



Adrienne Vittadini (left) models a two-piece fuchsia and purple stripe cotton knit while Maggy London wears a royal blue silk jacquard with peplum. Both are in fashion this year. — Sjoerd Witteveen

Fashion for fall — sophistication

By JANE ROONEY

The fashion story for Fall '85 is sophisticated and feminine.

It can be dressed up or down and in many cases the same outfit is worn for both formal and informal occasions.

In contrast, the casual look of last season with its big tops, gathered pants and crinkled cotton was limiting and lacking in versatility.

The present picture shows us that fabrication is more elaborate. Wool challis, flannel and gabardine, in addition to dressy fabrics such as velvet, silk and satin, highlight the fashion scene. A wool sweater may be interwoven with metallic threads and appliqued with velvet flowers. Though primarily for evening, this look is also seen in daytime.

Cotton takes priority in the forms of twills, poplins and corduroy. The craze for 100 per cent natural fabrics is dying. Instead blends such as cotton and wool are being combined with polyester, resulting in easy care properties.

Leather plays an influential role in sportswear. As well, there is a lot of leather trim on dresses and sweaters.

Autumn sets the stage for an array of clear and radiant color: navy, wine and violet, along with brights such as sapphire, emerald, red and fuchsia. Predominant neutral shades include winter white, silver, taupe and black.

The classic, preppy image is still a favorite. This is reflected by plaid and tartan pleated skirts which are displayed.

Paisley and floral prints are of great importance. And for added interest, they are sometimes mixed together.

Shirting has a more feminine appeal. The fit is not as large as last season and is neater in appearance.

Some blouses are pleated in front and bowed at the neck.

Others have exquisite, lace collars, projecting a charm and distinction.

Leading fashion items include coats, suits and sportswear. Here the shoulders are still emphasized with padding.

Oversized tunic pullovers are a strong influence. The general trend in cardigans and turtle-necks remains loose and blousy.

Stirrup pants are gaining momentum. They are often worn with a cropped jacket or blazer, both of which are making an impact.

The basic pant is cuffed, with pleats at the waist. Depending upon the designer, the leg may be either tapered or baggy.

The long, slim skirt is popular, but a new shorter length, above the knee is also shown. At the moment we observe three main lengths: mid-calf, ankle and above the knee.

Jewelry is large scale and trimmed with filigree and colorful glass stones. Gold chains with jewels, pearls or coins are reminiscent of the Chanel influence. The double pin has made a come-back. It is composed of two broaches, connected by rows of chains and beads, worn at the shoulder, waist or neck.

Fashion fulfills more of our needs than in the past few seasons. It presents a greater feeling of femininity due to the effective use of color and dressier fabrics. As well, the fit of many garments is more flattering because of a streamline, neater fit.

Due to our busy and diversified lifestyles we require wardrobes which are versatile, ensuring us a lot of mileage and value for our money. This year's collection caters to all of these basic needs.

EDITORS NOTE: Jane Rooney is the owner of Classic Collection, a woman's apparel store on Main Street in Markham.

Volunteers needed for canvassing

The Unionville Arthritis Society is asking local residents to canvass for those who can't this month.

The society will be conducting a door-to-door campaign of area homes from Sept. 20 to 29, but more volunteers are needed to cover new neighborhoods.

Members suggest that canvassing will give new residents a chance to meet their neighbors.

Anyone who would like to donate a couple of hours to canvass in their neighborhood is asked to call Diane Baker at 477-1936 or Marion Clark at 477-2459.

And to gain a better understanding of the disease, the society is encouraging people to watch the special, "I'll get there somehow" on CBC television next Sunday, Sept. 15 at 8:30 p.m.

The show will depict the lives of four women with arthritis and how they deal with the disease.



Carrier of the Week

Ten-year-old Grant Cronyn of Unionville has been chosen Carrier of the Week. Grant has 41 customers and delivers on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays in the Bridle Trail area. His interests include swimming and baseball. During the summer Grant played for the Levis Strauss house league softball team.

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