

### Pale, Lightweight Shoes Complement New Fashions

Fashion steps into the bright sunlight this spring in an array of new pointed toe leather shoes. New ideas start from the ground up in a handsome collection of soft, delicate leather textures in both pale neutral tones and bright light colors. Black and white, in patent leather, calf and kid, are given interesting detail treatments.

When shoes set the pace for a costume, they create a happy fashion mood. Soft, nappy suede pumps speak of head-to-toe femininity. Gayly colored smooth and grained calf shoes reflect the sun's sparkle; fine kid pumps in one or luster leathers in pale blue or green grape give the "on the town" stamp to cocktail dresses or suits.

For after-five, kid and reptile leathers combined in a novel pump with harlequin cutouts and slacked leather heels are new, as are slim, luster leather pumps with three inch high stiletto heels and glittering toes set with tiny jewels.

Light leather pumps with darker embroidered stitching around the shoe throatline, and a petal embroidered silhouette on the tapered toe will perk up suits or dresses. A trim leather sole of these narrow-toed shoes, "frames" the lovely tapered look.

Two colors, particularly in con-

trasting hues, suggest a sporty casual costume. For example, flat casuals with a light taffy-toned smooth leather vamp are matched to a darker briar brown lightly grained leather.

Two-tone boot shoes with high rising vamps and light-toned, trimly-tapered toes and a pixieish thong tie, conjure up a gamine-like air to literally put a spring in your step.

### Exotic Gloxinias Are Easy To Grow

By IRENE SEELY

Have you ever thought about trying gloxinias? They look so spectacular and exotic that one automatically feels that they would be hard to manage, but they actually are easier to raise than tuberous begonias or African violets.

The leaves have the same velvety texture as do those of the African violets, but they do not spot nor scald so easily. They can take a surprising amount of cold weather, pulling through when tuberous begonias curl up and die. They can not take wind, but then I don't know any houseplant that can. With shelter from it, they do very well outside in the summer.

Even without special feeding and elaborate disbudding the flowers are of large size, and the color and texture are magnificent. The blooms stay on the plant for a considerable time.

The tubers are not too expensive considering the amount of bloom that one receives. Many excellent ones can be had in collections from the better seed companies. Since they have not reached the stage where many of them have special names of their own, they are simply designated by color. Some are solid colors, some have white rims and markings, but all have a jewel like quality that brings them to instant attention.

The directions are simple and no elaborate methods must be carried out. There are a few things to watch out for. Some of the tubers believe in a quick start and may start to sprout before you are ready for them. Once they have begun there is no way to hold them back so you should have your planting materials ready.

The directions sometime suggest that several tubers can be planted in a single pot. This does provide a large and handsome show piece, but a pot large enough to hold several tubers is also too large to handle comfortably. Unless you have a place where it can stay permanently without having to be lifted, I suggest that you use smaller pots holding a single tuber. The plant can attain considerable size when full grown.

The directions also say that gloxinias will wither down after blooming, and that the tubers can then be stored in a similar manner to tuberous begonias. That is so, of course, and it may be the proper way to do it. But I have found that they will continue growing right through the year with no interruption for dormancy, and bloom at their usual season the following year with no apparent need to go into this forced period.



SPRING FOOTWEAR for every occasion is shown from Gallenkamps. Dream Step designs casual flats in the popular bone and beige tones with interesting bow or buckle detail. Dress styles range from the classic black patent to the most flattering evening shoes. Color range is wide, also, paced to complement the new spring fashion silhouettes.



CASUAL SHOES, every style, every color, to please the fancy of all young ladies are to be found at House Of Shoes. Something particularly new, styled by Pretties, is the initial shoe, your initials, your boy friend's or your school letter, in bone, white or patent leather. House Of Shoes also features handbags to match most of the casuals shown above, styled by Jolene, Mr. Gus, Debtowners and Patios.



BUCKLES, bows, bright pompons and such, attractively displayed on the Trim Bar at House of Shoes, provide an easy, fun way to make the shoe fit the occasion and the mood of the wearer.

### COLOR FLATTERS SPRING HOSIERY

This season hosiery takes its color cues from shoe leathers. 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 flatterer simplicity in hosiery for spring.

Deeper neutrals and wheat or mustard colored yellowy 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 various leathers and carry-over bone shades.

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, sultan shades comprise the bright range of colors in shoes and ready-to-wear, for which hosiery shades will be golden, rich sultan tones.

New in the bright range is the whole gamut of green and to gold vermetils. Vermel is the French word for gilding 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.

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.

### MATTE JERSEY BACK

Matte jersey is a fabric making a comeback both in blouses and afternoon and cocktail dresses. (Some women do it and as far as they're concerned, it never went out.)



BOGATAY'S shows a new spring high heel, triple needle toe pump, Encore by Life Stride, in soft coffee cream luster leather. Handsome trim is leather bow on a gold buckle.



SOFT, delicate leathers are found in this collection of spring pumps from Bogatay's. Life Stride's bone and brown combination, "Invitation," at left, and the "Flip-pant," center, bone with sleek self bow trim, have high heels. Mid-heel is "Panama" by Naturalizer, right, bone with tailored ecru trim. Also available are matching handbags to complement the new spring fashions.



STACKED SMARTLY for spring is the heel interest on this new interpretation to the spectator pump. Bogatay's features this tapered toe pump, Cascade by Naturalizer, in driftwood bone or black calf. Of wonderfully soft unlined leather it has an inner elasticized collar that clings to the foot as it gives to your walk.

### Handsome Fashions Lined Up For Men

Come spring and the living is one for cigarettes, the other for free and easy—and colorful. Put a man outdoors in spring, and what does he wear? A casual jacket that's light, weather-proof and leather.

Soft suede, smooth and lightly grained leathers have taken over in men's casual fashions this season. Masculine, yet handsome and bright as the new slacks and sport shirts—leather coats, jackets and shirts are high in style, versatile and easy on the budget.

The tapered silhouette marks spring leather sportswear. The sports car enthusiast will find the broad, comfortable shoulder of his smooth or grained leather car coat built for free wheeling. In three-button sack jacket appropriate for town or country wear black, a trim leather car coat always looks smart.

One of the newest car coats of smooth, soil resistant leather has a yoke-like effect across the chest which conceals the opening of two neatly set breast pockets—fort in the midst of weather.

Convenient pockets on the sleeves hold small change and a pen to jot down important phone numbers. Self-leather buttons and a collar tab close the coat against breezes.

For any activity—there are few garments as mobile and unhampered as a leather-and-knit jacket. In light knits combined with smooth, grained or suede leather, these jackets are seen in white, taupe and natural deerskin colors that highlight tweed, worsted and der arms and on cuffs and waistbands to match or contrast.

Suede you love to touch — is found in everything from a casual coat built for free wheeling. In three-button sack jacket appropriate for town or country wear black, a trim leather car coat always looks smart.

Suede coats, vests or jackets are ideal for spring's changeable weather; they repel water stains and give smart lightweight comfort in the midst of weather.



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