

Streamlined, no gimmicks

Line suited for active women

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A spring fashion parade of chemises and oversized skirts can get rather ho-hum. And just when it seems there is little else to choose from, along comes Sibley-

Coffee and the line of classic, sophisticated and definitely individual design.

The collection, recently at Saks, defers that big, full look of most spring collections. Instead, it pro-

vides a refined, young look for the coming season and without a single gimmick.

The ensembles are for the active women. Because of their simplicity and inherent good looks, they require little fuss, either in the wearing of them or the accessorizing.

Further, from morning to night, a streamlined look keeps the line in shape.

Consider the suit. Shown in navy, a single breasted coat features a large sailor collar, detail in top stitching, and small but noticeable pockets. It covers a high collared and bowed white silk blouse matched against a navy skirt.

ANOTHER SUIT follows the same line but the coat wraps instead of buttons. The sailor collar is still in evidence as is the matching skirt and blouse.

The variation on a theme continues as the sailor collar appears again as a pullover top for pants. But there is more to the collection than anchors away.

A raincoat, in caramel color and oversized, features dropped shoulders, turned up sleeves, a mandarin collar, a long row of tiny but-

tons and belt. It's a great coat even when it's sunny.

In less structured styling, evening wear is soft in silks, chiffons, ruffles and varied prints.

A two-piece evening ensemble brings to mind a summer garden as a white background comes alive with brightly colored flowers.

THE HIGH collared and bowed blouse receives added gentleness with puffed sleeves and a gathered waist. The blouse goes over a simple, ankle-length skirt.

Ruffles come into play with a long evening dress in a brown print. Its v-neck is edged with ruffles, as is the hemline.

A more dramatic look comes with a bright red, green, purple and blue chiffon coat over a simple and unadorned matte jersey gown.

And for the pants wearer, it's basic black and white when white silk again appears over black pants.

The collection is refreshing in that it appeals to almost every age. You don't have to be young, 5'8" and 95 pounds to wear the clothes.

Because they are sophisticated, well stated and not flamboyant, they are ageless and adaptable.



Sibley-Coffee design the go-anywhere suit for the active woman (Photo graphed by Douglas Bauman)



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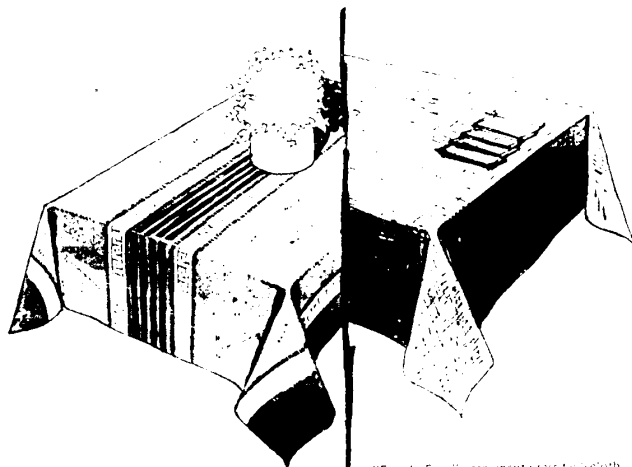
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