

The New Fur Dresses

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A Suit of Moleskin, With Which Are Worn a Collar and Muff of Black Bearskin.



This Cloak Shows the Beauty Values of Mink.



Moleskin Skirt Attached to a Duvetyn Bodice.

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FUR deserves to be called the friend of women. That man or woman is a friend who enables us to display our best mental and character points to the world. The best hostess is the one who contrives at a dinner to throw into relief her guests' accomplishments. Fur performs the same kindly offices.

I show you to-day on this page a reproduction of a fur suit. Happy the woman who can afford one, either in this post-war time or any other. Furs we associate with royalty. Someone invented the phrase "Royal ermine." Another coined "Judicial ermine." It is esteemed the badge of wealth or the sign of power. It represents a degree of both to women.

The suit which has been photographed for your inspection is of moleskin. Observe the scallop-like irregularity of the fairly full skirt. The coat is short and slightly fitted. The coat collar is a large piece of black bear skin. This is a novelty liable to become a favorite. The large muff, with its ribbon trimming, is also of black bear.

The large right-hand figure is another view of the suit. It shows in detail the moleskin skirt attached to a bodice of duvetyn. At the meeting point of the fur and duvetyn on either side are coquettish little pockets of Chinese embroidery. The moleskin cap is a handsome addition to the fur costume for street wear.

The small middle figure displays the beauty of another short-haired fur. It is a dolman of mink. With this is worn a satin Marechal Nell tricorne hat. The pins which fasten it are its sole trimming. They are of carved crystal.