

Fashion FORECAST

Warmer Months Call For Colorful Statements

(NAPSA)—At just about any time of year, fashion-forward females are excited about adding some of the latest runway trends to their wardrobes. With so many outstanding looks to choose from this season, there's sure to be something for everyone.

Consider this synopsis from the Woolite Fashion Forum of what was hot on the runways for spring/summer 2001:

- Leather and suede are hot, hot, hot, whether it's in the form of a jacket, dress, skirt or pants. Colors are important, with everything from white and beige to pastel blues and pinks. Obtaining this look doesn't have to break the bank; Bernardo Fashions has come out with a line of suede jackets in an array of colors at affordable prices. Even better, these jackets are machine washable in Woolite Fabric Wash.

- All body types can embrace the shirtdress, which is making a comeback this season in a variety of silhouettes and cheerful colors. Variations on this look include belted (to highlight a svelte waist), drop-waist (best for short torsos), pleated skirts (to showcase shapely legs) and A-line shapes (the choice for full hips and thighs).

- Black is back with a vengeance and, worn with white accent pieces, it's one color that can make the transition from the office to the evening. Try a sleek white column dress with black accents and pumps, or a black-and-white stretch cardigan and tank top over pencil-straight black pants. The cardigan can always be removed for a more playful evening look. A helpful tip: Look for fabrics such as stretch cotton or Lycra that will wear well throughout a long day into night and are washable in Woolite, which will not fade the rich black color.

- Suits with an edge are big this season, featuring cropped, fitted jackets and tailored pants. Adding just one feminine touch, like a colorful blouse or chic pumps, will soften the look. One tip that will keep this style fresh



Black and white at its best: Pure cotton jersey from Joan Vass USA® features variegated stripes accented at the waist by a broad band of color.

all season: Read the care labels. Many unstructured suits are hand or machine washable in the gentle cycle.

- Neutral classics are sexy and, when paired with bright accent colors, the look proves that you don't have to shout to get noticed. Try a fitted white top with a white, lightweight coat, paired with a loden green skirt. Beige is smart for work and play, especially when coupled with a powder blue little shirt and strappy beige sandals.

- No matter what the trends, a wardrobe is an investment—and it's always in style to pay attention to care labels. If the label says "Dry Clean" but not "Dry Clean Only," you may have the option to wash it in the gentle cycle with Woolite if it has no linings or decorative trim. Try to keep ordinary detergents out of the gentle cycle; they can work great on your favorite jeans but may be too harsh for some finer fabrics.