

Colorful, Easy-Care Fabrics Set Trends For This Fall

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Texture steals the spotlight this fall as fabrics are layered for warmth and mixed for impact! Challis, in border paisleys, florals or all-over paisleys on black or beige grounds, is the season's dramatic trend-setter.

Synthetics feel more like natural fibers than ever and styles are lush, drapable and feminine with the blouson look the leader. In addition, the season is aglitter with metallic yarns of gold, silver and copper worked into all sort of fabrics.

Colors run the gamut with navy and purple pivotal.

Gem tones and berry shades are well-represented. The brown spectrum—from soft beige through chocolate, bronze, cordovan and henna—is important. Bright reds, violet, magenta and marigold are bold contrasts.

The return of the dress this season and challis are practically synonymous! Challis, a soft, lightweight fabric, was traditionally woven of wool. Today, challis is likely to be made of machine washable acrylic, polyester, rayon or cotton, notes The Soap and Detergent Association. Printed with vivid floral patterns on dark grounds or with paisley designs, the challis feel and drape is also achieved in blends—

triacetate-nylon, cotton-polyester, rayon-polyester. Other dress weights appear in printed and solid jersey knits, chamois or corduroy, all with same soft, body-draping look.

The naturalness of silk, wool and suede is achieved with synthetics. For example, a barely-there stripe appears on a muted, gray-blue lustre and matte jacquard resembling silk crepe de chine. The woven fabric is actually polyester. The warmth of wool in shirting comes across with rayon and polyester. The synthetic suede boom continues with new finishes providing softer designs. Combinations of acetate, triacetate, nylon and

polyester give the look-like-suedes the practicality of easy care.

Many garments feature the addition of natural fabrics, such as wool, silk, mink, alpaca and mohair to synthetics. For example, a mohair and acrylic seater teams up with a wool-polyester shirt. A dress and shirt weight knit combines 70 per cent polyester, 20 per cent wool and 10 per cent mink.

With so many unusual blends being feature, it is extremely important to read and follow care label instructions. Some of the natural fibers or metal content of this season's styles may require special care. Naturally, most

synthetics and synthetic blends are machine washable and dryable.

Along with new textures, there is a marked softening of styles. Dirndls and full-of-movement pleating or bias cuts are seen in skirts. Some pants feature drawstring waists, pleating and tucks. Others are straight and skinny. Slouch pants are full and soft over the hips and hug the ankles.

The blouson look is the major shape for fall and meant to team up with skinny pants, full skirts. Jumpers, sloppy Joe sweaters and sweatshirts, pleated skirts, boxy blazers and vests are reminiscent of the 50's. Split skirts and gauchos continue to appeal.

The newest suit looks have cropped, unconstructed jackets that match or contrast. The rugged fashions combine sturdy pants with thick cable knit or overgrown hooded, shawl-collared or cowl-necked sweaters. To feminize conservative sportswear, soft shirts, blouson sweaters or jackets and windbreakers are coordinates.

Shirts feature delicate detailing such as shirring, tucks, lace and smocking. Glitter comes into play, e.g. gold metallic stripes dramatize a mohair and acrylic cowl-necked sweater; a blouse of rustic gauze features shimmery gold mini-stripes.

dasher touches are sportswear choices. A blouson windbreaker in blanket-plaid brushed acrylic mixes with zip front pants in brushed polyester and cotton denim and a cowl-necked acrylic sweater. A smaping of haberdashery is a classic hounds-tooth jacket with cotton velvet collar and pocket flaps worn with polyester and wool jodhpurs. Tweeds, tartans and corduroys, in wide wales or quilted also abound.

Prints are numerous in blouses, shirts and soft jackets. Along with the paisley-challis trend, neat geometrics and flat florals appear. Unrelated prints, meant to go together via colorations, prevail in peasant looks. Three, four

and even five different designs sometimes combine for a fantasy message. There are fine line plaids, floral plaids, various sized florals and paisleys and plaids mixed with stripes and checks.

