

Focus On The Newest In Spring Fashion

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fashion
for spring**

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If the mixture of checks and stripes and prints and plaids has been driving you doty, stop worrying. Fashion's on-solid ground for Spring. The look is even more basic than last season.

As a natural extension of the classic look in vogue right now, plan to stick to the fall-cut casual clothes that fit your lifestyle. Cuffed pants, sweater sets, and shirtdresses could be all you need, but this time around try them in a solid color.

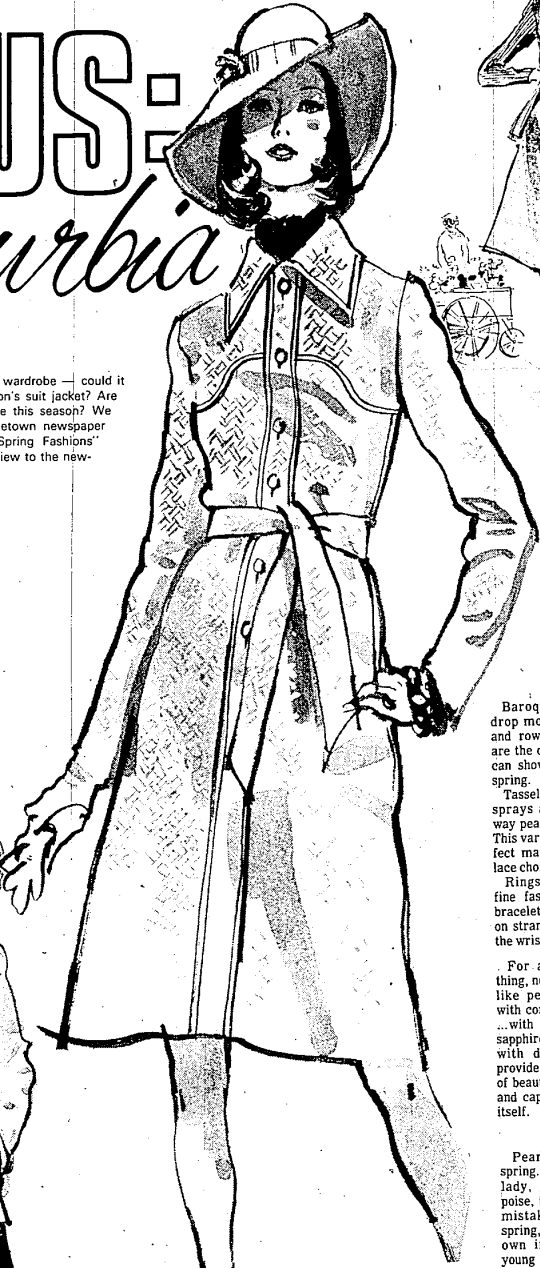
Shirt lengths hover at the knee or above for day, unless you have really "super" legs; then show them off with a really short skirt and color-coordinated pantyhose. Ankle-length skirts continue good for evening. Try one in pastel pleated crepe with matching shirt for the most glamorous occasions. In the right color or for your own coloring, this look is simply unbeatable.

Pick a favorite and flattering shade as your color for Spring '73. Around it, assemble a wardrobe of simple separates in variations of that tone. Suppose, for example, that you always feel and look good when wearing blue. Put together several ensembles in different shades of blue—such as a denim blue skirt with a pale sky blue shirt, slate suede shoes and a navy patent bag. Accessories, too, should stay within the same color family, although the perfectly matched handbag and shoe do look a bit dated.

It's easy to see the advantages of solid color dressing, but there's one aspect you should be cautioned about. Nothing shows off the wearer like a solid color. This spring, with few jazzy prints to distract the eye, it's you yourself that will take the stage. Perfect grooming is essential. A good make-up hairstyle, and a disciplined figure become more important than ever.

Start now to get yourself ready to put inside those solid spring fashions. Have a make-up consultation at a good local department store, to see what's new that works for you. Try one of the shorter neater hairstyles. Step on the bathroom scales, and see if your weight is where you want it to be. Room for improvement? Drink a nourishing diet food in place of one or more regular meals as needed. Slender, from Carnation, for instance, mixed with 8 oz. nonfat milk gives delicious flavor and protein energy with just 164 calories per glass. You'll be in solid with a diet plan that really works!

SPRING FASHION . . . Check your wardrobe — could it use a shot in the arm of last season's suit jacket? Are you wondering what the trends are this season? We have the word for you. Your hometown newspaper will publish FOCUS: Suburbia: "Spring Fashions" March 3. Look for this exciting preview to the newest in spring fashion!



TV cameras focus on GAL GOLFERS IN THE SWING FOR SPRING

Since TV cameras have come into the women's golf picture, a lot of the girls will start digging into their golf bags for lipsticks and combs.

