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Sport

The world's fascinations with the Winter Olympics and this summer's World Soccer Cup have taken athletic styling to the streets. Designers join in the games with little white-pleated tennis skirts teamed with heels and soccer-inspired pants, mini-dresses, tanks and shorts accented with side stripe detailing on fabrics of cotton and shiny Lycra.

Simplicity (minimalists)

"Spring '94 epitomizes soft, modern dressing with simplicity being the key to the season," says Carol Benderoff of Roz & Sherin, Bloomfield Hills.

Uncomplicated silhouettes and simple lines focus strong attention on important fabrics such as silk, linens and crinkled gauze. An important message of nature and serenity features Calvin Klein on the

cutting edge of simplistic styling.

"The minimalist approach to spring dressing is creating a much-needed calming effect in the fashion world," says Hank Sinkel of Liz Claiborne.

Short (and long)

The hottest news of the season: micro-mini skirts, short trench coats, shorter shorts and short belly-button-exposing crop tops.

"I believe the centrifugal force or focal point this season is the midriff," says M. J. Burns of Hudson's. "The midriff will be wrapped, tied, puckered and exposed in short cropped tops."

Vests, tunics, pants, jackets, shirts, skirts and dresses go short or long. Layering short over long, long over short, and every combination imaginable.

"When A/X Armani Exchange moves beyond basics, the cut is loose, the length, long and slightly layered. Oversized shirt, wider legged pant, long Nehru and banded collar jackets," reports the offices of Giorgio Armani in

New York.

Shirt (The great white)

Transparent and sheer or crisp and tailored, the great white shirt returns another season to be worn over a tank or a tee (as a jacket), layered under a vest, jacket or standing alone.

Summit conference

Global affairs have designers looking around the world. Indian sarong skirts, Oriental mandarin jackets, Greek goddess togas and even a major salute to the USA brought about a strong trend of nautical blues and stripes this season. African and ethnic inspired prints and one-of-a-kind wooden jewelry will add a primitive, earth-tone dimension to our wardrobe.

Silver and shine

"The big news of the season is shine," reports Marcia Connor of Neiman Marcus at The Somerset Collection, Troy. "The pale silver, translucent ruinwear at Donna Karan, bold silver leather mini

skirts and motorcycle jackets at Anna Sui and the pale flesh-colored charmeuse tanks at Calvin Klein will be shining trends for spring '94. The gleam of silver is seen on shoes, high-heeled strappy sandals, as well as flat thongs and ankle-wrapped Grecian sandals."

Slip dress

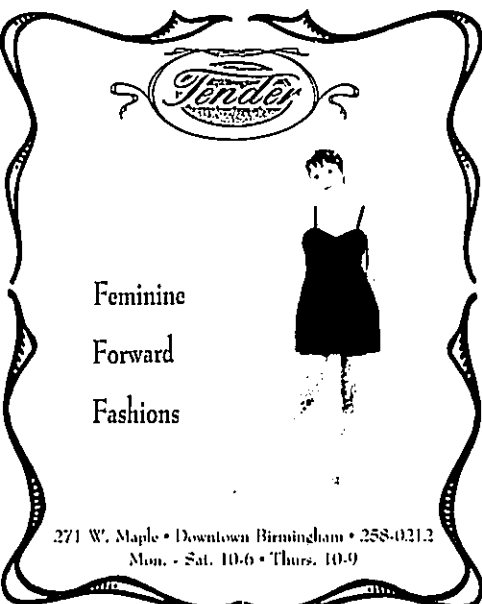
"One of the most significant trends for spring is the slip dress," says Cheryl Hall of Saks Fifth Avenue.

For day, layer over a white cotton tee. For evening, the bias-cut, neutral-color silk slip dress personifies the glamorous retro-look of the silver screen."

Soliloquy

"The newness and individuality is in the way you put it together. . . slip pants under a dress, let shirt tails hang down and cleverly pile on layers," suggests Janice Hayes, Jacobson's public relations director.

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