Additions to the peasantries are mixed fabrics, border prints. Boleros and vests are favorite put-ons. Silhouettes are soft and cinched at the waist. Other skirt toppers include drawstring blouses and styles enhanced by asymmetrical buttons, corselet belts, ties and braids.

It's a shimmering fall of soft fashions, bright colors, feminine styles. Ranging from easy-care peasantries to rugged sportswear, there's something for everyone.

For And About Women

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The Gray Owl Says

By Nellie M. Sanders
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system, ours is the most current Regional Agreement and one of the few which follow the guidelines spelled out in the state law which created "public authorities".

It's too bad that I had to be suffering from the first cold I've had in four years. Despite that, I think my friends went away with a good impression from their visit to the headquarters of the Pettigrew Region in the Washington County Library. A well-attended story hour was being held in the next room while I attempted to answer many questions about the benefits - and possible drawbacks - of regionalization.

Last week brought another instance of a flattering request for advice. The Film Service of the

State Library provides a wide range of films that can be borrowed by public libraries. The task of choosing films for purchase, given dwindling funds and ever-increasing variety on the market, is an exceedingly difficult one. So an Advisory Committee to assist in film selection has been appointed and we were included.

Since their first meeting coincides with our Staff Meeting, Mary Eileen Bieler has been delegated to represent us (at State expense, I hasten to add). Her experience as Children's Coordinator for the region has given her invaluable exposure to films and audience reactions so her recommendations should be good ones.

SCREECHES
BEING CHALLENGED—A topic of perennial concern whenever public librarians get together is the method of distribution for State Aid to Public Libraries. To put it inelegantly, how to divide the pot is the problem. Since state money is designated to supplement rather than replace local funding, a complicated system of incentive rewards is presently followed which fails to please anyone and is utterly confusing to most everyone. Like the income tax regulations, efforts to simplify or to improve succeed only in further complications.

The State Librarian, David McKay, has issued a challenge to the directors of every public library system in the state. Instead of just fussing about the inequities in the present method of distribution, we are being invited to submit a better plan. It remains to be seen if we are equal to the challenge since, in essence, we are being told to "Put up or shut up".



Miss Ann Elizabeth Davis

Miss Davis To Marry

Mr. and Mrs. William Arthur Davis, Sr., of Shawboro, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Ann Elizabeth, to Ronnie Lee Spivey, son of Mrs. Adolph Murphy Spivey of Tyner and the late Mr. Spivey.

Miss Davis is a graduate of Camden High School and College of the Albemarle. She is employed by the State of North Carolina as deputy clerk of Superior Court in Camden County.

Mr. Spivey is a graduate of Chowan High School and has obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in forestry at N.C. State University. He is employed by AgTrac Equipment, Inc., of Elizabeth City.

The wedding is planned for November 27 in Shiloh Baptist Church at 3 P.M. All friends and relatives of the couple are invited to attend.

Correction

A story recently appearing in the Chowan Herald reported that Mrs. I.W. Garrett of Greensboro in working with Historic Edenton for the Cupola House was "not happy to have helped". That statement was incorrect and should have read "was most happy to have helped". The Chowan Herald sincerely regrets the error.

Society News

Miss Debbie Burroughs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gil Burroughs has accepted a teaching position in Bolivia, N.C. and is residing at Holden Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Caudle Mr. and Mrs. Paul Caudle of Elkin N.C. visited Mrs. Ruth Rose this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thorud and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Chesson Jr., visited Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Chesson III and their new baby daughter in Raleigh Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hopkins left last Thursday to attend the West Virginia Annual Chamber of Commerce Convention at Greenbriar Resort Hotel, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Nooney, Mrs. Hopkins' brother. They also attended the Ford Dealer 1978 Model Showing at Scope in Norfolk before returning home.

Glenn Perry, Jr., a student at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perry, Sr.

Bill and Jim Chesson spent the weekend in Raleigh visiting their brother and his wife Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Chesson and attended the East Carolina State Football game.

