

### Trends Seen In Men's Topcoats

Over the last several seasons certain trends of a handsome, practical nature have been developing in men's topcoats. For fall 1960, these trends would appear to be getting even more solidly entrenched.

Among these trends the major one is the shorter lengths in topcoats.

The other features worth noting are that the double-breasted model—coming along steadily over the last two or three years—is getting still stronger; and that heavier weight fabrics seem to be getting a somewhat better play.

Very evident is a trend to big patterns and district checks in "style" goods. Top sellers remain medium to dark shades.

In both single- and double-breasted styles, set-in and split-raglan sleeves are widely shown. In the natural shoulder group of coats, the slightly fitted, modified chesterfield is tops, followed by British-type balmacaens with deep wing sleeves and the classic double-breasted British warmer.

Also noteworthy is an especially dressy dark treatment dubbed the "impresario look." Features to check here are the fur and fur-look collars, in ulster and shawl treatments as well as others, a variety of pockets and rich fabrics.

Make sure the topcoat you buy fits correctly. Both suit collar and sleeves should be covered completely. Armpits should be roomy enough for easy action and moveability, not tight or cutting. Check for matching of patterns, for good workmanship, for even stitching and for neatly fitted linings.

To make sure your topcoat looks its best, carry as little as possible in the pockets. Never hang a topcoat overnight or for any extended period, by the loop in the neck of a coat. It can stretch out of shape.



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#### CARRYING ALL

Subteen girls like their handbags roomy enough to carry just about everything! New village styles can lug a lot—the works from powder puff to transistor radio.

#### TAKE ACCESSORIES

Collarless necklines of many fall fashions offer accessorizing opportunities. They can be adorned with jewelry or scarves of fur or fabric.

#### WARMING UP TO FASHION

New stoles and mufflers offer fashion as well as warmth, with solid colors planned to accompany checked or other-patterned suits and coats, and patterned styles for solid-color costumes.

### Carpets Feature Textures, Colors

Texture and color take the floor, in carpet news for fall. A soft, hand-crafted look for carpets is achieved through extra-thick pile, long loops, bulky yarns and shaggy cut-pile textures. Designs—such as a swirl effect cut into thick plush-pile fabric—combine well with texture.

Contrasting effect is the needlepoint look, created by tightly looped tufts.

Color is abundant and varied. There are many new high-fashion hues, among them plums, apricots and yellow-greens. Iridescent colorings, with a shimmering effect, appear in greater numbers.

Color and texture together are responsible for some of the most distinctive ideas in carpeting and area rugs. Textural effects combine with unusual patterns, resembling an impressionistic painting.

Along with the interest in color and more color goes a growing demand, for beige, perhaps because it's an ideal background color for showing off other livelier hues. And "beige" can mean anything from off-white to near-cocoa, as current carpet colorings prove.

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switch from multi-color combinations to two-tone effects.

### Flared Skirts Obtain Designers' Nomination

Numerous candidates, all with good fashion records, appear on the roster of fall suits. Lengthened jackets, pleated and flared skirts, overblouse accompaniments, and fur get the nomination of many designers, but it's anticipated that the popularity poll will also accord a vote of confidence to strictly-tailored classics, young-looking short jackets and slim skirts.

Demi-fit prevails in jackets of every length, with easy lines that nevertheless follow the curves. Sometimes there's blousing, cinched in by a belt. Lengths start with the cropped little jacket and continue through waist, hip-top and wrist levels.

Tunic and coat-length topings for skirts are an important category.

As in every phase of fashion, fur and the fur-look hold the limelight. Suit jackets are collared and lined in just about every imaginable fur or copy of fur. Fur winks or overblouses make warm additions to the winter suit.

When jackets are not fur-collared, they're often collarless—in the belief that it's good politics to be able to dress up a suit with scarves or jewelry.

to pleats, flares, bias cuts and soft gathers. Suit fabrics have an air of refinement. Brushed surfaces, ribbing, plaids and checks win attention. Colors offer pleasant surprises—among them, fall gold, red, vintage wine hues, violet, plum, blue and taupe.

**COAT COLORINGS**  
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