

# Happier Homes

## Fabrics for spring are body-aware

Soft, airy and sophisticated are the words for spring fabrics.

Sheer, airy see-throughs give the body an ethereal look.

Lightness plus texture is an important trend, as in loose-weave open-work knits, loopy surface knits, cloudlike soufflé effects.

Shimmering shiners give a new gentle luster; see it in pearlized iridescent looks, the soft gleam of silk, a silvery design on a sheer matter ground.

The texture play is the most important fabric game. Pattern is layered on pattern in soft colors for a new dimensional look. Jacquards and dobbies in florals and geometrics, piqué terry, slubby linen are the new texture components.

Prints combine with textures or add a soft polish of their own. Multi-patterns, spaced Victorian looks, Provence florals, foulard prints, small menswear patterns and loads of stripings in soft new colors are all part of the game.

The color story's been cleaned-up, freshened-up for spring. There are four chapters: the naturals, the sophisticated pales, the spicy tones and the sizzlers.

Soft and sweet are the palest peach, cool blue and lavender.

Spicy cinnamon, nutmeg, toast prelude the high adventure of black and white, fireworks red, violet, sunburst yellow, peppermint, fuchsia and turquoise.



"HIS 'N HERS" HAIRSTYLES this spring will be neat, well groomed and natural looking. Blow dryer and curling iron keep hers looking soft and very feminine; his requires only a blow dryer and comb. But these popular styling tools can also rob hair of the precious natural moisture that keeps hair shiny and healthy. One way to maintain that moisture balance is to replace the moisture with shampoo and conditioning products such as the Moisture Quotient system from Helene Curtis.

# Soft, sophisticated headlines

Good news for spring: the well-groomed look is back. In fashion, the slimmer silhouette is tailored, neat and

body-conscious, while hair looks soft, sophisticated and manageable.

According to the Helene Curtis Hairstylists Advisory Board, the most important look for spring hair is a combination of curl, highlighting and fairly short lengths.

"Short and light. That's hair

for spring," says Michael Marks, Elkins Park, PA. Chin-length styles are softened with subtle curl and looser, larger waves for a more carefully shaped look.

Longer, shoulder-length locks are elegant and uncluttered on spring evenings, when

hair is rolled, braided, plaited and twisted—styles that, with a little practice, can be done at home.

For daytime at the office, long hair is filtered for lightness, and softly curled for a very feminine look.

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