Dr. Sam Bobbitt of Raleigh visited his daughter and her family Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dixon last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cale Jr. of McLean, Va. and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cale Sr., of Crozet, Va. visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Harrell and other friends and relatives in Edenton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James N. Oglesby visited Gates County on Sunday, where they attended a birthday party for Mr. Hertel Hoffer. They also renewed many old friendships and had a marvelous time.

BPW Hears Talk On Alcoholism

Mrs. Rosemary Dunsford, alcoholic rehabilitation counselor at Albemarle Mental Health Center in Manteo, was recently guest speaker at Edenton's Business and Professional Womens Club monthly meeting. In meeting this year's club theme — Change, Challenge and Response — for BPW members, Mrs. Dunsford spoke on the alcoholic woman.

According to Mrs. Dunsford, a recovering alcoholic, "out of approximately 10-million alcoholics, 3 to 5-million are women." In addition, not until two years ago was concern expressed for the alcoholic woman. North Carolina is one out of 43 states which has formed a task force to study the problem of women and alcohol. This is being done in conjunction with the N.C. Council on the Status of Women.

Mrs. Dunsford emphasized that alcoholism is a disease of the total person and is treatable. If left untreated, alcoholism can destroy a person physically, mentally, socially and/or spiritually. Plus, it is a disease with social criticism attached unlike other diseases. This social criticism, adds guilt, fear and self-

ANNA GOODWIN MCCARTHY
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McCarthy of 116 Griffin Street, Elizabeth City announce the birth of a daughter, Anna Goodwin, August 30 at Chowan Hospital. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Goodwin of Tyner and the paternal grandmother is Mrs. C.B. Morrisette of Elizabeth City. The paternal great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Small of Elizabeth City.

hatred to the alcoholic person, who is already suffering from an abundance of these feelings.

"An alcoholic is a person who consistently drinks more than he planned to," stated Mrs. Dunsford. One of the first symptoms of the disease is her (his) "inability and refusal to believe that one is drinking too much."

The alcoholic woman, unlike the alcoholic man, is a victim of a double standard. The result is that a greater stigma is attached to the alcoholic woman. Society does not see, nor accepts, any reasons why a woman might drink excessively or become an alcoholic. However, society seems to understand that a man may drink excessively and develop into an alcoholic due to work pressures, too much business entertaining, and so forth.

In addition, it is more socially acceptable for a man to drink and to drink excessively than a woman. Drinking appears to be part of the male image. The end

results due to this double standard for many alcoholic women is to be hidden away by her family members, who are also victims of this double standard. "This is the tragedy for the woman alcoholic," stated Mrs. Dunsford.

She stated that the solution does not lie in just drying the alcoholic (physical treatment), or in just dealing with her spiritually, or in just moving to a new location. It lies in treatment of the whole person with support and

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Jaycettes Hold Monthly Meeting

The regular meeting of Edenton Jaycettes was taken up with business matters on September 1. Fourteen members were present.

The board had met on August 29, with 10 present, and made recommendations which were discussed at the general meeting held at Mrs. Boswell's Restaurant.

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Baptist Topic Announced

Dr. Robert E. Gray, pastor of Edenton Baptist Church, has selected as his sermon subject for the 11 o'clock worship on Sunday morning "Therefore Death." Scriptural text will be Romans 5: 12-14.

Special music at the morning service will be the Sanctuary Choir rendering "Sanctus" and "Come Unto Me."

At the 7:30 o'clock evening worship, Dr. Gray will speak on the subject "Good Buddy, What's Your Handle?" Scripture will be taken from Acts 11: 19-26.

Mrs. Jane C. Hamilton, church organist, will present a mini-rectal at the evening service.

Birth Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Chesson, III, of Raleigh, announce the birth of a daughter, Meredith Marie, on September 3.

Autumn Attractions



See our colorful sportswear coordinates, and select mix'n match blouses, slacks, blazers and skirts for that well-dressed look that means so much to the fashion-conscious woman of today.

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