be worn with the veined length pants.

Dresses are popping off the back burners and returning as a statement for warm weather dressing. They will be shorter and softer; in knits, woven cottons and silk. When topped with jackets, the newest look is the very long double breasted or copped waist-length jacket.

Spring dressing reflects the contemporary multi-faceted individual of the 80s. With a season full of options, there's sure to be a style or two that will catch your fancy.

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Bury your heavy winter clothing in the closet and exercise your legs so you can get into the power-packed cloths the stores are showing for spring. Warm

weather gear will range from side-zipped sport shorts to peddle pushers (both from Winkelman's) to ballooning knickers (from J.L. Hudson's).



If it's spring it must be suede. The model at the left wears soft supple suede short sleeve top with a split skirt from Linda Dresner, Somerset Mall. At the right, the suede top bears shells dangling from the three-quarter length sleeve topping gabardine slacks from Ray & Ida, Southfield.



Short, cropped jackets are taking top billing this season. This one by Finty is linen, with a cotton sash belt over a linen skirt and is available at Saks Fifth Avenue.



Bathing suits take on a new look by Norma Kamali. This striped one is shown over a Kamali mini-skirt and is available at Mark Keller, Birmingham.



Don't get caught in the rain without a good coverup. The short rain jacket is accented by the long coat with its exaggerated mandarin collar. Both from Saks Fifth Avenue.



Interchangeable pieces are assets to any wardrobe. These Restivo black and white linen and silk pieces can

be mixed and matched for two totally different looks. Available at Saks Fifth Avenue and J.L. Hudson's.