

Pretty Pastels Are Included in Spring Sleep, Loungewear

Flowers bloom profusely on spring's intimate apparel with a bold effect and lots of color. Blazing, oversize floral patterns combine tropical reds, pinks, oranges and golds, bloom in hot tangerine.

Delicately pretty pastels are still very popular in sleep and loungewear—some with color-accented lace trims, some in gingham checks. Light florals cover everything from old-fashioned roses to petit points and spring bouquets. Lace trims are also on the flowery side and frosty eyelets are pretty trims.

Candy-striped muu mus are designed for sleeping, as is the Italian choir boy robe, made into a shift. Many of the new spring styles have a strong Italian sportswear flavor about them.

Blue and White
In pajamas, blue and white ticking is a new fabric interest. Main-tailored styles come in cotton plisse and broadcloth.

Loungewear is culotte-happy with both slim styles that look like eased britches (these come in sturdy cotton or more luxuriously in pink silk with matching jacket) and loose divider-skirt styles in checks, or tailored oxford cloths.

In Smart Tunic
Very high fashion is a bright plaid silk organza over-skirt worn with slim culottes. Other lounging designs range from linen-like wrap dresses to long, elegant hostess gowns.

Blue denim appears in a smart tunic to wear over striped pants, in dueter styles and gondolier-shirt sleepwear. Nylon organza also figures prominently in lounge-wear, in both florals and bright stripes.

Something new has been added to the popular baby doll... dainty panties and bra are topped with a short gown in baby doll style, and voilà! the bra-doll.

Slips designed for decollete fashions are strapless and achieve their precise contour fit and stay up with stretch tops. Slips and panties continue to look their prettiest when matched with foundations.

As in sleepwear, laces on slips are flowery garlands outlining bodices and hems. Pettie pants with lace edgings and appliques are equally adorable by day or night.

Jacket Dresses Are Of More Importance

With the growing importance of jacket dresses on the fashion scene, the shopper should remember that the ensemble is a sure-fire hit in a woman's wardrobe only when the total of the parts of the costume look and fit well.

Make sure the jacket is as flattering as the dress itself—and vice versa. If the costume is in two colors, make sure that each of the hues is complementary to the whole, and to you.



COMBINATION—The handsome combination of Dutch sisal and harness leather of this capacious handbag promises to make it a favorite with milady's spring ensembles. Its width is new-looking and complements the relaxed lines of the season's styles—Handbag by Park Lane

Hosiery Takes Its Color Cues From Leathers in Shoes

This season hosiery takes its color cues from shoe leathers with a pale, pale feeling and a bright, hot colored group of

leathers. Stockings will be darker than usual for spring when worn with pale leathers and bright and sunny for the vivid vermell and red/orange color families.

Deeper neutrals and wheat or custard colored yellow tones in resort and spring hosiery will replace the chalky bone shades which were best sellers last year, according to hosiery stylists.

Color ranges include the very important chamois tones for chamois leathers and carry-over bone shades.

New Pale Mauves

These are new pale mauves and lilacs, clear, light greens, and pale pinks. Pink is sometimes deepened for the rose to magenta range and extends to the pinky red family.

Reds in pink, orange and lacquered tones and golden butters, suntan shades comprise the bright range of colors in shoes and ready-to-wear, for which hosiery shades will be golden, rich suntan tones.

New in the bright range is the whole gamut of green and to gold vermillis. Vermell is the French word for gliding silver which gives a green/gold effect.

Gray receives some new cloudy treatments for wear with black patent, and blue is brightened in spring coloring.

Show Off Hosiery

Shoes for spring are doing more to show off hosiery. Basic silhouettes receive opened-up treatments that make coordinated stocking tones more important than ever.

The key to the color picture in hosiery is lightness without the washed-out look, and brightness without shocking tones.

Textures and lace effects will return in many lines, although the trend will be toward flattering simplicity in hosiery for spring.

Proper coordination between shoes and stockings will be especially important this season... and will be simple to achieve with so many exquisite colors shown.

British Men Stage Fashion Revolt

While Americans look to the British accented styles in men's wear, Britons (men, that is) stage a fashion revolt. This year will be remembered as the year the British male finally shook off the last vestiges of war-time dress styles.

All categories of male wear will be highlighted with more colorful and light weighted clothes. Some of the "revolution" details he's gladly dropping are belted rain and topcoats, heavily padded shoulders, ample seat pants and dark color suits for lighter, brighter colored ones. He's trading those "hangovers" for knee length "shorty" rain and topcoats, cuffs tapered pants, brightly colored vests and innovations in formal dress wear to give the traditional British look a distinctive American accent.

