

Bits and pieces unite for fall

By MARY CONNELLY

During the '60s a national rock group soared to the top of the record charts crooning, "I'm in pieces, bits and pieces."

Echoing that sentiment via your wardrobe is a good idea for fall. But dressing in bits and pieces, or separates, is not a mix-and-match proposition.

Unifying accessories such as long mufflers and monochromatic color schemes suggest a look described by the New York Couture Business Council as "inseparable separates."

Separates this fall are pulled together into two and three-piece suits or coat ensembles.

IN THE ADELE Simpson fall collection shown at Jacobson's in Birmingham recently, softly shaped velvet jackets were paired with hipline-lean skirts and blouses with neckline ties.

Muffler-wrapped coats topped below-the-knee skirts in daytime and dinner ensembles.

For those who more boldly express themselves with clothes, designers offer long capes to swirl over skirts or belted jackets paired with above-the-knee skirts.

Leathers and tweeds are strong fall offerings. Another is velvet cut into dinner suits and coat ensembles.

Simpson showed printed velveteen in wine-cellar red shaped into a soft skirt and jacket wrapped with a thin gold chain at the waist. The duo was underscored with a gold-flecked chiffon blouse closed with a neckline tie.

The collection also offered a printed velveteen coat ensemble.

Another variation suggested by New York this fall is the teaming of velveteen with tweed. In one collection a tweed wrap-skirt is topped by a satin shirt and velveteen Paisley printed shawl-collared jacket.



Paisley-printed velveteen teamed with tweed



Gold belted velveteen suit from Adele Simpson (Photographed by Douglas Bauman)



Adele Simpson's muffler-wrapped coat ensemble



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