

## More essentials

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and a minimum of bulges can look very presentable in one.

**SKIRTS**—One good one can do a lot of different things. Ms. Rosenberg suggests a skirt that doubles as a strapless dress. Carol Horn makes one that falls into this category.

In lieu of that, a well-tailored skirt at a length that is good for you will be a good investment for years to come and is easily paired with T-shirts, blouses, jackets and vests.

**TUNICS**—Perhaps the easiest of spring's essentials, the tunic is a multi-purpose garment going it alone as a dress or worn over pants for a more casual look. The fabric is the key to the garment's versatility, e.g., silk is beautiful, but it doesn't go everywhere. Striped cotton poplin, on the other hand, can fill a multitude of roles.

**PANTS**—No matter what, pants will never go out of style, and Ms. Rosenberg recommended purchasing the best pair you can afford. After all, they go with everything from silky blouses to casual T-shirts.

**BLAZERS**—These tailored tops are both updates and classics this season. If you have the cash buy the best, they're garments that

will stay around for years to come. As a matter of fact, they've already been around a few seasons.

**JEANS**—The elevation of jeans to the fashion level makes them an essential purchase, but be sure to buy a pair that fits properly and has an uncluttered design. Zippers, buttons and special stitching only date these garments and really don't add anything special.

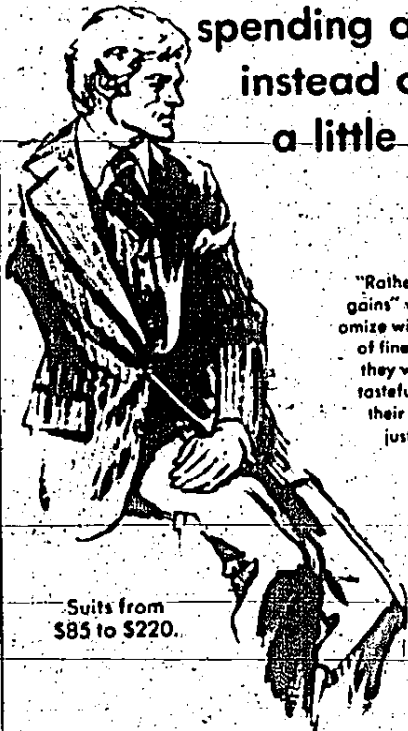
Jeans are basically everyday apparel and just as good at the office with a terrific silk blouse as they are at home with a T-shirt.

**COATS**—The simpler they are, the better. They maintain the classic look. An all-purpose, well-constructed raincoat will look as good over blue jeans and T-shirts as it will over an evening ensemble.

If you don't break down spring's basic looks, you will never get beyond confusion, as each listed category contains a realm of styles. The point is, you only need one shirt, not one of each style. Further, you may not need a shirt at all if you work in a factory by day and ride horses at night. Consider your lifestyle, and the clothes that fit the life you live.

Put the factory on a list, set up a budget, and stick to your guns.

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