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Recommend Brightest Colors For Holiday Season Wardrobe

In the last minute frenzy of present buying and preparations, the Christmas clothes tend to get overlooked — until you get that unexpected invitation to a party . . . and find you've nothing to wear. Christmas is the one time in the year when you have a chance to be really dramatically dressed. And to help you make the most of the opportunity, I've asked the advice of several leading personalities in the fashion world.

"Wear bright colors," says couturier Matilli. He suggests kingfisher blue or bright green, underscored with black.

"Make the most of contrasts," says the Queen's dressmaker Norman Hartnell. His favorites are cornflower blue or turquoise with silver, black or copper, or black with white.

"Stick to short skirts for dancing," advises Victor Stiebel, who prefers dresses in brocade or slipper satin, heavy, re-embroidered lace, velvet or silk faille. Colours? Mr. Stiebel suggests pink, laced with gold or silver.

Digby Morton plumps for separates — elegant shirts and skirts with a difference, that will go to the gayest party, yet still be good for relaxing in at home. His couture casuals, now to be found in the stores, are made in a wealth of wonderful materials.

Accent on Economy

And with the accent on economy try these suggestions from the cream of London's fashion world.

Let your imagination run riot on shirt and skirt combinations. Try the sorcery of a deep red satin shirt with a skirt of matching rich brocade, or a blouse of dark paisley printed silk, teamed with a black party skirt — a quite ordinary faille one can be enlivened by the addition of a cummerbund.

Try a steel grey satin skirt with a black velvet top and, if you are courageous enough to take the lead in fashion, make yourself one of the skirts that caused such a stir in the Paris collections last summer.

Your sweaters can go safely to a party, dressed up for the occasion. The most elegant party sweater we've seen was a black cashmere golfer — it could be lambswool — lined with silver satin, fastened with tiny buttons of white mink — it could be rabbit — make your own from scraps begged from a fur dealer.

Twinset

Team a cashmere sweater, party fashion, with a satin skirt of an exact matching colour — imagine the effect of a champagne evening skirt with its own matching twin set for instance, or a similar pink or pale lilac combination.

Dress up your tweed sheath for cocktails by scattering it with drop crystals. A scoop-necked pinafore dress is best; wear it without the blouse beneath, fill in the neckline with jewellery.

And if you are a suit girl at heart — copy couturiere Michael's idea, and make yourself a dress-maker-style cocktail suit in coffee colored satin. Give it a waistcoat blouse of bright brocade.

Above the Neck

And for above-the-neck fashion, why not try those suggestions from the top.

"Try a dramatic hairstyle for a change," says French, London's leading hair stylist. If you've been following fashion faithfully, by now your hair will be long enough to pin back into a chignon; if not, you can always use a nylon switch. These can now be bought, almost anywhere, and dyed to match your own hair colour. But it's more fun, if you have the courage to use frankly fake colouring . . . ash blonde, for instance if you are a brunette, with ash blonde streaks in your hair, to match.

Experiment with hair color. If you are a blonde, or silver-haired, run the gamut of the new hair rinses — strawberry pink for instance, or lilac are both fun for parties, can be washed out the next day; or you can brush in silver and gold streaks of glitter-dust.

If you are lucky-enough to have near-perfect features, wear your hair long, brushed out wide from the face. Hair worn this way must look glossy and shining, and the secret is in the way you use your hairbrush; Put a pure silk scarf over the bristles and smooth it over your hair until it is burnished and gleaming.

Wear jewellery in your hair for evening. Look out in the antique shops for old jewelled Spanish combs, the kind our grandmothers used for anchoring their elaborate coiffures, and use them to decorate your chignon. Wind a pearl or a rhinestone necklace around it, making sure it is well and truly secured with stout hairclips. Ordinary hair-combs can be dressed up for a party if the tops are painted with an adhesive, then dipped into sequins.

If you are the Christmas cook, turn toiling over a hot oven into an advantage. Wind your hair in loose pin curls and cover it with the chiffon scarf while you are in the kitchen, then brush it out just before the meal is served, and you've given yourself a steam-set.

Dramatic Make-Up

Dramatize your make-up, switch to a clear red lipstick — Douglas Collings of Goya has designed a

wide range of indelibles in all shades of clear red.