HERE TO STAY

Muumus are here to stay, because of their wonderful versatility and comfortable-ness! They serve as a duster, housedress or patio lounge, all-in-one. Spring versions of the muumuu are again brilliant with exotic Hawaiian flower prints and often are carbon-copied in a smaller size for daughter.

Bowling Fashions Develop With Popularity Rise

Baseball had better watch out, because there's a sport that's rapidly rising toward the number one sport of America's favorite sports. It's bowling! About 26 million people in the United States flocked to the lanes last year, and new fans are made every day.

One of the biggest reasons for this increase is the change in the character of Bowling Centers. Not too many years ago these were called Bowling Alleys, and the change of name is not the only change.

Bowling centers today are becoming lavish entertainment headquarters, complete with cocktail lounges, bowling boutiques, restaurants, art galleries and baby care nurseries.

Attracts Women

Bowling, being a sport the entire family can enjoy, has attracted many women... and when women take up a sport, they must have the proper (smart) clothing. Traditionally, bowling outfits take their style clue from the need for freedom of action. But, tradition has been broken.

Culottes get big pay with abstrainers reasoning that they are awkward, but the abstrainers are few. Tunics over lights or slim jims are also popular as they are both attractive and comfortable. For those who refuse to appear in slacks, skirts with matching tops take on a new look with gored that are definite, rather than having the look that they are trying to conceal themselves! One example is a skirt with multi-colored insets that show when the skirt flares out.

UNDERCOVER SILKS

Women who love the luxurious feel of silk against their skin, will be delighted with the many ways in which these elegant fabrics are being used in foundations this spring. Bras, girdles and corselets are featuring it in many guises, ranging from silk-covered elastics to lush silk crepe de chine.

British Accent Is Seen in Spring's Fashion for Men

If sportswear for Spring, 1961 could speak, reports the American Institute of Men's and Boys' Wear, it would have a decided British accent. From coats and slacks to shirts and walk shorts, the word is British—but with an obvious American flavor.

Sport jackets, for instance, include a modified British hacking style—waistlines, a bit accented, shoulders natural, with a slight flare-out at the base and vents at the side or in the center.

Stronger patterns and bolder colors are to be found in Ivy type sport coats, while the Continentals have edged closer than ever to the more conservative Trans-American Design.

Slim Silhouette
Slacks continue in the slim silhouette so familiar in recent seasons, with convenient self-supporting waistband in greater evidence than ever.

Seersucker, a definite British favorite, will have wider acceptance in casual suits, as sport jackets as well as in slacks, walk shorts and sport shirts—many are blessed with wash-wear properties.

Knitted sport shirts are

Hats Move To Side; Handbags Are Long; Gloves for Season

Hats will still be high, but this season the real interest moves to the side.

In the manner of the Twenties and Thirties, the brim will be flipped up on the side, or pulled down close to one cheek with a touch of eye-stopping trim at that point.

The little hats take to the side too, but moving to the tilt just ever so slightly from the top of the head. These are truly "little hats," not even large enough to cover the crown.

In between in size are the new semi-bowl styles, the cloches, turbans, bretons, sailors and toques. Also prominent are small-crown hats with enormous brims.

Every color will be seen in spring millinery, with lilac and off-white slated for a big appearance. Trims are most often color-contrasted and grosgrain has bloomed along with flowers, veiling and other ribbons for the season.

Textured straw is something very different in new millinery, due to the treatment hat designers have given it. In many styles it creates a decided three-dimensional effect. Felt, velvet and veil puffs are all excitingly used too.

Handbags Long

As hats have grown high... handbags have grown long. The most forward looking shape is the envelope, which has been streamlined to zoom up to 20 inches. Some styles have handles, but most are meant to be carried under the arm.

Other handbags will be soft in silhouette, similar to previous seasons. Newness come from fabrics and trim. Burlap, homespun, fringes and tapes... grained and mottled leathers... these are the keys to an up-to-the-minute look.

Spring's new fashions call for belts that do a "trim-up" job. The self-belt look is seldom seen. And new belts answer the call to colors (and decorative touches). Chains, dangles, bows, drapes... stripes, prints, tone-on-tones... colors from the entire

Certain Fashions Will Go Anywhere

No matter where you look this spring, you'll find certain dresses, coats, suits, separates and sportswear that will look right, feel right and be right for any place in the world, and time of the year.

Whether worn on the fashionable boulevards of the world, or at a suburban country club, or in a smart restaurant in town, these clothes travel well with women-on-the-go.

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silk; cotton knits, Dacron with cotton; sheers woolens and fabulous double knits handled in new, individualized ways shape up these go-everywhere fashions.

These are the clothes that pack into limited weight allowance luggage for jet flights, fit into a sports car, get on a train or go aboard ships—with equal poise.

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