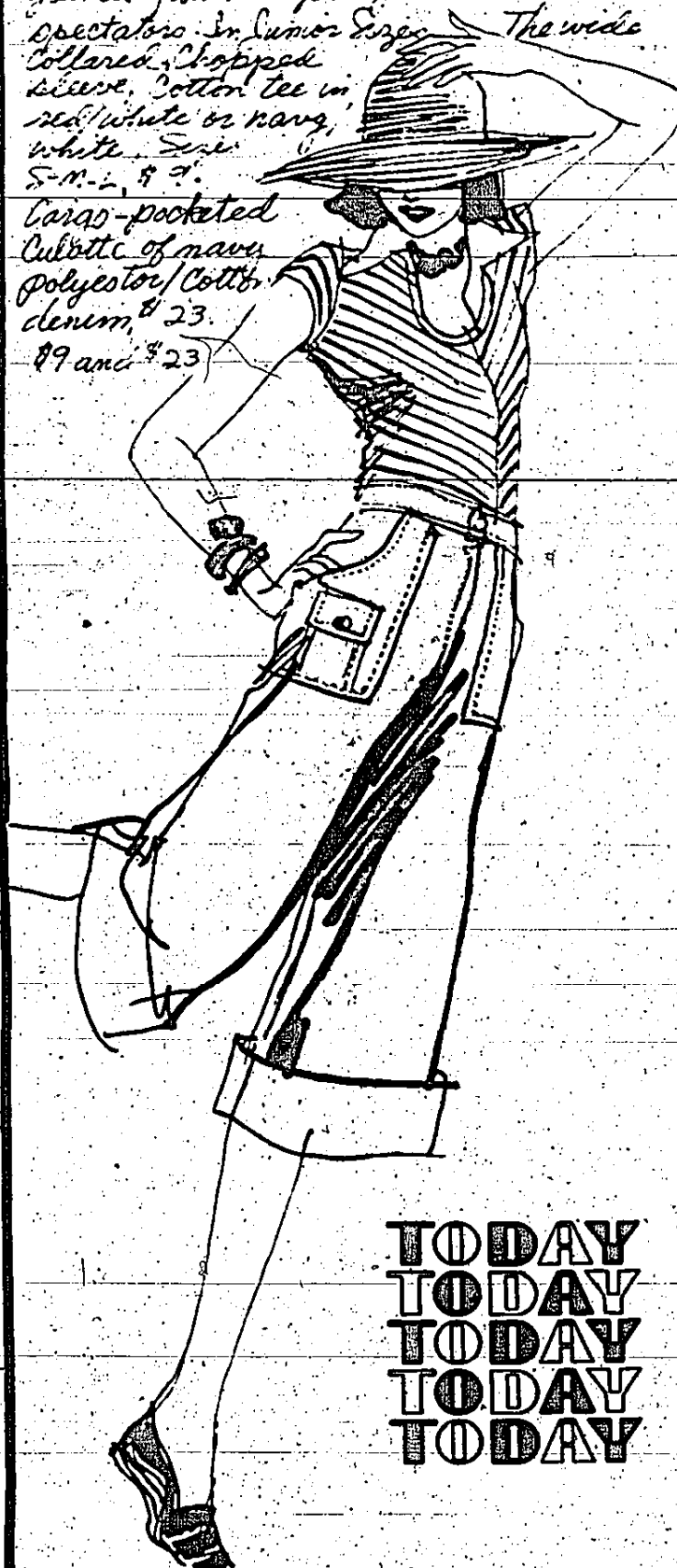


Our inter-stripped tee shirt and culled denim jumpsuit. Super in their own separate ways. Absolute dynamite as a duo. Two great new looks to win you admiring glances from the spring and summer spectators. In Junior Sizes. The wide collared, chopped sleeve, cotton tee in red/white or navy/white. Size S-M-L, \$9.

Cargo-pocketed Culotte of navy polyester/cotton denim, #23.

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Essentially fashionable

In the 1700s there was hardly a need for a good jumpsuit, and women's wearing walking shorts certainly would have set our founding fathers on their heels.

But, even then, American women sniffed out the latest European fashions. Letters home were laden with questions regarding dress and attire: Southern belles ordered, and waited a year for gowns from Europe, as Northern ladies scoured New York docks looking for ships loaded with Europe's latest fabrics.

If there is comfort in looking back, it's noting that the good old days were not frustration-free either. A wardrobe essential in 1720 meant one good dress that would last for years.

The problem then was too little fashion.

Today, women are confronted with too much.

Be it technology, increased leisure time or perhaps larger closets, fashion choices are endless. Because our lives have vastly changed from the days of milking cows and sewing circles, our clothing needs have expanded. Consequently, a big "e" must be added to the once singular word "essential," and survival in the fashion world now de-

pends on one's self awareness of what works for him or her with an ability to sort out looks, styles, fabrics and price tags to fit the individual.

The key to success in spring '76 is carefully choosing wardrobe pieces upon which you can build. A closet containing neutral colors and classic styles is easily updated with new accessories and one or two basic garments. If you've never had that kind of wardrobe, this is a good time to start.

The following list, compiled by Saks Fifth Avenue Fashion coordinator Brenda Rosenberg, outlines some of the best looks that will still be around after the season passes.

JUMPSUITS.—These are plentiful, and for good reason. Dress them up or down with shirts, T-shirts, jewelry and shoes.

Consider the fabric and how much wear and tear it can take. A silk jumpsuit might be terrific for evening, but it won't go to the office; a nice cotton poplin jumpsuit can go just about anywhere.

However, it shouldn't go anywhere if the wearer has huge hips and a bad body. Don't think you have to be rail thin to wear a jumpsuit, though. A person with some shape

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