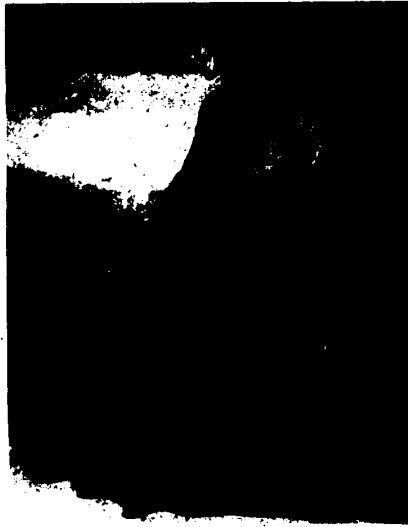




Geoffrey Beene transforms raw silk into the season's most unusual big skirt.



Tiers of silk taffeta matched with matte jersey provide drama.

Good enough to buy

Beene designs—exciting, unusual



Gabardine wraps up rainy spring days.

By CHRISTINE WALDEN
If you're already bored with Spring '75, take a look at the Geoffrey Beene collection and you'll find clothes you can't live without, almost.

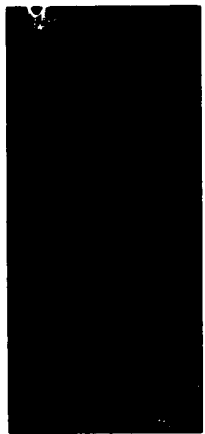
With by far the most unusual collection of the season, Beene's designs, recently at Saks, are not only refreshing but highly imaginative.

Consider his evening wear. A black gown buttons up in a shirt like manner yet the cut is soft and feminine. Beene adds interest with a horizontal shocking pink and green stripe across the back. But it isn't just any stripe, it runs full length from cuff to cuff. Following a similar color scheme and design line, Beene applies pink and green again to black, this time with ribbons that flow across the back and down the sleeves. The ribbons don't just end however, they continue off the fabric and dangle from the sleeve.

IN A COMPLETELY different turn, taffeta arrives looking better than ever. A full skirt, with three rows of gathers all one color, is matched with a skinny tank top. The look is fabulous, and he does it again alternating the gathers in pink, green and black. Beene's chemise is definitely different from others. Its dropped waist drops into a series of pleats and contrasts in color with the top of the gown.

In swirling shakles of blue chiffon, femininity peaks. The dress, perhaps reminiscent of tent styling, is light as air and flows with every movement.

While the evening line continues, his daytime ensembles are equally stunning. Double-faced wool gabardine in red and white stripes or blue and white stripes is



Tunic and pants combine for a casual spring.

the basis for his big coat with sloped shoulders, rounded collar and truly feminine lines.

He matches it with the unusual in pants suits and dresses bearing industrial zippers, pockets or just excellent lines.

SILK LINEN for day comes in the form of a gathered skirt, matched with a blouse and its own shawl. The skirt is uniquely gathered and is consequently fitted not only at the waist but below.

If all that isn't enough, Beene has taken what you sleep on and put it into a coat. Quilted mattress ticking somehow looks luxurious, especially when matched with a baby blue evening pyjama.

The collection is dynamic and Beene has done what others must—create clothes that are fashionable, exciting and good enough to buy.

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