

Bias-Cut Comfort Cues Trend in Women's Fashions

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"The Shape's the Thing" this fall in coats, dresses and suits for women, with the emphasis on comfort and softly flowing lines.

Junior miss styles fit the same pattern with special importance linked to colors which will be bright as autumn leaves and gay as summer flowers—gone but not forgotten as their gay hues reflect in young clothes.

Dresses, which in years past, have veered from the snugget of fit to almost tent-like looseness, now rest at a happy medium—a sort of "semi-demi-fit."

Bias-cut frocks will provide the ease and "grace" so important to comfort yet gently emphasize contours as they seek to mold the figure.

ATTENTION will focus on head and face, as clothes fulfill their function to serve as a background for beauty. This will be achieved, not only by judicious use of color, silhouette and fabric, but through such fashion news as "away from the neck" collars, filled in with a fur piece or perhaps an "underneath" knit jacket.

Juniors will, no doubt, latch on to the latter style hint, so suitable for "chat dashing" look.

"Go-togethers" combinations, so good for travel, will help madams make the most of her selection of dresses, coats, jackets, skirts and blouse combinations. The two-piece dress, both actual and just-pretend—the latter achieved with loosely hung bodices posed over gently flared skirts—will remain on the fashion scene.

MULTIPLE GORES and circular-sectioned skirts will have their part in the flared look, so right this fall.

The Far East will influence color and fabric with threads of gold and silver entwined with palest pinks or greens or heady jewel tones. An Eastern touch is the high-waisted suit or costume jacket inspired by the "prince's" coat.

Twedier materials are high on the list in wools, textures with bulk appearance, brave checks and plaids, and mens wear flannel contribute to the interest in wools. Crepes and velvets also get a new lease on life.

Colors for daytime are a bit subdued through here and there bright reds and greens will burst into view. Magenta will be most popular, deepening into garnet; maroon and ginger will clue shadings to beige and gold and brown. Navy and flannel grey will rate high this season.

EVENING ACCENTS will be on silks and lames, brocatelles and the new-looking soufflé brocades—to say nothing of gorgeous metallics. Beads and glitter will highlight many an evening gown.

Furs will feature the new rival of the mink stoll with the debut of the three-cornered fur scarf, particularly in nutria and broadtail. Collarless and "away from the throat" necklines, of suits, dresses and costumes will be nicely complemented by mink mufflers or the very good chinchilla, sable or mink fur criclet.

As for suits, the "A" line with more freedom at the hemline, slight gathers at the waistline or six-gored flares will be excellent. Jacket lengths will be short and demi-boxy to hip-tip and longer—emphasis on a slightly longer jacket of 22 to 23 inches.

COLLARS will vary from halo or wedding ring to cowl, again with an "away from the neck" trend. Silk and worsted are ideal for year-round wear; wide whale corduroy for walking suits, double knit jersey and fur trims will be well-liked.

Textured surface interest, often bulky in appearance but light in weight, with urban tweeds will have the smart edge. Costume suits with their own coordinated blouses will get a play. Winter suits will use lightweight coating fabrics, particularly for walking suits, a very practical and smart fashion.

Colors are strong with spice, paprika and rust-red tones soaring upward to suits in bright red, brilliant blues and all the greens, not overlooking charcoal grey, gold, brown and black.

When it comes to coats, the fashion-conscious woman will find an exciting choice ahead.

SILHOUETTES range from the full coat with cape-like back fullness and deep cut armholes to the barrel or oval-shaped, somewhat

slimmer than in other seasons.

The shaped, easy-fitted coat with gored back and the new princess or reefer-type coat are other silhouettes and the semi-fitted, contour-shaped coat with stitching or shirring at the lower waistline will also have a vogue.

The full flared and free swinging coat will also take the stage, usually in colorful plaid or tweeds.

The cape is back again, heartily endorsed by many designers. The latter style, though fashion-right, may not be as popular in the metropolitan area, except among the footloose who, temporarily at least, are not behind the wheel of a car.

NECKLINES will follow the trend for coats and suits with Mandarin bands and small collars with small peaked lapels also well-received. Welt seam details will be much in evidence for yokes, the popular wide armholes and sectional skirt treatments.

Braid buttons will lend a custom-made character to coats as well as little furs and mufflers or scarfs. Fur trimming will be led

by mink with beaver, fox and other furs used in varying degrees.

Fur-lined coats will be the utter last word and colors will lean toward the same wide selections as chosen by suit designers.

Accessories will complete costumes with such notes as the big, jeweled pin and the long, jewelled or gold link chain necklace making an important bid for attention.

BLACK ALLIGATOR shoes and bag and long black glaze leather gloves, or gloves in color with black, will be starred and garnet and ruby will have an important look.

Overblouses in silks or wool; satin; brocades and sheer wools or print challis will coordinate with special costumes.

All in all, the fall fashion picture is gay and smart and, most of all, easily comfortable. American women are recognizing a fashion dictum all their own.

The truly well-dressed woman will wear her clothes with an air of complete indifference that belies the time and care expended in selection.

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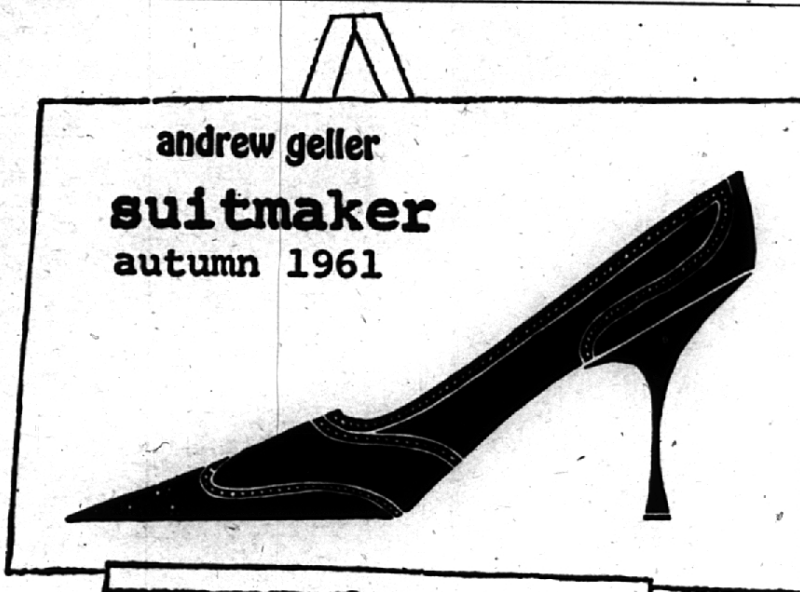
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