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## Stain School: Reweaving ... next steps

### Restoration & Savings III

Last issue, "Fabrics with a texture provide the best surface for an invisible weave. A good weaver can also restore pin-stripes and prints."

### What Fabrics Do NOT Reweave Well?

If textures provide the best canvas for an "invisible" weave, then flat surfaces such as silk, chiffon, cotton and rayon are the worst or most challenging. Gabardine, which is technically a "twill," can also present challenges to even the best reweavers. The result often looks like a faint cross: still better than the hole or tear, but not usually invisible.

### Moth & Insect Holes: The Challenge

A hole from insect damage requires a different approach than a hole or tear from a sharp object. A trained eye can usually discern the difference:

- An insect hole is usually imperfect and more jagged
- There may be other holes or weakened areas close by
- The garment held to the light shows partially "eaten" areas

Assuming that the holes are the result of insect damage and, given the expense of reweaving, the garment should be drycleaned *before* reweaving even one hole, in case other holes are revealed during cleaning. This way, you have not invested \$45 to learn that 3 more holes have surfaced.

More on reweaving next issue ...

## Shopping Savvy – Personal Shopping

The personal shopper is focused ONE on ONE on your needs. No interruptions. In addition to gathering clothing and ensembles for you, the personal shopper arranges for a fitter to come to you in the privacy of a dressing or fitting room!

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## Building a Wardrobe: Fall 2005

### Building a Wardrobe: Fall!

This fall the hottest styles are romantic and feminine, while colors are dark, moody and mysterious. You can contrast these serious looks by having lots of fun with over-the-top embellished accessories. So go ahead, flirt with fashion a bit!

### Color Forecast

While black is the new black in styles with a Renaissance romantic feel, designers are hot for autumn hues such as:

- Chocolate, loden, plum, eggplant, midnight and berry.
- Metallics like antiqued gold, bronze, and platinum.
- You can find these earthy tones in everything, from accessories to clothing, and they can be found in a variety of rich fabrics such as velvet, suede, satin, and leather.



Marc Jacobs

### Shape and Volume

When shopping for the "must have" pieces to update your closet, try adding a structured jacket.

Ranging from military style to a blazer, it is sure to be fitted. A belted blazer will definitely streamline your look for fall. This season is also about shape and volume, as "shrunken" jackets and coats can be perfectly paired with full-legged trousers or a bell shaped skirt.

The dress remains the centerpiece for fall, especially in velvet or black. To soften your look add a feminine blouse, anything that is pretty, prim, dainty, and delicate.



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