

Maternity wear gets new style

By CHRISTINE WALDEN

Five years ago maternity fashions could be spotted a mile away. They were frumpy, almost sloppy and usually a far cry from fashion trends.

But that's all changed now. In fact, a few years ago there was a short-lived rage for the poof, a device that made non-pregnant women look pregnant.

Since then, maternity fashions have become fashionable.

"In designing the clothes we do anything from looking at regular lines and adapting or just extending ideas," said Jim Fuller, fashion coordinator and designer for Page Boy maternity fashions.

Fuller, recently at the Page Boy shop at Somerset Mall, added "Rather than following trends by a

season or two, we stay right with the fashions."

NOW MATERNITY clothes offer more than room. Up-to-date fabrics, styles and sophistication add new glamour to the pregnant woman.

"Fabrics are more adaptable," said Fuller. "We never glorified the stomach and we always stayed from clinging fabrics. But now we are using them."

And they look good. One design for night sparkles across the bust line and flows into bat-wing sleeves and full-length gown. Another evening pajama features full-legged pants and halter top for comfort and sophistication.

In no area is style lacking, from a big look pants suit to a jumper dress to a fake fur evening cape.

Colors are bright, from emerald green, bright reds, bold plaids or creamy camels.

AND ACCORDING to Fuller, the clothes can be worn for the length of the pregnancy.

"Hopefully a woman will control her diet," he said. "We allow for normal growth by subtly building in extra fabric. A woman can look good throughout her pregnancy, up until the ninth month. Then it's very rare when a woman looks really good, they usually start to retire then."



Maternity fashions are becoming elegant at night (Photographed by Douglas Bauman)



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All four lectures in the series begin at 11 a.m. in Northland Theater, followed by a celebrity luncheon in Southfield's new Michigan Inn.

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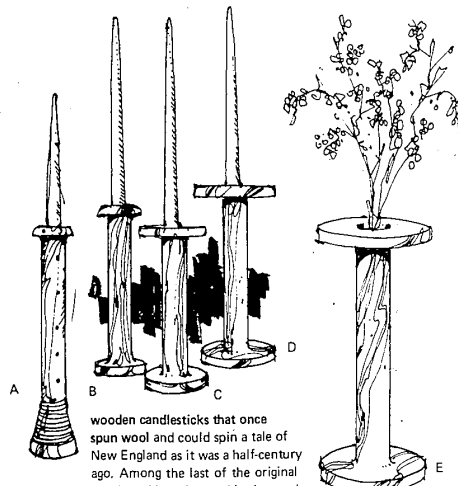
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