Emphasize your eyes by wearing eye-shadow even if you don't normally use it. Look for the types that have a glittering, silvery base, to give your eyelids a party sparkle. Try the effect of a very thin line of eyebrow pencil drawn along the lashes, finishing with a doe eyed point in the corner. Just for the fun, emphasize your eyes with a beauty spot on your cheek-bone — a heavy dot of black eyebrow pencil does the trick.

Wear a vivid nail lacquer for once, even if you prefer pale fin ger tips, top it with a coat of colorless glitter-varnish to give your nails a frosted look.

Frisivolous Hats

"Hats for Christmas should be frivolous," says London milliner John. He suggests you make yourself a tiny chignon cap to sit right on the back of your head, from dark red velvet, edged with a narrow band of fur.

Cut a circle of velvet about 7 1/2" in diameter and gather the outer edge into a narrow elasticated band to fit over your chignon, or over a stiffened pillbox shape. Trim the hat with fur and sew a tiny comb into the top to anchor it, or spear it through with a giant hat-pin.

White, furry hats are this year's sellers, but if fur is not your first love, look for berets in curled osprey feathers or make your own from swansdown trimming which can be bought by the yard from the haberdashery department of your local shop. Sew it snail-fashion over an ordinary felt beret.

Have Fun

Have fun with party stoles; make your own from a yard of red velvet split lengthwise and joined end to end, backing onto pink. Be sure to pick your colors from the same tone category — scarlet must be teamed with an orange-pink rather than a mauve pink, for instance. The prettiest combination is crimson with very pale clove pink.

Finally, here are some crazy party ideas for the intrepid, the coloured glass balls that hang on the Christmas tree make fantastic gypsy earrings, have loops attached to them that you can easily fix to a pair of stud earrings . . . sew tiny bells round the edge of a pair of evening gloves so that they jingle as you move your hands . . . pin a jewel on your evening shoe to glitter as you dance . . . and here's the most glamorous piece of nonsense we know — a yard or so of frost-white tulle, scattered liberally with silver sequins.

Stick them on with colorless nail varnish (they stay put even when the stole is washed). Wear the tulle in a cloud around your head, over your shoulders; it looks wonderful with a black dress.

Guide Coy Entertains Friends at Holiday Party

Approximately eighty Girl Guides and their friends crowded St. George's parish hall for the annual 2nd Guide troop Xmas party on Wednesday, Dec. 17th.

Following a lunch served by the mothers, dancing and games were enjoyed for the remainder of the evening. The troop took advantage of the social time to make a number of presentations including a surprise for Guide Diane McColligan who has been unable to attend any meetings during the past few months because of a spinal fusion.

In a full length cast since September, Diane was carried into the hall by her father and some friends where fellow members presented her with lounging pajamas. Diane will be in her cast until March.

Brenda Dawson was on the receiving end of another presentation when awarded the Little House Emblem, Sewing Badge and Pioneer's Badge. Mary McClintock was awarded her Swimmers and Hostess Badges and Nancy Jamieson her Swimmer's badge.

The troop acknowledged the work of their leaders, Capt. Mrs. T. Brown, Lieut. Mrs. Gene Green, and Mrs. Betty Jamieson and Mrs. Jean Findlay, with gifts presented by Brenda Dawson on behalf of the troop.

CHURCH LADIES SEE PICTURES OF EUROPE

The Young Ladies' Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church held their Christmas party at the North Halton Golf and Country Club attended by thirty five members on Thursday, Dec. 11th.

The evening was a combination turkey dinner and business, followed by a program of slides on Europe and the British Isles shown by Mrs. Dean Leslie of Acton. Our own town was also highlighted by coloured slides shown by Mrs. Sam Mackenzie. Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Spicer catered to the dinner.

ALLIANCE OFFICE STAFF HOLDS XMAS PARTY AT ERIN

Mill management and members of the Alliance staff association held their annual Christmas party on Saturday, December 13th at Hilltop Lodge, Erin.

The evening included a banquet supper and dancing to the music of the Glassford-McPherson orchestra. Prizes were awarded for

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novelty dances and a door prize was won by Mrs. Norm Young. Some fifty attended the party. In charge of arrangements was a committee comprising Emery Thompson, Doug Weir, Mrs. Bob Lucas and Linda Mino.

Warm Wishes at Christmas



May this happy Yuletide season brim over with all good things — with surprises as merry and pleasing as the findings under your Christmas tree. To all our friends, both old and new, go our warmest and sincerest wishes for a Joyous Holiday Season.

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