

Experts Tell How To Select a Suit For Quality, Style

Select your new spring suit wisely and you'll have a garment to wear with pride for many seasons. For, there is nothing like a fine suit when it comes to long wear and styling that lasts.

To help you in making the right selection, here are some tips from the National Board of the Coat and Suit Industry.

First, of course, you want a suit that is becoming. There is no need to be restricted to ultra-conservative lines, if you want a "high fashion" style as there are always many variations of one design.

Secondly, be sure you select a suit that fits into your way of life. Consider where you will wear your suit most often, and make your choice accordingly.

Third, even if you are able to afford a suit to meet all occasions, you want each of those suits to give you your money's worth in fashionable wear.

CHECK THE seams of the suit—if the garment is unlined, see that the seams are smoothly finished and the edges either turned back and stitched or bound with a bias of linen fabric.

If the material contains a pattern such as plaid, make sure the pattern matches at seams, along the collar and pockets.

If the suit is lined, check to see that the inner shell fits the outer garment smoothly with a slight ease or fullness to allow for give and shrinkage.

If the suit bears the ILGWU and National Board of the Coat and Suit Industry label, this means that the workmanship and construction are the result of more than 60 years of a tradition of skilled and trained Union workers... and manufacturers who constantly improve their techniques and are proud of their products.

WOOL IS always a good choice for a suit, and there are many different types and uses of wool primarily in the weave.

Woolen fabrics can ordinarily be classified in three groupings: the heavier, nubby cloth; the smooth, sturdy yarns such as worsteds; and the soft, sometimes velvety surfaces.

Worsted yarns are smooth, firm

and compact. Their characteristics are crisp, firm, and with a smooth surface. Many of the new lightweight wools with a cracker-crisp feel are worsteds.

This group of smooth, sturdy fabrics such as worsteds include covert, serge, gabardine, broadcloth, rep and whipcord.

The heavy, nubby cloth includes boucle chinchilla, flannel, homespun, melton, shetland, tweed, and chevrot.

The soft, sometimes velvety surfaces include duvetyne, fleece, and velour.

IN ADDITION to wool, suits can be found in man-made fibers, stretch fabrics, leather and vinyl, and in blends. There are also the "specialty" fabrics of vicuna, cashmere, guanaco, camel and llama. And, of course, there are suits of cotton, linen, silk, etc.

The fourth thing to look for in buying a suit is the comfort. Check sleeves and armholes to make sure they are not too tight. Move about in the garment and make sure it gives with your body. Also if you will be wearing a heavy blouse or sweater under the jacket, try the jacket on with such a garment.

Next, ask about the care of the suit. Most garments do not need excessive care, but normal care does mean longer and more satisfactory wear.

It's a good guess that there is at least one carefully chosen suit in the wardrobe of every well dressed woman in the country, and the reason is simple to understand.

A SUIT is smart and neat, and it is practically limitless in offering possibilities for changes of accessories.

Put "suit" at the top of your fashion shopping list this spring.

Easter Ensembles

Slubby pastel, raised-waistline coats pair with soft, shaped dresses; raincoats double as dress coats, with their own little skim-mies and hats and suit-like dresses have jackets or capes.



Glen Plaid

A "younger than springtime" look prevails in this black and white glen plaid costume of crisp, nubby silk and cotton blend fabric. Under the waist it is a silky polyester-cotton ascot shirt complete with pearl tie pin.



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