

Styling reforms result in a quest for options



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Spring '94 — It's the season of the slip dress, drawstring pants, cropped tops, long sarongs, shirt jackets, minimalist tunics, naughty schoolgirl

■ 'Spring '94 epitomizes soft, modern dressing with simplicity being the key to the season.'

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tion. The season where designers take the "Clinton view of fashion" and offer "everything for everybody," taking care of everyone's individual needs.

From athletics to elegance; micro-skirt to long over long; transparent to layer over layer; pure innocence to bare decadence; it's all here . . . leaving out only the green surgical scrubs and Army fatigues.

Everything is new and change is bountiful. Whatever your lifestyle, whatever your mood, you are sure to find spring '94 a fashion adventure

to remember and optimistically an added boost to our nation's economic recovery.

Soft and feminine

From the ethereal white and gentle neutral colors to the sheer transparent fabrics and fluid silhouettes, the buzzwords this spring are "soft and feminine."

"Our spring collection exudes a fresh new feminine feel that is soft, easy and unconfined. Styling is loose, languid and drapery, nothing is structured," reports Deirdre Corcoran and Joanne Renner of Episode, which has a local shop at The Somerset Collection in Troy.

The new attitude of "downsizing" together with Hollywood's "Age of Innocence" has put a softer focus on fashion, emphasizing innocence and the new age of femininity.

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Prep school classic: Shirts go very short as designer Donna Karen opts for the naughty schoolgirl style. Relaxed tailoring in navy wool crepe blazer, \$395, and cotton stripe shirt with detailed pique collar and French cuffs, \$125, wool crepe wrap skirt, \$185. At Lord & Taylor, Twelve Oaks Mall, Novi.

White hot: The age of innocence and femininity romances the season. White cotton daisy appliqued bustier, \$200, is young and fresh with a crepe peasant pant, \$160, topped with a crepe tunic vest, \$150. At Tender, Birmingham.



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