

Black or Dark Silk Sheers Vogue

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AS TO foremost fashions for summer, costumes of black or dark sheers such as silk chiffons, marisettes, organza and handsome nets are carrying first honors.

Your wardrobe may be as you supposed replete with chic, but if it be sans one of the beguilingly styled dark sheers better send an immediate S.O.S. call in to your dressmaker or to your smartest store in town or to whoever caters to your sartorial needs. Telling you, we are, that without a suit or a dress of some one or other of these silk sheers or nets in black or in brown, navy or dubonnet red or deep purple dye your summer dress program will be sadly lacking indeed. We might add that black is the favorite of them all.

Especially are fascinating things being done with redingote fashions made of silk sheers that are thin to the point of transparency since they are designed to be worn over either a dress or slip in a solid bright color or a gay print. See the charming and chic ensemble to the right in the picture. It conveys the idea most eloquently. Here a black silk chiffon redingote with the new circular-cut hemline is posed over a pink silk moire slip. Very French in feeling is this most winsome 1936 afternoon dress. Note the black silk taffeta applique of roses on the redingote. The corsage of huge twin roses accurately repeats the pink tone of the silk slip. Narrow velvet ribbon ties about the waist and trims the very lovely pink panama hat worn with this costume.

While we are on the subject of black silk chiffon and its importance in the summer style picture it might be well to mention the new skirts of black chiffon which are the smartest ever for evening, worn with a tunic or jacket-blouse done in flamboyantly colored flowered print. These skirts are cut full circular and their hemline measures yards. Yet with all this fullness you are not made aware of the fact as the skirt is styled to fit about the hips in slenderizing sleekness gradually and gracefully leading into soft undulations about the hemline. You will find a skirt of this description to be a real asset in your summer clothes collection. Have in reserve a shirtwaist blouse of black net al-

so a decollete bodice of self black chiffon—an economical way to acquire a wardrobe of smart formals for varied occasion.

If you have an urge for color you will find joy in a costume that poses a redingote of dubonnet red silk chiffon or organza over a slip of gorgeous flower print. The color effect is beyond the telling in word or picture. It requires the evening lights to glorify it.

Could anything in the way of a daytime costume be smarter and more to be coveted than the jacket-and-dress twosome to the left in the illustration! If so we have not discovered it. You may be interested in knowing that this ensemble is of royal lineage in that it is a creation by no less a noted designer than the personal dressmaker to Queen Mary. It came over on the R. M. S. Queen Mary as did a whole fashion load of stunning modes. The dress is perfect for afternoon wear on warm summer days, made as it is of cool Tudor-brown twytex net. The finely pleated and tucked jabot is of white silk net, and the loose coat is of brown crossbar twytex.

The story of net as it unfolds in the summer style program is proving a most fascinating one. Nothing smarter or more practical has centered the style stage than the jacket dresses tailored of cool and comfortable and chic looking nets either in black or the stunning new rich dark colors.

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Glamorous Apparel Wins

Approval of Parisiennes

For the polo matches, the races and late afternoon occasions of summer in Paris, it is now the smartest fashion to wear frocks and hats of the glamorous variety. Sheer fabrics like organdie are altogether enchanting and feminine for frocks with wide and sweeping skirts and hats with wide and flattering brims.

These decorative full-skirted frocks, with little capes or puffed sleeves, have not by any means replaced the tailored evening costume with a jacket, an important fashion for parties from five o'clock on. Daylight dining will enhance this tailored idea.

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Whims of Fashion

Feather boas make their appearance.

Tunic costumes are vastly important.

Challis and chintz head list of smart cottons.

Tunics will be important features in fall and winter styles.

Pastel woolen swaggar coats top summer frocks on cool days.

Striped shirting is a smart choice for a tailored shirtwaist dress.

French dressmakers are making frocks woven of fine silk ribbons.

White and frosty jewelry are the popular note in summer jewelry.

Colorful blouses of handkerchiefs are being used with summer suits.

Striped velvets have been turned to bathing suits by a New York designer.

Zipppers on the kick pleats of a sports skirt are being used to check the blowing of the skirt by the wind while putting.

"Tahiti" and "Copper" are two of the favored shades of burnished gold shown in hosiery to wear with white and navy.

POULTRY

MOLTING HENS CUT OUT LAYING EGGS

Birds Go on Eating, Running Up the Expenses.

By Roy S. Dearstyne, Head North Carolina State College Poultry Department.—WNU Service.

Early molting hens, which begin to drop their feathers in the early summer, are not worth keeping in good poultry flocks.

These birds stop laying when they begin to molt, but they go right on eating feed and running up expenses.

They do not lay as many eggs as late molters and the eggs they do lay are produced at a time when eggs are plentiful and prices are low.

Since early molting is an inheritable characteristic, they will pass this trait on to their offspring if left in the flock and used for breeding purposes.

In hot weather, it is especially important that only infertile eggs be produced for home consumption or marketing, as they have a much greater keeping quality than fertile eggs.

Except in the breeding season, roosters should be kept away from the hens. And only the best roosters, those with the ability to transmit good qualities to their offspring, should be kept for breeding.

If eggs are collected several times a day during the summer, and stored immediately in a cool place, they will keep much better. Wire baskets which permit air to circulate freely among the eggs are ideal for the storage room.

But even under ideal conditions, eggs should not be kept in storage any longer than necessary. A poultryman who gets a reputation of marketing only fresh eggs can command good prices.

Lice and mites propagate rapidly in hot weather. Infested birds soon lose their vigor and fall off in egg production. Poultrymen should examine their birds every few days so they can check infestations as soon as they start.

Select Cockerels Early, Is Urged by Poultryman

Make an early start in selecting males to be used as breeders for next year's poultry flock. During the early growth period it is possible to obtain information on feather development, growth rate, vigor and standard qualities.

This is the suggestion of Dr. N. F. Waters of the poultry husbandry staff at Iowa State college. The male is extremely important to the flock, Dr. Waters points out, since he exerts an influence on the progeny of approximately 15 female birds.

If a poultryman decides that he will need ten cockerels for the following breeding season, he should start his selection when the birds are about eight weeks old. In selecting these ten males Dr. Waters recommends that about 40 of the best birds be selected from the flock. During the next three or four months a careful selection and culling should be made from these 40 males until the ten best remain.

Ration for Young Ducks

Young ducks will thrive on common grains fed either whole or mixed and ground to a coarse meal. They will do best when most of their feed is made into a moist mash. They should have cabbage or other similar green feed and meat scrap or table scrap, provided these are perfectly fresh and fed in moderation. In summer ducks will find most of their feed if near water but may need some supplemental rations when conditions prevent them from foraging successfully.

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