

Fashionably

'76 raingear keeps you drip dry

Even though April showers bring May flowers, you'll be a drowned blossom if you don't cover up in the best spring hat to offer.

In recent years, raingear has become a fashion unto itself and some of the season's best looks are the ones that are worn when it's wet.

Slack, slim and water-resistant raingear combines creative know-how with technology to come up with raincoats, slicks, boots and even umbrellas that look good whether skies are clear or cloudy.

Calvin Klein leaves up the reader for rainy weather in a cotton blend with a smooth finish. Double-breasted with patch pockets, the coat is a classic and really goes all weathers, day or night.

KLEIN ALSO freshens the foreign intrigue trench with a rubberized cotton gabardine, adding interest with deep armbands and epaulettes.

John Anthony, too, designed his share of raingear, pairing pants and jackets that keep the rain out all over.

A crunched waist sets the style for a couple of his designs, including a safari-styled, cotton gabardine raincoat with flap pockets and distinct tailoring.

In the same mode, Anthony crinkles the waist of a cotton gabardine coat, which is a longer version of the short safari jacket. Anne Klein and Company also came up with good looking rain gear, including wet

looks and rubberized jackets for men and a collection of great umbrellas.

WHAT DESIGNERS DON'T do seasons after seasons, including lots of wet looks that stay that way even when it's dry. The coats come in all shapes, styles and colors from sleek, double-breasted versions to those that are belted and belted with a bit of a swing.

The wet look fabrics also show up in pantsuits.

Of course, even the greatest looking raincoat isn't complete without a hat for your head. Again, there's plenty to choose from other than those horrid plastic wrappers that fold into a little pouch.

Instead, try a small, salt-brimmed cloche. Or use a waterproof spray on your favorite hat (except straw).

There are also wider brimmed, but still head-bugging hats designed specifically for the rain in a rubberized fabric.

If you're worried that a hat will mess your hair, think what the rain will do and then consider a colorful raincoat!

Finally, if you can't stand putting anything at all on your head, the case for the umbrella is not to open and shut. The selections are so varied, from beige canvas with wooden accents to flowered versions that brighten even the darkest day, that you may have a hard time deciding. Whatever, get it all together and then, what else, pray for rain.



The foreign intrigue by Calvin Klein

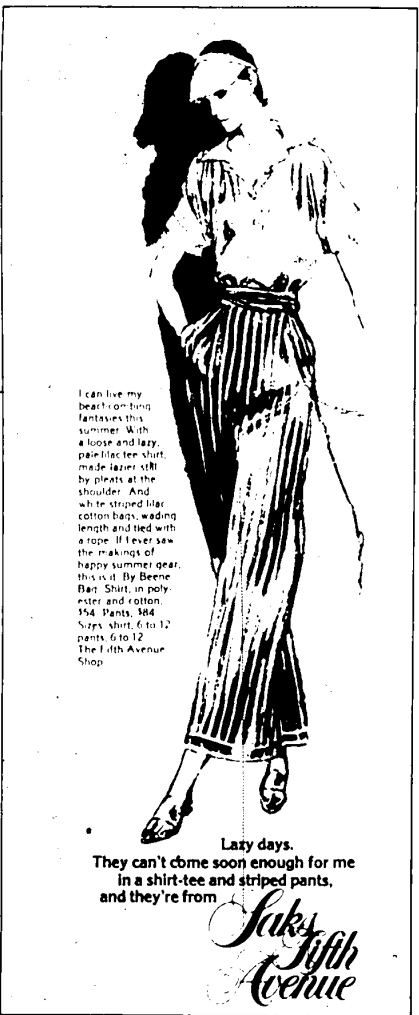


John Anthony designs the rainsuit for jungle weather



Calvin Klein designs the reeler coat for rain. (Coats pictured available at Saks Fifth Avenue)

a la mode



I can live my beach-on-land fantasies this summer. With a loose and lazy, pair-flaunt shirt, made-lazier still by pleats at the shoulder. And white-striped-lilac cotton bags, wading length and tied with a tope. If I ever saw the makings of happy summer gear, this is it. By Beene Bag: Shirt, in polyester and cotton. \$54. Pants, \$64. Sizes shirt, 6 to 12; pants, 6 to 12. The 14th Avenue Shop.

Lazy days. They can't come soon enough for me in a shirt-tee and striped pants, and they're from

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