

### Dresses Show General Trend

#### More Elegance, Drama and Femininity Are Sought In All of Fashions

Quite consistent with the trend toward more elegance, more drama and more feminine fashion influence is the fact that all styles are dressing up. A statement which is readily backed by any store's display of new dresses which, reveal more gorgeous prints, more elaborately designed costumes, and much more interesting details, such as delicate embroideries, strategic appliques, cold color accents, and favor being shown pleasingly sheer fabrics.

Another attractive fashion detail, and one which often "makes" the dress, is found in sleeves which have grown shorter and shorter, so that those coming a little below the elbow, and the regular short sleeve are most popular, with broadened, stiffened shoulders, accentuating the "fitted" young silhouette. Softly feminine effects are also gained by means of gathers, shirring and groups of tucks.

**Fashion "Swings"**  
For definite types of dresses which will confront you when you go spring-wardrobe-shopping, there is the "swing" style which is usually quite simple and youthful of line, with raised waistline, short puffed sleeve treatment and soft trimming. Straightline dresses incline to be more tailored, and appear in styles which are the hub of the business woman's wardrobe—feminized enough to warrant going out at night to informal places. Peplum styles are again, as always, delightfully youthful, and appear in high waisted lines with more definite flare to the back of the peplum than heretofore.

**Jackets Go On**  
There is quite a distinction between the jacket-dress which you will find only in the dress department of your favorite shop; and the jacket dress which has so definitely a suit aspect that you will find it in the suit department as well. There is, for instance, the jacket suit in crepe which possesses hip length skirt over a dress with matching skirt and contrasting or self-fabric bodice. And ever-popular is the redingote, gayest when the solid color coat is short sleeved, and worn over a skirted frock. In the latter, the details seen in the way of closings, side vents, and some redingotes turn their fronts to the back, buttoning down the back instead.

### Gay New Clothes Sought By Women

#### Vivid Prints Brighten Up Store Shelves; Soon to Brighten Purchaser

Just take our word for it—fit's gay new clothes that you're longing for these days and this spring's bright fashions are the perfect antidote for the long siege of wintry weather. The stores are ablaze, for instance, with vivid new prints—the new models of every couturier simply run riot in blossoms. So soon you'll be dashing around wearing a shower of posies in heart warming primavera colors, and looking as gay as any girl in a window. With all the world as well as London anticipating the pageantry of the coming coronation, fashion has quite outdone herself this spring in giving you clothes of definite elegance and importance.

**Dresses with Jackets**  
If your dress boasts some sort of a jacket of its own, already it has fulfilled one of the most important formulas for spring distinction. Tremendously young and beguiling are the frocks, with brief little bolero jackets—and they never seem smarter than in fine lightweight wools such as Polart twills. Whether in the short trimly fitted Spanish style or designed in the looser Mexican or Zouave manner, their jaunty lines and gay sashes are right in the springtime mood. Tiny jackets of bright wool with colorful embroideries were among Madame Schiaparelli's favorite offerings in the midseason showings, and the idea is being carried out with grand success in many other materials for spring.

There are even bolero redingotes, for which all credit belongs to Mainbocher. Both the bolero jacket and the open-at-the-front skirt can be worn over other contrasting dresses, and so you'll soon be saying to yourself, "What a large wardrobe I seem to have this spring!" The ensemble theme is so prominent this season that you're going to see many a smart redingote with a plain or printed dress; and the coats are reviving those once beloved light wools of the serge and tricotine families.

### Perugia Slipper Model Followed

A group of shoes of importance for spring which run counter to the trend of the high front are the new spring pumps. But even in these throat interest is not neglected, as these shoes usually have a roll or bow or wing detail to catch the eye.

Among the most unique models of shoes displayed this season is a style often referred to as the "band" shoe. It derives its theme from the sensational Perugia slipper of Schiaparelli's fall opening, and is handled in all sorts of versions, including shoes in which bandings are applied to the sides, ramps or backs, carried from one section to another, to achieve a delightful wound-around effect.



