

CLOTHES WHISPERER

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I recently re-watched “The Social Network,” the movie about Mark Zuckerberg and the start of Facebook. This time a quote from Mark’s character resonated with me, “Fashion is never finished,” he tells an attorney at the end of the film, referring to the never-ending arc of technology. And that started me thinking.

For these past several months, we have been living in clothes that provide comfort. Now it’s time to think about going out some, maybe getting together with a few friends for a patio dinner or barbecue. Many of us have done a closet edit during our quarantine, and some of us have been shopping in our closets and thinking and trying on new looks from home while we’ve had the time.

My mindset is definitely different, and more considered, but I have been reading article after article about how ready everyone is to get dressed. In fact, The Wall Street Journal recently featured a piece titled, “Oh to Dress Up Again.” Not surprisingly, everyone interviewed was ready to retire their sweatpants and move on! So, since fashion is not finished for any of us, what are you pining to put on for the summer?

Let me share some ideas of what is currently on the radar. Dresses are easy and cool to wear when it’s hot. I like to call them the zip-and-go option. There are so many silhouettes to choose from, short or maxi, whatever works best on you. Another look is the pajama pant, which may be an easier transition from what you have been wearing at home. This look is not for everyone, so make sure you’re wearing the pants, and they’re not wearing you. Then there is the tried-and-true Bermuda short that can be worn by many age groups. Paired with a bell sleeve or ruffled top, it looks fresh and reads summertime.

The break from going out and getting dressed has allowed us a pause to redefine what our priorities are on many levels. It hasn’t changed our desire for fashion, though perhaps in some ways, it has altered how we define fashion. Let me say again, fashion isn’t finished, it’s just getting started in a whole new way.

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