



DESIGNER DAVID CRYSTAL zips a pebble'd double knit and brightens it with white for a most versatile go everywhere dress. Dacron double knit in navy or pink with white, it is being featured at Minerva's Dunning's in Plymouth. The price, approximately \$46.



HAVE A WHIRL in the twirliest skirt ... this dinner dress in raspberry and white pebble print polyester goes from suitcase to a night on the town without a wrinkle. Available at Hudson's, Himelhoch's and Jacobson's at about \$145.

## Hints For Packing:

### Travel Time Becomes Fun Time With Spring's Easy-Care Fashions

Travel Time! And the whole world is just a jet away. Today there are attractive tours to meet every budget and taste. Where you go will depend on what you're seeking.

Whatever the goal, today's wise traveler knows she needs a wardrobe that's flexible enough to see her through many changes.

**PLANNING A VACATION** wardrobe is easy if you plan it around knits. They pack easily, don't wrinkle, are light and easy to wear, and they're fashion-right too.

The trends for spring and summer in polyester knits express the new fashion mood, one that's ideal for the traveler, with its emphasis on versatility and clean-cut good looks.

It's a classic mood, but feminine in pretty colors that revolve around bright pinks ... colors like apricot, green, blue ... newer than the baby pastels.

It's the shirt, in every form, from shirt jackets in polyester to the star of the season, the shirt dress.

It's a new kind of soft, easy fit often shown by drawstring waists, on jackets or dresses.

It's wide-legged pants, sometimes with high rise waistband, or with loops for one or more belts.

It's the soft top ... balancing out legfullness ... in little cropped blouson jackets, shirt jackets, drawstring blouses, soft feminine blouses.

It's the big put-together

coordinating pants, a jacket, a skirt, a little body top.

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It's swimwear with cover-ups that stand on their own ... as sportswear, as loungewear, as go-to-town wear.

How to pack them?

Shoes go in heel to toe, placed at bottom of the case next to hinges. Odd shaped articles also go at bottom.

**LINGERIE SHOULD BE** folded lengthwise in thirds, then rolled and placed in bottom of case to help cushion small items.

Dresses, suits, pant-suits go to top, packed in the fold-and-cushion way,

which means that each fabric fold is cushioned by the fold of another fabric.

Give cosmetics special attention. Liquids should be transferred to plastic containers, and preferably placed in a plastic-lined case. Don't fill liquid containers to the top -- leave a little space to compensate for changes in atmosphere.

## Pants, Pants, More Pants . . . So Come One, Come All!



One of the newer kinds of specialty stores around abounds in pants, pants, pants.

Stack after stack of denims, knits and jeans -- blue and otherwise, mostly otherwise -- greet the shopper. Placed on the shelf according to waist and length size, finding the pair for -- at least size-wise -- is relatively easy.

**PANTS STORES** are not generally for men or for women. They are unisex. According to Dave Kramer, manager of "The Trouser Trunk" on Grand River in Farmington, the men and women who come into his store are divided about 50/50. "I wouldn't be a bit surprised to see that percentage go higher in favor of the women," Kramer said.

At "The Pants Place" on Farmington Road in Farmington, manager Bob Mercer maintains that the merchandise his store carries caters to anyone

between the ages of six and 80, with the possible exception of the older woman who might wear only a certain style of dress pant.

Although pants stores do specialize in below-the-waist fashion, customer demand prompted some to put in a line of men's tops, which the women also buy. Cotton shirts, pullovers, sweater vests and some jackets and blazers can now be bought despite the fact that the store name may say "Pants," "trousers" or "jeans." Belts and watch bands may also be featured.

Speaking of the "pants movement" in general, Mercer believes "it's something that will get stronger before it gets weaker." And, he feels his store is versatile enough that if men start wearing skirts, "we'll carry skirts even if we have to change our name."

**THE PEOPLE** at "Pants Galore" headquarters in Livonia also feel that pants are here to stay. They opened their first store early in 1971, and 25 months later they have grown to 18 outlets in Michigan and California.

"We saw the trend coming," Dave McKenna, managerial coordinator for the stores, modestly put forth. "Women are just more comfortable in a pair of pants for their average activities."

"Pants Galore" differs from some specialty pants stores in that every pair of pants in the store costs \$5 with the exception of a few polyester knits. "We figure everybody has a \$5 bill in their pocket," McKenna said.

If pants are YOUR thing, why one thing's for certain -- the choice and variety are there. It's up to you to put them together.