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# Romantic Energy

## Victorian era revised

Call it rustic or romantic.

The new prairie dressing brings back the Victorian era with an added flair.

It used to be that clothes helped insulate the 1890's woman from the cold, but the 1980's woman uses the lacy poetic dresses merely as an enhancement to her personality.

The rustic or prairie style is found in naturals, black, faded denim with red and turquoise accent

colors. The prints are linear and geometric.

When the prairie look is softened and lightened, it resembles romance found on French countrysides. White is the popular color and the fabrics are cotton, dotted swiss, voiles, lace, organza, chiffon, gauze, poplin and seersucker.

The prints are Laura Ashley-inspired and when the skirts are full, they're tiered and topped with lacy/eyelet camisoles.

Both looks are completed with

pearls, turquoise jewelry, concha belts and ankles wrap sandals.

It's a romantic look, with a Western Flair," said Annie Bower, fashion coordinator for Saks Fifth Avenue.

Jan Jurka, general manager of Bonwit Teller in Troy said, "There are lots of aprons and pinafores, creating a flirty, French country feeling. With that feeling comes a lot of white and natural fabrics, and a lot of petticoats."



Hudson's calls this Country Summer, but it could be anyone's rendition of the Victorian era. Here she wears a blouse with a V-yoke, trimmed in ruffles with lego-mitten sleeves. Available in the Nice Girl Like You Shop at J.L. Hudson's stores. Her all-cotton double flounce skirt with lace inserts.

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