PATTERN X4339

**PATTERN X4339**  
"I'm just for fun!" this happy-go-lucky frock seems to say, and rightfully so, for Anne Adams has dramatized your entrances for you in these softly draped lines. They're lines that are easy to cut from a pattern and fashion into the self-same thing of beauty you see here. Pattern X4339 says up with waistslines, and accents this one with jaunty points that lend unexpected fullness to the low-trimmed bodice. Raise a cool

arm to summer—in sleeves that are puffed at top, slashed below, therefore wonderfully free in movement. The material? An animated "Good Neighbor" print of celanese is colorful as it's amusing, what with toredors, serapes and sombreros, lovely in many color combinations, and cool as a cloud. Pattern X4339 is available in sizes 12 to 20 and 30 to 40. Size 16 takes 4 yards 39 inch fabric.

Send 15c today for Pattern X4339 To The Oregon Statesman Pattern Department, 215 S. Com'l. fitted, hip-length peplum. There is the very youthful, abbreviated "gigolo jacket" style, and boleros are one of the season's grandest successes, with mess-jacket styles considered a runner-up. Boxy jacket suits are popular, too, and very wearable, especially in tuxedo styles whether the jackets be anywhere from hip to fingertip length. Reefer styles may also be expected to be seen, and they certainly have a youthful type of charm.

The grand thing about this type of jacket suit, is the fact that it may be worn in the coolest weather under a topcoat, and later when the weather gets warmer it is still a complete outfit without a coat. The little jacket dresses which are made up of fitted jackets that button up high, with skirts also live a double life. As they are, they give a dress impression, but a blouse may be worn under the jacket.

### Shoes Important As Skirt Shorter

#### Elegance and Elaborateness Featured; Color Gets Serious Attention

The note of elegance predominates in all except active sports shoes, and in many cases there is an elaborateness that gets a new high in decorative beauty. This trend, combined with the higher heel—sometimes three inches in height—can quite obviously be attributed to the growing importance of the shorter skirt on the fashion horizon. Footwear is gaining in importance, say the fashion authorities, because shorter skirts are bringing shoes more definitely into the limelight. With short skirts, they tell us, the smartest silhouette is achieved in the short ramp shoe with high heel. And naturally, elegance in design and detail in footwear will now be more fully appreciated with the raising of the curtains of crepe, chiffon and what have you, which formerly obscured millady's footwear from view.

**Color Is Important**  
With respect to colors in spring footwear, fashion allows considerable leeway in satisfying one's whims—not to mention one's costume. Black and navy are important in dressy shoes. Oyster gray is one of the new shades of which much is expected. This season colored shoes are not restricted to dance floors, country paths and the fairways. The darker hues of them are stepping along city thoroughfares. Shades like ruddy "red earth," Chaudron, coronation blue, or wine colored kid are venturing forth for smart daytime wear. Gray suede is of great importance in casual and open oxford types of dressy pattern. Some of the new terra cotta shades mix beautifully with almost any costume.

**Smart Materials of Spring**  
Shoe materials this spring are of especial interest. Even a casual inspection of the sprightly new models will show that the fabric shoe is the outstanding type. A grand variety of novelty fabrics is being shown, especially in the new sandalized group of shoes. As important as the novelty weaves is gabardine which promises to be a big favorite, often in combination with patent and other leathers. Many of the new shoes are found in Palm Beach, a d linen-like weaves, trimmed with leather.

As for leathers, a patent of course is a perennial favorite, and this season is no exception. Patent shoes are featured in navy blue as well as black, and this season's shoes show greater elaboration of detail, many containing myriads of pin point perforations. More suedes will appear this spring than ever before. And a grand new material that has taken fashion's fancy is black doeskin. Fashioned in sophisticated evening shoes for wear with the informal dinner suit, this silky, velvet-like material is making something of a sensation.

### Stitching Novel In "New" Blouse

What are the details that make the new blouses "new"? That is a most logical question, and one very easily answered. Firstly, there is a great deal of tucked detail in all clothes, and it appears at its best in the semi-tailored and dressier shirt blouses, often worked to give the entire bosom effect.

Similarly, stitching in glove stitching effect is a repeated favorite, and cuff studs give that "well dressed man" look to every woman.

