

Sleepwear still popular as Christmas gifts

What personal gift can a man buy for the special woman on his Christmas list?

According to a recent survey, intimate apparel is second only to flowers as the present a woman most often hopes to receive from the man in her life.

Elegant, colorful sleepwear and loungewear, in luscious fabrics that caress the skin, are the most purchased or received items of intimate apparel in a woman's wardrobe.

This Christmas, sleep fashions run the gamut from sleek silhouettes in brilliant gem tones to poetic, romantic gowns generously adorned with lace, ruffles and embroidery.

Whether she's in the mood to be daring or wants to look demure, the '90s woman has a variety of choices for the holidays.

Fluid fabrics, which impart a feeling of luxury and elegance and softness next to the skin, are an essential part of the fashion picture.

Knit or woven in lustrous, silky fibers such as Patina or Captiva nylon, these supple fabrics drape beautifully to flatter the figure, and at the same time afford the wearer the most modern, easy-care benefits.

Lingerie can be freshened in a matter of minutes. A quick swish through mild soap and water and they can be hung to drip-dry smooth and wrinkle

free.

Lily of France favors brushed-back Creme de Captiva satins for richly colored sleep shirts and double breasted pajamas, adorned with embroidered crest pockets or floral print collar and cuffs.

Fernando Sanchez is another who works fashion artistry with brushed-back satins from Allied Fibers' Creme de Captiva collection of luxurious nylon fabrics. He combines vibrant hues of violet and hot pink in a loungewear ensemble of camisole top, tapered pants and short, puff jacket.

Sanchez also does an Oriental caf-

tan and a plunging V-neck gown, both suitable for at-home entertaining, in this favorite cold weather fabric with its sleek, shimmering surface on the outside, and warm, flannel-like texture next to the skin.

Character likes the old-fashioned look in a long, granny gown with tucked yoke and self ruffles against a small rosebud print on ivory ground.

Cine Star's demure gown in Patina nylon features an inset yoke bodice and full, flounce hem. Another by the same manufacturer combines a figure-hugging stretch-lace bodice with a full, waltz-length skirt of Patina nylon.

Soft prints add interest to several

new designs.

Lorraine features a swirling, feathery motif in a long, spaghetti-strap gown and wrap robe of Captiva nylon in teal and pink. Willow Creek opts for a splashy floral design in lavender and wine for an oversized sleepshirt of brushed-back satin.

Whatever her taste, there's a dazzling array of choices this Christmas. It's a time when manufacturers of intimate apparel bring out their most impressive collections to satisfy shoppers during their busiest season.



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