

It's your own thing this spring

Almost everyone should be able to dress to please themselves this spring and more than likely they'll be in style.

According to a recent nation-wide Harris Poll that's what about 84 per cent of the population plans to do—dress to please themselves.

There is such a variety of colors, fabrics and styles to choose from and an infinite number of combinations to make with them.

Hemlines for women can be just about anywhere with the short shorts or so-called "hot-pants" being pushed the most. The midi-look doesn't seem to be as prevalent in the spring fashions but ankle-length and just around-the-knee-length dresses do.

There is a return of the dress with the ethnic and peasant look using a variety of prints, polka dots and checks with an even greater variety of trims including laces, embroidery, ribbon, velvet, flowers, rick rack and many others.

Some explain the comeback of the dress as a return to femininity after the long popularity of jeans and the pant suit but there are still many different styles of pants on the market.

In addition to the lingering on of the pantsuit there are also many styles of jeans on the market with flare, bellbottoms and straight legs in all different colors and patterns.

Some styles have been taken from the workingman's wardrobe with the overalls look in jeans with the attached bib and the blue work shirt.

Denim is not only being utilized with jeans but also with dresses, shirts, coats and even men's suits. But most outstanding about the trend in men's clothes this year is their colorfulness.

The white suit for men is predicted to come on strong in addition to off-white backgrounds with striped or windowpaned patterns.

Shirts for men are going to be very colorful, complementing the neutral colors of the suit and the wide ties are still expected to remain popular.

Coats for both men and women are expected to have wider lapels and be longer with most of them belted or sashed. The

variety in fabrics applies here also and you can expect to see tailored coats of canvas, tweed and light wools.

To accessorize coats and outfits will be hats of silk, straw, felt, denim, velvet, cotton, leather and plastic. In addition, bright colored scarves can go with just about everything.

The sandal will be very popular this spring and summer as will the clogs with wooden and cork soles. Most sandals will be open-toed and open-heeled with some that

lace up to the calf and others lacing all the way up to the knee.

For both men and women this spring knits will be very important. Knit fabric is being utilized in men's suits and shirts and it has been for a long popular in women's clothing. Other fabrics being used often are gingham; voile; chiffon; clingy, slinky jersey; taffeta and denims.

All in all, this spring's fashions promise to be very versatile, colorful, and fun and you should be able to dress with a great deal of variety.



Jim Gray, fashions by Jason's

Double-breasted sports coat teams with knit slacks for wide open look.



Clothes say how you feel.

The clothes you wear are comfortable clothes. And they're fun and they look good, too. You wear them to please yourself. Your clothes say how you feel...about spring...about that special person in your life.

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