### Trick Hats Receive Inspiration From Old Masters of Art and Sur-Realists Of Today; Even Revolution in Spain

THIS is a more feminine spring, and hat fashions prove it with their many tricks and turns and interesting accents. Influences are many, and they range from inspirations that originated in the current Ruben's art exhibit in Paris to interpretations from sur-realist paintings. The motion picture, Rembrandt, also plays its part in suggesting new millinery trends, and even the Spanish Revolution has led to a new romance in millinery.

Straws are more attractive than ever, offering a choice of very fine, sewn braids, linen-like straws, something quite new in French knot straw known as sisol, and the ever-popular shantung, baku, toyo and ballbunt, in new versions. Felt is of course classic, particularly in the more tailored types, although for the sake of the new elegance straws will be much more popular. And for the woman who likes soft, crushable hats, there are a pleasing number of crepes and the more sport-like angora fabrics.

**Brimms Are Back**  
Brimms are definitely back in the fashion scene, but their number is legion, and they cater to every whim of the moment by twisting, turning, rolling and stopping short, to express the moods of a new season. Sailors, ever popular are mostly in two versions: the bumper brim sailor which is an ideal suit type, and the straight sailor, which can be quite dressy and suitable for either suit, print dress, or jacket dress wear, frequently adding a veil and flowers. The return of the breton is also made with much gaiety and variety, the cuffs varying from narrow to wide, and off-the-face interpretations very much preferred.

**Rembrandt Reminder**  
Somewhat newer in silhouette is the forward-tilt breton, which is one of the styles to come from the Rubens exhibit already referred to, and the side-line breton which features a turned back brim much wider at the sides than front, is somewhat, reminiscent of the hats of Rembrandt's time.

In a season when sportswear and casual fashions are most important, the significance of the sport type hat becomes apparent, and this spring it includes two popular silhouettes in new interpretation. The one is the swager-brim shape often with upside turned back and manipulated crown, and the other the Hamburg style particularly worn with veils, and made more feminine by means of newer manipulated effects in brim and crown.

### Navy Takes Lead In Color Parade

So far as the color is concerned, there's no doubt about the fact that navy will lead the color parade, but many smart women will cling to their preference for black. Other than these, there are more colors than we can possibly take space to name here.

Leading are coronation blue, coronation red, sailor blue, grey and beige, with the numerous other colors appearing in prints, in dinner dresses, and in sportswear. Call them by name—they are bright, clear, infinitely flattering, particularly when worn with contrastingly dark accessories.

### Casual



The new square shoulders show plainly in this new spring coat that boasts unusual pockets, a leather belt and a double breasted front.

### Length of Skirt Is Big Question

Because we expect most interest to be concentrated in the jacket, it comes in for the greatest share of discussion. But the skirt must not be overlooked. The accepted length is 12 inches from the ground; but any woman with good legs and of average height or taller, can readily wear her skirt 13 inches away. In skirt silhouettes, semi-swing design, the use of panels, gores umbrella tucking, and similar details lend entirely new verve and action to skirts, giving the added freedom necessary when skirts are shortened. Similarly, higher points are reached by kickpleats, and more box pleats, side pleats, and slits are to be seen.

### Popular



A stunning sailor, especially smart with tailored suits. The colorful "wing" trimming adds a note of newness to an old favorite.

leathers, as well as in patent leather. One thing all the new handbags seem to agree on is that they must have top handles—and the longer the smarter; with the extreme seen in the bag that is worn with its straps slung over the shoulder, like a tourist's camera!

### Ties for Season Really Gorgeous

That ties for spring and summer are gorgeous in putting it mildly, for they embody every conceivable pattern and color under the sun. Stripes, of course, are always good, especially for informal and sports wear. You can get them in a great variety of color combinations. Customarily the fabric is rop or grained silk which adds to wear as well as appearance. While you will have a wide selection of large patterned silks this writer advises you to stick to the small, neat designs, regardless of the rage for color, least you resemble a piece of ill-chosen wall paper. Ties can and should be bright, especially if you wear somber garb in general, but not guady.

Wool ties will not be abandoned this spring as customarily when warm weather appears, for they are making them in very light featherweight materials which have a tendency to hold their shape longer.

### Saddle-Stitched Bags

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