

The Newer, the Barer

Sand-and-sun fashions for this summer are perter and briefer than ever before. Though the typical bathing suit covers just about $2\frac{1}{2}$ square feet of a swimmer's anatomy, a costume-look for the beach is achieved with a companion cape, skirt or short coat.

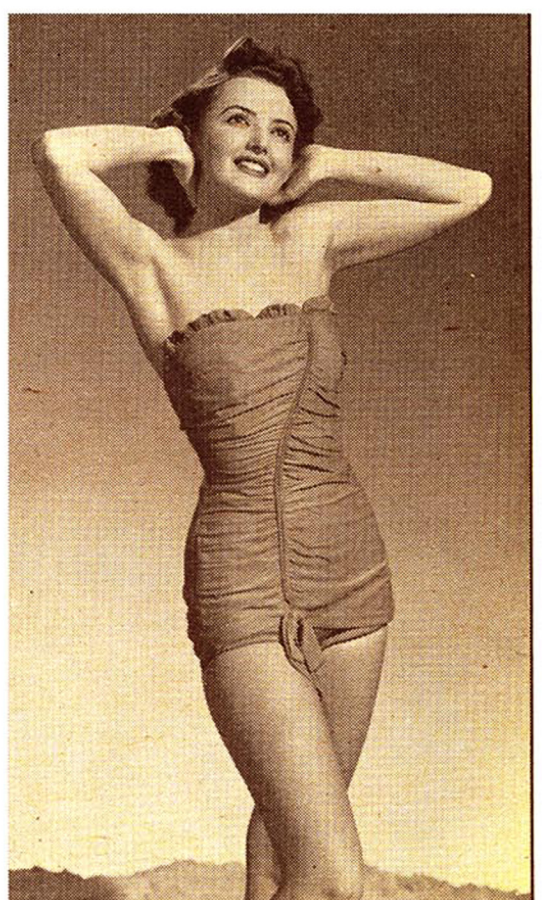
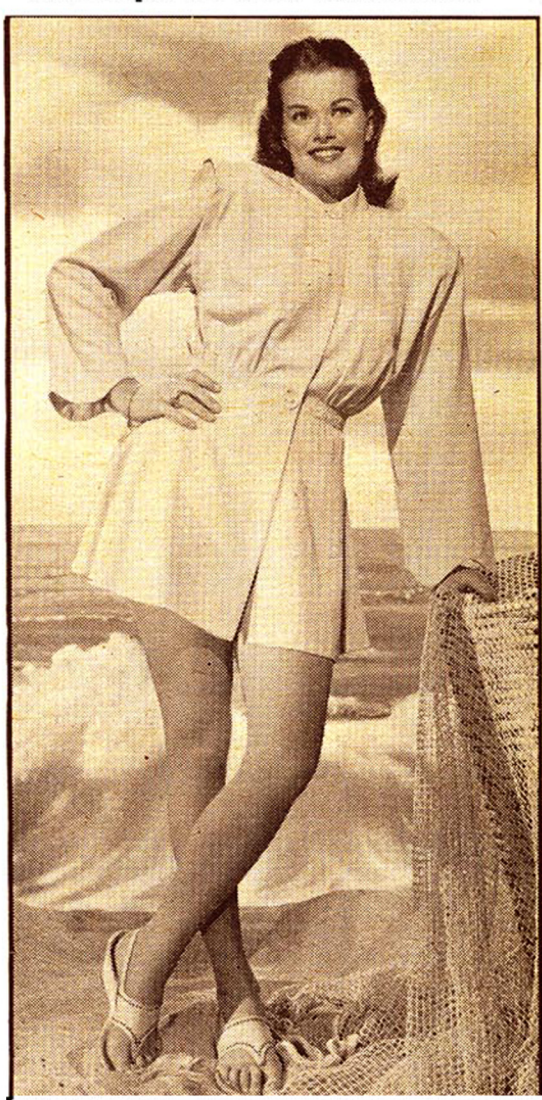
One beige-and-navy wool-jersey strapless suit is combined with a full navy-blue skirt. Another version has a striped bra with a draped skirt over shorts, plus a longer skirt over all.

Favored fabrics are those made to ride the waves. Knitted wool shows up in both classic and unusual designs. For the most daring there's a straight tube that pulls over brief shorts. It's cinched at the waist with a wide girdle. Wool jersey comes in the softer, molded models, such as the two-piecer which features draped trunks, printed in all the signs of the zodiac.

Back again are plain satin and printed elasticized fabrics. One spectacular satin model features nylon net side panels that show the wearer's skin peeking through the mesh.

Colors are softer and muted. Black and blue appear most often, with cider, gray and smudge the "high-style" shades.

For every woman there's just the outfit to put her in the fashion swim.



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