

Variety shapes the career look for fall

CAREER WEAR has taken a shapely turn to a more feminine dressing style that can be interpreted in a sportive manner or done up in more decorative styling. The new success clothing is softer, more fitted, and clearly meant for the female form.

The 9-to-5 message doesn't have to be written out to be understood. It's clearly OK to look like a woman again.

Gone are the silly little bows that appen-

ted to the executive tie as women flocked into the business world. In their place, silk or cashmere turtlenecks, the big-shoulder wool challis shirt that does double duty as jacket and blouse.

The shapeless suit has been cropped, lengthened, mixed, matched and pleated into a whole new dimension. Replacing jackets are a whole new array of toppers that give the impression of being covered up and business-like, but exude an aura that is softer and more feminine.

COLLARS HAVE graduated from button-down and uptight to make way for stock ties, jewel necklines, the silk T-shirt, pleated Peter Pans, and the handkerchief scarf. The credo against any ornamentation other than watch and wedding or engagement band has been set aside and replaced with one important piece of antique jewelry.

The urbane wools and cashmeres take new shape this fall. Some are cropped, others wrapped, and still others skim the torso in a

flattering shape. The best looks are without any suggestion of overdressing. Clever design and serious attention to detail make these looks work all day, ideal for fast-track days that go late into the evening.

Fabrics run the gamut from fine wool jersey to leather and the sturdier tweeds. Depending upon how decorative you prefer your clothing, shapes come in an infinite array of variations. But emphasis is on uncomplicated dressing, no matter what time of day you are addressing.

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Liz's newest creations in rich jewel tones could turn out to be your most valuable fashion assets of the coming season. Begin with a silky, front-pleated polyester shirt, \$60. Add the thick, nubby V-neck vest with brass buttons, \$65, and the beautiful swing of a pleated wool plaid skirt, \$95, from Better Sportswear. Polish the look with Liz Claiborne Accessories. The criss-cross textured leather belt, \$27. Glazed leather shoulder bag in a sunburst design, \$55. Lush silk scarf bordered in new-again paisley, \$20. And the ultra-sheer dot pantyhose, \$6. In Fashion Accessories.

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Soft shades of gray over black (right) shapes this complementary grouping of separates by Bette Appel. Jacket, T-shirt and trumpet skirt will be available in September.



Midriff-shaping white wool jersey dress with eased raglan sleeves and jewel neckline exemplifies the new, dress-for-success clothing. By DiNuovo, \$181. Rosalie.

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