

SLEIGHLOAD OF VALUES!!

MEN



Gifts for women

Make holiday dreams even sweeter

Here comes Santa Claus, and he's laden with gifts for that special lady! This year, a popular item on many gift lists is brushed-back satin sleepwear. According to a nationwide survey, lingerie is second only to flowers as the most popular gift a woman hopes to receive from her husband or boyfriend.

Brushed-back satin, with its shimmering finish and soft, cuddly raised surface, is hot this holiday season. Top designers, including Miss Dior, Eve Stillman and Fernando Sanchez, have created gorgeous nighties with this fabric.

Gowns are the most-purchased and received item of lingerie, and the choices accent luxury, beauty and softness. Made from fabrics in Allied Fibers' Creme de Captiva collection, they are sparked with feminine details — rich lace, trapunto stitching, floral appliques, tucking, tatting and colorful embroidery.

Willow Creek offers a perfect example of this intricate detailing — a rich, full-length Victorian gown in light blue or ivory with a high, lace-topped collar. A diamond-shaped applique of fine lace tatting accents a tucked lace-trimmed yoke.

Gown and robe combinations are also popular for sleeping and lounging. One of the prettiest sets is a daywear-styled stunner from Miss Dior. The dropped-waist gown with



TOP that special lady's gift list with a shapely collar with overlap point, matching sterling cuff and wing shaped earrings designed for Jondell.

square rose-embroidered neckline, full skirt and wide, pleated shoulder straps matches a collarless wrap-robe that also has a neckline panel of rose embroidery. This gown is available in brilliant peach or ivory.

Barbizon offers a jewel of a set with a striking winter-white, sleeveless, floor-length gown with a sequined lace yoke. The matching A-line robe also has the glamorous lace yoke

with long, ruffled, lace-trimmed sleeves.

Breaking away from the soft pastels that dominate even winter sleepwear, Eve Stillman styles a ballet-length robe. The Oriental-inspired silhouette, in rich aqua or fiery red, has a neck-to-hem button-front closure.

Nightsuits are also popular, and most show the strong influence of men's-wear styling. Lady Lynne offers a lighthearted little charmer with an uneven shirttail hem, trapunto-stitched shoulder pads, notched collar and cuffed sleeves.

Men's-wear styling also gives ladies' pajamas strong loungewear appeal. Julie, a division of Slumbertogs, styles the artist's smock as a pajama top with an inverted back pleat, pointed collar and flared, cuffed sleeves to wear over long, loose pants in brushed-back satin fabric.

For the ultimate in versatility, Fernando Sanchez offers a moire-patterned line of matched separates, including an oversized man-tailored shirt, sleek camisole and slim-leg pants. The three pieces can be worn together as a lounge or as bed clothes with the shirt doubling as a cover-up. Disregarding the trend toward softer hues, Fernando Sanchez colors his ensemble in rich ruby and sapphire jewel tones.

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Fashionable choices

Trying to find the right gift for a man

Buying clothes for the men on your holiday gift list used to mean white shirts, blue ties and navy sweaters. Practical, yes; exciting, no.

This season, the Men's Fashion Association reports that gift options in men's wear will make giving as much fun as receiving.

"There is more variety in styling, color and pattern than ever before," says Chip Tolbert, MFA fashion director. "Whether you are shopping for the conservative dresser, the fashion trend-setter or the sports-minded individual, there are choices priced for every budget."

This holiday season — besides the ubiquitous robe-and-pajamas ensemble — think loungewear. Options include kimono or shawl-collar wrap-style robes with coordinating boxers, knee-length shorts or cuffed pants. Fabrics range from cotton and rayon to silk, wool challis and velvet to easy-care blends. Prices start at \$50, and the sky is the limit for items in a luxu-

ry fabric.

If your man's not quite ready for loungewear, consider one of the new cotton fleece leisure suits. Catchy screen-printed logos, sports and outdoor emblems, and color blocking combined with oversize silhouettes and sophisticated colorations are perfect for apres gym. Fleece suits can range from \$35 to \$75.

How about sweaters? The rugged outdoors dominates this season's offerings. Easy, oversized machine- and hand-knits feature colorful wildlife — everything from ducks and eagles to dogs and bears.

Thanks to computerized knitting techniques, there are endless combinations of pattern and color in cottons, wools and luxury blends. Prices start at \$25, but expect to pay over \$100 for hand-knits and luxury yarns.

Accessories make great stocking stuffers or stand alone as personal holiday gifts. In neckwear, consider one of the new wider ties to complement this season's wider-lapel suit jackets and spread-collar shirts. Regimental stripes in offbeat color combinations (like teal and red), spaced paisleys and oversize medallions will give him the edge in the board room. Prices for pure silk start at about \$12 and climb to around \$85 for imported silk-screened styles.

Suspenders and braces are the current favorites for fashion-conscious men who are eager to make their own style statements. From the traditional nylon stripes and solids to the innovative fancy silks and woven leathers, braces permit pants to hang better and allow pleats to establish their proper line. A new tie and coordinating braces are the perfect combination gift. Plan on spending from \$12 to \$30 for a pair of braces in pure silk.

If the man on your list needs socks and underwear, have some fun; this season's selections are anything but boring. In socks, weekend brights include fuchsia, turquoise, yellow and royal blue. Irish cable knits and marles are top choices for the bulky look, but shaker knits, basket weaves and box textures are also in abundance. Luxurious alternatives to wool



WARM-UP set for active sports or lounging has body-contoured fit and color-blocked panels. Logo is screen-printed in this lighter-weight fleece by Runner-Up for American Argo. Pant and top are \$14 each.

and nylon — cashmere, angora, silk and even chinchilla — are as festive as the season. Prices range from \$4.50 a pair for the basics to \$18-plus for the fancies.

New styles in underwear include knitted briefs and bikinis with vividly colored prints, stripes and polka dots. Boxer styles in brights and pastels are available in everything from flannel to silk. Cutesy prints — bananas, ants and airplanes — are sure to bring a smile. There is a lot of variety in the \$8 to \$15 range, but plan on spending more for silks.

Another fun accessory is the sport watch. Prices range from \$50 to \$150, and there are colors and designs for all ages and tastes.

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CREWNECK is updated with wrap collar and white piping. Gitano designs it with a snowflake pattern. The line of sweaters is from \$15 to \$30.

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