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Cochenille News

.. for fashion, creativity and fun

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interested in Fashion and Computer Design*

Current Web Specials

Holiday **Software Bundles** began on November 20th and continue through December. Other specials include:

- ◆ The Fabric Design Book
- ◆ Tassel Maker
- ◆ Getting Organized Bundles
- ◆ Two-Easy Measuring Tape

New Products!

- ◆ Getting Organized Worksheets
- ◆ Fabric and Trim Inventory Cards

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Welcome...

Welcome to the first issue of the **Cochenille News**. In this and upcoming issues we plan to bring to you an assortment of information focusing on fashion, creative software/hardware, the Internet, and of course, Cochenille product tips, news and updates. We expect to publish approximately every 4 to 6 weeks.

You can expect to see trend reports, current fashion news, software news, creative project ideas, computer tips and more. Our world revolves around being creative. We are constantly around people who use their hands to build incredible projects and we like to share what we know and what we learn from others.

In this issue we look forward to Spring/Summer 2002 for the fashion trends. Prepare yourself for some rich warm colors and lots of unique styling, some old, some new. We have included a basic how-to on how to capture images from the internet to save in your inspiration library. In addition we have reviews on web sites, books, music and more. We explain how to build templates using Garment Designer and provide examples on our web site for you to download. New products are announced and we hope to do this each issue.

Feel free to tell a friend about our newsletter and send them to our site to retrieve it and sign up for our mail list. Enjoy your reading, and happy holidays to all.

Susan, Tracy and the Cochenille staff

Thoughts for the time:

"Our ground today is not so much the national or the regional ground as it is the understanding of this single earth."

Mark Tobey,

in Miller (ed.), *Fourteen Americans* (1946)



Style Trends: Summer 2002

Silhouettes

There are two basic silhouettes predicted for Summer 2002; body fitting and body floating.

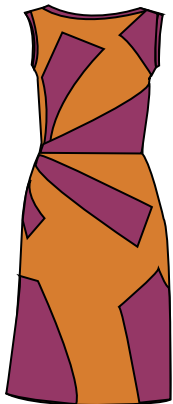
- 1 **Close Body-Fitting Silhouettes** – These styles will accentuate the figure, fitting as close to the body as possible. Expect to see corsetry styling once again as well as bandeau, bra tops, and fitted shorts.
- 2 **Body Floating Fuller Silhouettes** – These styles do precisely opposite of the Body Fitting styles. Fabric simply floats on the body, camouflaging what lies beneath. The clothing here tends to be more of a comfort garment, pulling from at-home pajama and loungewear styles.

Styling

Asymmetric – There is a certain rhythm to the unbalanced look of an asymmetrical garment. Expect to see differing garment lengths (left to right), angled lines, asymmetrical closures and more. Garment Designer makes this type of design easy to create, so have fun!



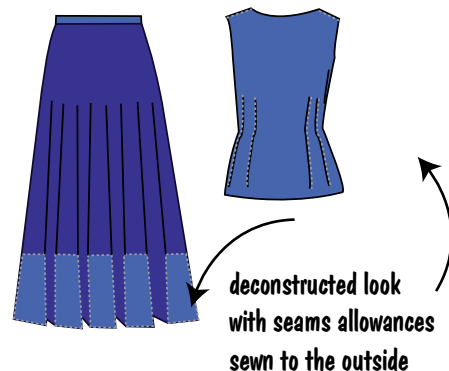
the asymmetrical look continues to be a fashion statement



geometric blocking

Architectural or Geometrics – This look remains in style. You will see lots of color blocking, angular lines, bold geometric prints or intarsia knits. Garment shapes will be deceptively simple.

Deconstructed – This relatively new look continues. Expect to see unfinished edges, seams, facings and darts sewn to the outside. Knits will achieve this look by seaming to the outside.



deconstructed look with seams allowances sewn to the outside

Key Fabrics

Once again, natural fibers rule, but man-mades will raise their hand. In the natural realm, we will see high thread count wools and cottons. Hemp and linen will be popular and there will be a great deal of silk, both refined and wild (tussah). Man-made fibers will focus on the 'artificial silks' (rayon and acetate), wet-look fabrics and ultra fine microfibers.

Watch for Fabrics:

Detailed Prints

Crinkled Synthetics

Unfinished Torn looks

Large Florals

Two-tone graphic wovens

Burn out fabrics

Black/White Optical wovens and prints