

FASHION FORECAST

A Class Act: Back-To-School Trends

(NAPSA)—Back-to-school fashion for 2003 includes a number of important trends; so while you're preparing to hit the books, don't forget to include Fashion 101 in your studies.

Stocking up on all of the latest trends can get expensive. Therefore, you can find many of this fall's must-have items for less at retailers such as Kmart.

For Her

Athletic Chic—Athletic and leisure styles and details are showing up on everything from T-shirts to mini skirts. Anything with lace-up embellishment, side stripe or cargo styling captures the trend to a "T." And, don't forget the matching track suit—they're everywhere—in fabrics from velour to satin. Check out:

- Football and athletic-inspired graphic T-shirts;
- Zip-front hooded jackets;
- Side-stripe knit pants;
- Denim mini skirts; and
- Cargo pants, including those with military details in canvas, twill, nylon or satin.

Folkloric Finds—This season's folkloric trends include a rich, autumnal color palette and plenty of embroidery and fringe. Try peasant tops and tunics with detailed, fashion denim. Other ideas include:

- Tunics and peasant tops with ethnic-styled embroidery;
- Lightweight tunic sweaters with neck trim detailing; and
- Fashion jeans with fringed faux suede belts.

For Him

Vintage Inspired—Guys should



Folkloric tops are popular at Kmart for the back-to-school season.

stock up on vintage athletic and prep school-inspired looks. This style is best captured when layered. Try a vintage T-shirt from the Route 66 brand at Kmart over a long-sleeved Henley or a striped polo over a long-sleeved T-shirt. Also consider:

- Graphic and ringer T-shirts;
- Cargo pants;
- Muscle-fit polo shirts; and
- Henley shirts.

Street Smart—From designer to discount, skateboard and streetwear styles continue to inspire men's fashion. At Kmart, large logos and numerals adorn JOE BOXER sweatshirts. Cargo and zip-pockets with contrasting color details are everywhere. Must-have items include:

- Logo-front hooded sweatshirt;
- Cotton/nylon active pants with lots of detail and trims; and
- Five-pocket sandblasted jeans.