

Simply marvelous



Albert Nipon's summer evenings borrow touches from bygone eras. White cotton voile piped in black horsehair from one era, dropped torso and ruffled portrait neckline are from another, \$440. (Photo by Stephen Cantrell)

Albert Nipon's Thoroughbred for summer evenings will borrow a horsehair trimmed portrait collar from one era and an elongated torso from another.

Although for a period Nipon ceased designing long dresses, he said, "I've gone back to them by popular demand. Women want to look lovely, and elegant, again."

Since 1972, he has resisted the whims of fashion to follow his own belief in simple, well-made dresses, he added. Nipon designs, which retail for \$200 to \$450, are now worn by some of the best-known, most-often photographed women in America, including

First Lady Nancy Reagan and former First Lady Rosalyn Carter.

Although it is completely out of character — Nipon resisted making pants when they were in the heyday — he includes a cotton jumpsuit in his spring-summer line this year. But, just one.

Nipon designs, distinguished by tucks, demure white collars, cuffs and large "pussy cat" bows, are sold by most major retailers across the country who cater to women who demand quality in addition to fashion.

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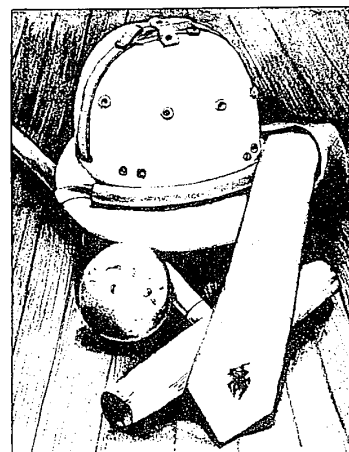
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