
HALIFAX FASHION NEWS – SPRING 2004

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As the winter winds down, it's always good to get a few more wears out of your heavy woolens before packing them away for spring. That being said, many wool fabrics can be worn year round today, so now is also a great time to start thinking about sprucing up your lighter weight wools for warmer weather!

SPRING IS IN THE AIR!

Here are some various wools and a few ideas about how to incorporate each type into your spring wardrobe.

Boucle: A soft, thick textured wool that has a looped look, you'll find it in tailored jackets and dressier suits. It is perfect to wear for dressy spring events such as weddings, showers, graduations and the like.

Crepe: Crepe is a light-weight wool with a slightly pebbled surface. Used in dresses, suits and separates, crepe has day-to-dinner flexibility. Many crepe separates can be worn year round. Wear a short-sleeve wool crepe dress with a matching jacket, pearls, a nude stocking and a sling back pump in the spring. It's a classic combination!



Gabardine: Mostly used in coats and suits, gabardine is a smooth, strong wool. Gabardine is a great transitional fabric.

Gabardine suits look great with cotton shirts because of the way the cotton connects to the smooth finish of this wool. Pair French blue dress shirts with black gabardine pantsuits for a smart, year-round business casual look.

Lambswool: Shorn from lambs up to eight months old, lambswool is a very soft fabric primarily used in sweaters. To lighten your look a little before the really warm weather hits, consider wearing a pair of light wool trousers with a bright-colored lambswool sweater. This is a very feminine way to dress at weekend social events in early spring.



Cashmere: More expensive than both merino and lambswool but worth it if the itch of other wools bothers you. Cashmere has decreased significantly in price over the years. With winter clearance sales still around, this is a great time to stock up on a few cashmere sweaters in classic styles that will last a lifetime!

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TOP FASHION PICKS FOR SPRING 2004

- **Twin Sets** - Twin sets have become staples in many women's wardrobes. You'll find them in a variety of fabrics such as cotton, rayon, silk and linen. This allows a variety of figure types to wear them well. Twin sets are also very versatile as the two pieces don't always have to be worn together. Mix and match the separate pieces with other coordinating items in your wardrobe!

- **V Neck Sheath** - Sometimes throwing on a dress is simply an easy choice that doesn't require much thought. Other times, selecting a dress just makes you feel a little extra feminine. Whatever your motive, you'll want to add this popular style to your collection. The "V" naturally draws attention to your face without shortening your neck. It also provides the perfect neckline to show off an interesting piece of jewellery.



- **French Blue Shirts** - If you already have a collection of crisp white shirts and enjoy wearing them with everything from suits to blue jeans, why not add a French blue cotton shirt to your wardrobe. This color is always in style and it's a great way to make a traditional pantsuit a little more casual.

- **Pale pink** - Consider adding a few pink tops to your wardrobe this season. It looks most modern with chocolate brown or white this season!

- **Capri Pants** - You'll find them this spring in all different styles, from full to fitted! They're available in an array of colours to mix and match with tees, shirts and tops with retro prints.



- **Bigger Bags** - Bye, bye baguette! The trendiest carry-all does indeed carry it all! From oversized totes to slouchy shoulder bags, adding a bigger bag to your daytime look is the finishing touch of the season!

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