

FATHER AND SON GO IN FOR SPORTSWEAR

Vivid Colors, Plaids and Stripes, In Sport Coats This Spring

Color and design are the outstanding factors in sports coats for spring.

For design the past six months have seen a noticeable increase in the number of striped materials. Accepted by college men on many campuses, indications are that they will be generally popular throughout the country this spring and summer.

The sports coats will continue to be single-breasted with three or four buttons, and they are cut somewhat longer than those of last year. Shetland is a favorite material, although there will be calls for tweed and a slight revival of glen plaids. Chevots are also popular.

Stripes, especially on a light, shetland background, can run into four or five colors, with gray, brown, and shades of maroon and green the most popular. They vary in width, and many of the coats are reminiscent of the old pre-War blazers.

The striped motif is even noticeable in many of the plaid materials where the vertical weave is heavier than the horizontal, so that although the pattern may be plaid it produces a striped effect.

Look for Color

Plaids, however, are also good, and the bolder they are the more popular they seem. In some cases, plaids will measure as much as four or five inches across a design. These come in Glen Urquhart, Argyles and glen plaids. There will be a few salt and pepper, and the customary number of hounds.

Look for the color in sports jackets. Some of them combine varying shades of blue. In some cases gray and brown, which is an

increasingly popular combination, are used together. One or two of the new plaids inject bright yellow into varying shades of brown. There will be dark reds, olive greens, and new shades of greenish brown and greenish blue.

For his slacks Mr. America is turning to covert cloth this year, and while they will not completely replace the long popular gray flannels, there is undoubtedly a noticeable increase in their use.

This material, introduced first in topcoats several seasons ago, is admirably suited for slacks and sports wear. It is light weight, does not absorb perspiration, which is one of the advantageous qualities of all wool materials, and does not wrinkle in packing. Slacks this season will have narrower trouser cuffs. Trousers measure 17 1/2 instead of the previous 18 1/2 inches around, which may be the result of wartime economies.

Plan Ahead

Another sport suit which promises to become more popular is the Bermuda suit with a short three-button jacket and knee length shorts. Doeskin, gabardine and flannel are ideal materials for this suit.

The sleeveless, slipover wool sweater continues in demand. Some of these come in light weight alpaca wool in many colors, ranging from white and yellow through to navy blue and dark brown. They take the place of a vest and can be worn not only for spectator sports use, but in the office as well on coolish days.

Men Go to Bed In New Style

The knee length short sleeve pajama, which was shown by some clothiers last year, will be available in most cities this spring. It is made for spring and summer wear, and its popularity seems to be increasing.

Light weight fabrics are used in these pajamas, and there is a great variety of patterns and colors to produce a cool looking effect.

Most pajama coats this year button down the front, and the slipover style which was used so widely some years ago is apparently on the wane.

IT GOES TO YOUR HEAD

The gabardine porkpie hat introduced by college lads last year will be even more popular in 1941. It is now available in most men's shops, and its colors run from maroon and navy blue to such light shades as tan, yellow and pale green.

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Lenny Ross, popular Columbia Broadcasting star, doesn't mind the rain when he can get into this featherweight raincoat. It weighs just 34 ounces, and its Crown Texted rayon fabric is sooth plaid.

Boys Like Clothes Like Their Dads', Designers Find

The ambition of every boy as far as clothes go seems to be the dress as nearly as possible like his father.

There is much evidence of this in spring lines for boys' clothing, and the soft tweeds and shetlands popular in men's clothing will also be made up into suits for the youngsters. Boys up to 12 continue to wear shorts and jackets, most of them single-breasted with tan and gray tweeds and gray flannels the favorite materials.

These same fabrics are also seen in the lines for the older boys, where long trousers take the place of short ones and the jackets are slightly more fitted.

Boys Get Outdoors

The navy blue serge or hard finished worsted remains the dress-up fabric for American youth. Whether the boy is in boarding school or at home, he usually appears on Sunday in the dark blue suit, white shirt, and narrow silk or wool four-in-hand tie.

There is a wide range of materials made up into slacks for boys and young men, with flannel, gabardine and covert cloth leading. Tans and grays are favorite colors, although there is a sprinkling of green and some mixtures which use blue combined with gray.

For Hard Wear

Although the new surcoats with zipper fronts are a great favorite among young men, most men have a topcoat as well. The spring models are mostly single-breasted, and in many cases are reversible for rainy weather. Rough materials suitable to withstand hard wear are used in most of these coats. Some of them have raglan sleeves, although the majority are cut with fitted shoulders.

Seventy-five per cent of the boys and men in America this year will wear button-down collars on their shirts. The Oxford cloth shirt with this collar continues to increase in popularity, with white and blue as the leading colors. Tan and gray are the choices.

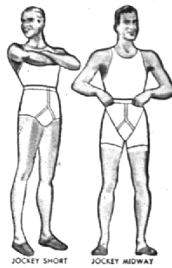
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