"You kind of get yourself together a little along about the 15th hole, because that's where the television cameras usually start," said one Canadian pro. "Nobody wants to be all painted up, but we want to look our best."

A young blonde with a golfing wardrobe worthy of Fifth Avenue, reflects the class, fashionable look in the Ladies Professional Golf Association — a snappy image designed to prove that a girl doesn't have to look like an old-time image of an athlete to be one.

The tournaments receive major television exposure. "We've already scored a television breakthrough," said an executive of the L.P.G.A. "People apparently like what they've seen. If the ratings hold up, the networks themselves may start paying us. Naturally, with the show getting better, everybody wants to look her best."

Fashion Basks In The Soft Lustre of Pearls, Romantic As Candlelight

Baroque pearls, tear drop mabe pearls, rows and rows of seed pearls are the difference a pearl can show in jewelry this spring.

Tassels, drops, buttons, sprays are the cultured way pearls go to the ears. This variety assures a perfect match for her necklace choice.

Rings have the same fine fashion tuning. And bracelets wrap strand upon strand in high style at the wrist.

For accenting everything, nothing does it quite like pearls. With jade, with coral, with turquoise...with rubies, emeralds, sapphires and especially with diamonds, pearls provide an exquisite range of beauty that is as lavish and captivating as spring itself.

Pearls predict it's spring. When that classy lady, all elegance and poise, feels those first unmistakable breezes of spring, she reaches for her own indicators of that young and tender season:

soft, naturally feminine clothes with lots of coolly sophisticated touches... the kind cultured pearls, were made for, assures the Jewelry Industry Council.

And what a lush mixture of sea shimmer there is for the taking. Pearls twined with gold beads, anchored by squares of onyx, lapis lazuli or tiger's eye, graduated strands, pin/pendants, twisted collars and ropes create luxurious lovely for spring shirtdresses, to tuck inside cardigan cover-ups, for partying in short, bare and floppy dresses.

A five-way wonder that's two necklaces plus a bracelet of baby pearls to be put together as she likes it; white pearls, black pearls, white pearls again stringing three strands to suspend a polished medallion of the softest karat gold; more strands showing off a plaque of pearls; all are frankly luxurious and that's what makes them so right for this elegant spring and the woman who goes with it.

The California Couture Has Its Own Message

One leading designer dresses up spring with bright silk prints.

His lipstick red coat — slit up the sides — over a red and white silk print dress is smart, as is the high-rise skirt and attached printed blouse under a wrap camel jacket.

He plays up the dress for day just as much as he does for evening. The looks to watch . . . the sea blue silk jersey halter dress, the silk printed chiffon caftan, and the green and red square print smocked silk organza.

At another West Coast couture house there is a conservative well-made dress. For spring, it's an Italian silk shirtdress, a simple linen dress or a light-weight wool crepe cardigan dress.

on-jersey group, sweater dresses up spring with belted tunics over pleated skirts on camisoles, and polyester basketweave, slim body dresses with short jackets — all with dropped or belted waists.

In long dresses she likes a paisley jersey for body fitting ankle-length looks.

The big colors: beige, navy, lots of pastels and the important spring message — white accents on collar and cuffs.

Another designer stays with the layered look. He's put a tartan plaid blazer with a new square-neck vest and front pleated skirt.

His tailoring shows up in constructed kick-pleated or A-line skirts and simple semi-fitted jackets. "I'm doing a lot of dresses with jackets. I give them a suit version by attaching the blouse to the skirt," says one designer.

'Delicious' Textures for Spring

Spring '73 fabrics are confections, with sweet-asugar colors and fabrics with crunchy, good-enough-to-eat textures. Ice cream pastels come into fashion, led by pale, pale cotton candy pink. Confectionery colors of powder blue and mint green are supplemented by accents of bright primaries.

Interest in surface texture began with linen in couture showings and has helped bring about the revival of flax blends, shantung and muslin. Knits show surface dots and stripes.

"Plain vanilla" Classics are accented with colors that are anything but plain.

TRAVEL FIRST CLASS

IN A WEATHER-VAIN COAT

Come rain or shine the well-dressed girl on-the-go will find this Spring's all-weather coats a real plus when planning her travel wardrobe. Styled in step with the trend towards cleaner, uncluttered designs, the smart simplicity of the new coats span a multitude of occasions, do away with the hassle of packing bulky jackets and evening wraps.

Silhouette news centers around tents, wraps and trenchcoats, according to the fashion authorities at

Sabena Airlines whose ports of call include the most sophisticated playgrounds and capitals of Europe and Africa. They see these shapes turning up most often in natural, classic fabrics from Cone Mills: flannel, chambray, sateen and brushed denim. Stripes, tattersall checks and lots of plaids are the most popular patterns, look most refreshing in cream or white accented with black, and in baby soft pastels.

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There's also a nailhead.