



Sporty Look for Spring

Sport coats and tailored trousers in traditional "Ivy" rate an "A" for spring and summer. In the usual order, Junior in a madras jacket of 100 per cent cotton, together with Dacron-rayon tropical trousers; the student boy in a classic, wool blazer, worn with belted, Ivy-styled, Orlon-wool

flannel trousers; and the prep boy sports a cotton, oxford-stripped jacket, with color-coordinated trousers. Button-down oxford wear and snap-tab shirts are featured with neckwear in solid and repp patterns. Available at The Prep Shop.

Teens Adopt Neat Look In Shoes

The footprints in the sands of fashion are changing — teenagers are walking around in light, airy leather flats in school and out. The girls have given the floppy sneaker the go-by for good, except for sports.

What's done it, says Shoe Fashion Service of Leather Industries of America, is a new look of quiet good taste that pervades the campus these days. From the neat Peter Pan collar peeking from under a knit sweater to the leather shoe walking on Cloud Nine, the teenager is seen in subtle colors and simple styles. Fads still mean fun afoot, but they're not the be-all and end-all of fashion.

ON THE GROUND, the style note is sounded by understated colored leathers — smooth, brushed, grained, waxed and patent leathers — in pumps and flats with pared down sides.

Youthful dress shoes, the kind that will sparkle in the Easter Parade, will show up in jelly bean colors. In every leather and in most colors, it will be bright, but not too sunny. For dress occasions, the flat and the low heel share honors, but for parties and dances it's the mid-heel that's popular.

Among the fads are off-side straps — in pumps and flats. Quilted and woven leathers are seen in cool colors, and patent leathers in vivid greens and reds or paled pinks, blues and grays. In genuine patent leather, black and white will continue to score top grades.

OTHER FADS — the kind that give you an airy look without costing you handsome shoe leather — are large perforations, the use of under and overlays to provide color, and leather texture contrasts. In both dress pumps and casual flats, portholes on vamp and sides are part of the teen's "open look".

Open toes are out — banished to squaresville. Flats with wide open spaces at the side or back are always teamed with closed toes. And those toes are handsome — and

"in" — whether they're round, tapered or square.

IN CASUAL FOOTWEAR — the kind a girl likes to wear when she's not dating or shopping — brushed leather flats are tops. Brushed split leather flats are gaining in popularity — for good reason. Made of leather that has been "split" or thinned down, the brushed leather shoe is lighter and more pliable than most.

The brushed leather pixie boot, in different colors, is another example of a good off-campus shoe. The suede leather surface teams naturally with tweed and textured pants.

A good-looking and easy-wearing shoe is the glove leather moccasin or flat. Set on its comfortable and flexible leather sole, the like leather shoe feels as soft — and moves as freely — on the foot as a leather glove does on the hand.

WHILE SHE'S looking for new fashions, the co-ed also takes time out to buy a re-styled classic — the leather moccasin. An all-purpose shoe, the pert moccasin is seen in many new colors and leathers this year. In addition to smooth, grained and patent leather, the classic moccasin is found in a new waxy leather. In brassy brown or golden green, the waxy leather moccasin is sweeping the study hall.

Among the spring's favorite colors in all leathers are wildfire red, tulip yellow, deep blue, and a varied assortment of beiges and browns.

Possibly the most talked about shoe for wear with suntime styles will be this season's soft, colorful sandal that features an instep strap laced through a T-strap that starts from a cut-out at the top of the vamp. The closed in heel is cut low; the toe is most often slightly pointed.

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BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC

Leather Assumes A Romantic Look

Leather is riding into spring on fashion's newest wave — the romantic look.

Light as an April breeze, but warm enough for the most blustery spring day, pretty leather apparel will travel the season right up to the hot months.

This year's softer, more feminine look will be interpreted in graceful, leather coats, in daytime and after-dark dresses, in hats and suits. Soft pastels and taupes are favored colors. Both smooth, matte leather and buttersoft suede leather share the fashion spotlight, reports Leather Industries of America.

It will show up in the resort collections of America's leading fashion designers, and in prices to fit every pocketbook. You will see it in sleeveless, plunging back suede sheaths at the smartest supper clubs, and in elbow-patched and leather-front knitted cardigans on campus.

FASHION TEAMS

For the bright look of spring, delicate colored leathers will team with silks, with cottons and with sheerest wools. A raw silk sheath takes on added dimension with a silk-bound matching suede jacket. For smart city wear, the costume type look is carried out in a Chanel-type cabretta leather jacket and matching gently flared skirt.

The darling of the fashion-conscious woman, the leather shift, shifts into spring but in more body-clinging lines. Sleeveless with easy relaxed lines, the shift in lovely rose beiges and pale blues will be more popular than ever.

Handsome for town wear is the short coat in lush suede or supple smooth leather in minty green or licorice black. Simply styled, the season's coats accentuate the rich texture of the leather. For after-dark wear, elegant wrap coats of

smooth cabretta are embroidered or studded with fake jewels.

Lightly flared smooth leather skirts double for day and evening wear. Daytime sees them in the popular middie or overblouse in doe soft leather, nighttime with a beaded chiffon top.

For more after-dark glamour, a reed slim A-line gown in leather is the ultimate in fashion for an evening at home or on the town. It's a favorite in taupe smooth leather or sand-beige suede leather.

LEATHER A-HEAD

The leather hat is important this spring. You will see it in pillboxes and domes, in turbans and sailors. It will turn up in smooth or grained leathers, in artfully draped and wrapped turbans in shiny kidskin or soft suede. It will flash in black patent leather and combined with straw; in pale lilac tones and in navy blues.

Gleaming black leather — once a classic shoe material — now also appears in hats and apparel. Resort fashions show coats in shiny black patent leather, styled like an abbreviated trench coat. For the beach, it's lined in white terry cloth.

Bermuda shorts are showing up in smooth leather — in spanking white or basic black. Light in weight and easy to care for, they promise to carry through to warm weather. Modern leather is easy to maintain. Wind and water resistant, it stays brighter, softer and new-looking longer.

In Laos and Thailand it is extremely rude to show the sole of the foot or to sit with legs crossed. It is wise, physically as well as metaphorically, to keep both feet on the ground.

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