

LOOKING INTO FALL

THE COLORS:
DUSTY MAUVES, DARK
RAISINS, SUPER NEUTRALS

THE PRINTS:
EUROPEAN FLORALS &
PAISLEYS



THE TEXTURES:
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Watch your step, feet make big news

No longer will the consumer be able to say, "There isn't a shoe or boot I like," because the key word for fall and winter foot fashion is variety.

Whether you like five-inch high heels, three-inch mid heels or flat heels, there will be a heel for you. Whether you like modified sandals, ultra-feminine pumps, or tailored loafers, you're right in style.

Boots are available to the top of the thigh, to the calf or just to the top of your ankle. There are dressy boots, disco boots and even warm, cuddly boots.

What you will find, that may be a cold surprise, are shoes and boots in cool shades—ice, clay, off-white, and celery green.

"The muted shades will be popular for fall. Clay and ice are the number one colors in Europe to wear with sheer white hosiery," said Roz Becker, co-

owner of Roz and Sherm Beckers in Bloomfield Plaza and Somerset Mall.

"The woman who buys off white is the one who is very knowledgeable about fashion," she said.

THAT PREDICTION also holds true for men, according to Jamie Marks. Bone shoes for fall are the same bone shoes you can wear year round.

Men's shoes, according to the manager at Clabattino, cover a wider range of looks than ever, just like their female counterparts. They also have a nostalgic look to them.

Stores are stocking low vamp silk lace-up tuxedo shoes, penny loafers, black patents with anything from pointed to extremely square toes, t-straps to wear with cashmere socks, boots with high Cuban heels and pointed toes, and the traditional desert boot. This year's boot, however, will

have a sheath that men will be able to attach to the boot for a different look on the leg as well as on the foot.

There are so many styles for both men and women that experts are having trouble predicting what look will be the most popular. But according to Ms. Becker, Marks, and Stephan Cowins, assistant manager of shoes at Hattie's, the winner for women is the feminine shoe.

"There's a definite style for everything, for work, for dinner, for dancing," said Cowins.

"But it's a feminine year—even the flat heel looks feminine with stockings. And just because the shoes are coming with high heels, doesn't mean other heels are out."

There are low, thick heeled shoes with peek-a-boo toes and a bow in front that are unmistakably feminine. There are also five-inch sandals with a back vamp and ankle strap of rhinestones. Pumps have scalloped edges. Loafers are of soft leathers or suedes with high riding vamps and tassels. And there's an evening mule in pewter for the woman who feels like being a bit of a tease.

BOOTS THIS YEAR will not be worn just in the snowy outdoors. They

are too pretty to hide, made from leathers that look ready to melt and suedes that are hard to resist.

"Boots carry the weight of the broad-shouldered clothes," said a New York representative from Shoe Biz. "They are being made from soft, directional leathers that can be squashed down or worn way up."

The new look in boots, of course, is the ankle boot or ghillie. They aren't just meant to be worn with slacks. These you team up with hosiery and skirts. There are jodhpur boots with metal tailored touches, boots that ruffle when tied at the ankle, and boots that lace up the way grandmother's did.

"There's always the simple boot with the high sleek heel," said Ms. Becker. "Women won't just buy one boot. There are so many different styles and colors."

So if you're going boot and shoe shopping for fall, don't go with a predetermined idea of what you're going to come home with. This is the year to look at all the alternatives before you make your selections, and chances are you'll return for the ones you may have passed up.

-by Susan Tauber

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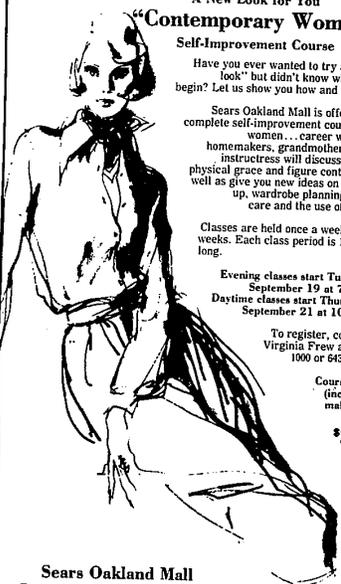
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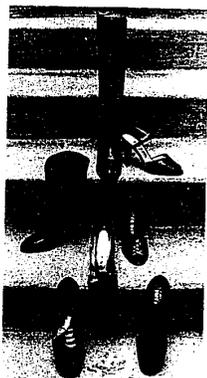
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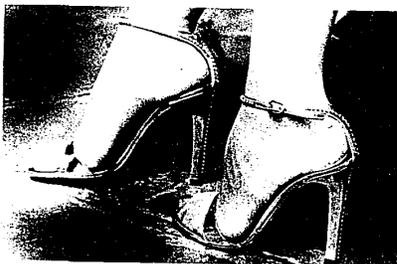
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From ripple soled Oxfords to tall boots and sandals, there are designs this year that will suit every mood. Reminiscent of the Hollywood era are the black satin closed heel and toe pumps with rosette trim. Shoe Biz, Hattie's Inc., Birmingham.



Five-inch sandals will have ankle straps engraved with rhinestones to glitter your way through the evening into the early morning. Rhinestones also glitter their way into more tailored shoes to add pizzazz to blazers, kilts, and cashmeres. Roz and Sherm's, Troy and Bloomfield Plaza.



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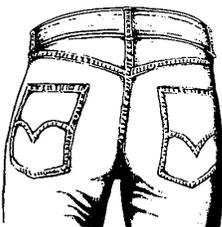
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