

Country Peasant outfits are pleasantly priced



By SUSAN TAUBER KLEIN

It's old news that the peasant look is the most popular look to achieve this summer. But they often have to pay city-slicker prices to resemble the country peasant.

The news is that there's a store in Rochester where women can get the country-style appearances they want without investing much money in what may be a "can" look this year but a "can't" next summer.

The Seventh House at 412 N. Main has only been open for business for one month, but already it is attracting people with its clothes from India.

The cotton gauze Indian styles look like the American peasant clothes.

The owner of the Seventh House, M.A. Cheema, said she sells most of her clothes to other stores where the prices are marked up three times. But he is able to offer the same clothes for much lower prices.

FOR INSTANCE, he has long and short Indian wrap skirts priced at \$19.95 and \$11.95 respectively. Short cotton gauze skirts and tops are \$9.95 each and peasant dresses are \$19.95.

Gauze doesn't have to be plain. This matching skirt and midriff-baring top has a checked look.



Hand-made lace complements many of the Indian blouses. The material of the Indian clothes can either be a sheer cotton gauze like the blouse to the left or a heavier cotton like the blouse and slacks above. Whichever you purchase, the cotton will be cool and comfortable in the summer.

Where It's At

By JUDY SOLOMON

Of cabbages and things

It's the new look for your home, and Jan Hertel and Jan Bagley of The Talented Trio will make them up for you or, if you prefer, teach you to make them yourself. These great-looking arrangements consist of colorful papier-mache fruits and vegetables from Taiwan nestled in interesting containers such as wicker baskets, berry baskets, skillets, wooden salad bowls or what have you. They can be combined with silk or dried flowers plus a variety of ribbon bow trims. Talented Trio, 647-7923.

A la carte

Panache is chock-full of beautiful one-of-a-kind decorative objects and accessories dating from the Art Nouveau (1880 to 1905) and Art Deco (1910 to 1930) periods, and everything they have is imported directly from France. Some of the things you'll find are art glass pins and barrettes; enameled pill and snuff boxes; cuff links, tie bars, cigarette cases and compacts; porcelain coffee and dessert sets; crystal vases, stemware, decanters and serving pieces. Incidentally, if you're into crystal, you'll be fascinated by the clear, colored, enameled and acid-cut crystal pieces that are on display. Panache, 32751 Franklin Road, Franklin, 855-1180.

A tisket, a tasket

A green and yellow basket of 12 cocktail napkins arranged like a flower bouquet and costing \$12, would be a delightful gift to bestow upon a weekend hostess, dinner hostess, new bride, anniversary couple or even yourself. Made from the ever-popular Lilly print fabrics, the napkins are available in a wide range of color combinations. They are 65 per cent polyester, 35 per cent cotton and, best of all, require no ironing.

Lilly Pulitzer, 51 W. Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills, 645-1790.

Togetherness

Everything might not be up to date in Kansas City but it certainly is at Fancy This. The shop prides itself in stocking whatever is hot or going to be "in" and, in one fell swoop, you can be outfitted, accessorized and made-up. Owner Betsy Davis will help you choose from a huge selection of American and European sportswear which she sells at a 20 per cent discount from the regular department. Renzo Silver and Gail Smiler stock fashion costumes, inexpensive 14K gold antique head and porcelain jewelry. Last, but certainly not least, at Rhonda's Make-up Center, Rhonda Weiss will teach you how to update your makeup and how to take care of your skin, using a minimum amount of time and products.

Fancy This, 28229 Northwestern, Southfield, 337-5555.

One couture feature of the Indian clothes is the hand-embroidery and hand-made lace on many of the blouses. One of the prettiest and most popular blouses in the shop has a scooped neckline with hand-made lace demurely sewn in front so the wearer can wear nothing underneath and not look naked.

The billowing sleeved blouse costs \$11.95 and yet looks expensive. Worn with a skirt of any length, a woman will look as though she has just come back from a romantic walk in the garden.

A long wrap skirt and short wrap blouse outfit bares the midriff for those who want to wear the peasant look to the office. The Seventh House has several hand-embroidered blouses to wear with the gauze wrap skirts.

For a look of real flair, you can buy tightly woven cotton pants that wrap and tie at the ankle and button up the front for \$8. The full-legged pants resemble harem pants. They look real sporty when matched with an \$11.95 blue-and-white striped, hand-embroidered top.

The clothes are made mostly in Pakistan where the women don't wear ready-made clothing. They either make their own clothes or wear the traditional saris, said Cheema. He said the clothes he sells are made for exports to America and Europe.

"I THINK the clothes are popular because they are made of cotton, have the natural look and are cool in the summer," Cheema said.

He said most people buy a size larger than they usually wear because the cotton shrinks slightly when washed. Many of the clothes can be bought by both sexes.

Although Cheema is selling lightweight clothing now, in the winter he will sell clothes made from heavy cotton.

Feminine peasant dresses are for walking through the wild flowers or for dining under candlelight.

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ton, sheepskin coats and gift items such as bamboo chairs, baskets, and bedsheets. He sells jewelry and purses in his shop now.

Cheema said he named the store the Seventh House because in astrology it is the relationship house. "It means having nice relations with

other human beings."

"When I came to America in 1972, I didn't have any money. I met H.D. Anderson from the Continental Market. He was so nice to me, he loaned me so I could start my business. I wanted to thank him and his secretary, Jo Berlinger, for being so wonderful to me," he said.



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