

# HAPPENINGS



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For Hair and Skin  
**Fashion Update**

**Sweaters designed for warmth**  
by Cora Smith

A man's impression of a sweater usually pertains to the contents within, the right proportion and the dimensions are the pleasant effects befitting his eye. But the bare truth to a woman's impressions, a sweater will bring out your best effects, however the chilly winds and weather of the Northwest, and create a design of warmth.

The indispensable sweater, dating back to the beginning of time, updated and still stabilizes the natural needs and force of the original origin of wool. From knit and purl—the chain stitch—to the ultimate cable stitch, it has endured many centuries, but in today's swirl of fashions it has its definite iron clad position. It is not a relic of the past but truly an institution in today's fashion world.

Sweaters are the key fashion look of the season—gearing up for all occasions. The wrap look is shown featured for the chilly snow peaks of Mount Hood—layering for sweater dressing, perfect ski wear, capped heads with texture and color in keeping with the '80s couture head. The sophistication of blending textures allows every fantasy to be envisioned.

Flat knits supporting favorite classic pullovers teamed with mate. For the avante-garde, a signature, initials or name are a must. However, the excitement of the various vests long and short, sleeveless to the bold dolman, coat dressing to jackets are definitely in order.

Sweaters have paid their dues leaving the casual arena and going straight to the office. Softness and texture are a statement of success. The newest blend, that of silk or the imitation of nylon and acrylic have been highlighted this season. Angora, back again this season, has star status. Black, white and bold colors are favorites. However, make sure the person seated nearest you loves you.

Remember, caring for this sweater requires skill. Never wash an angora sweater but hang outdoors several hours for airing or place inside a plastic bag and put into deep freezer to keep hair fluffy and new. Sweaters created for the adventuresome will allow for that special feeling 100 percent cashmere or one of its many blends. Beware of the natural knits: they allure a special creature. Mothproofing permits longevity, drycleaning and sizing is a must. Some will appreciate the clean aroma of the washer and dryer, but reading the instructions is definitely in order. Place on a rack or area for flat drying, backed with a towel, pulling and tucking to place sweater into original shape.

For the fun of it, to the seriousness of it all, sweater buying—quantity and quality—depends on your budget. The source will vary, be it the boutiques of Rodeo Drive, Gucci or Yves Saint Laurent; Oregon's own Pendleton Woolen Mills; or perhaps the homegrown touches of a friend's knitting needles. Find an



Remember the Total Fashion Look—But it's head to toe and all of the components of sweater dressing to help you achieve that second look....



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opportunity to buy a specialty sweater at a shop such as 23rd Ave. Sweaters, for the sweaters that we are featuring today.

Natural fibers or man-made—shopping benefits us all. The ideal purchase is collectable. High craftsmanship and originality have a high price tag. Remember, we always get what we pay for.

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