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Coronation

TRENDS

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Coronation year—a dominant theme for fashion designers.

Yes, this year's coronation will have a great influence on your clothes and accessories.

Whether you make a small change in your outfit or a large one, if it falls in line with the royal event, you will be well-dressed.

Regal shapes and colors have inspired our designers more than anything else. Ornate and jeweled items will be more than popular this year.

Coronation has probably had its greatest influence in the jewelry line, creating much three-dimensional jewelry along with various necklaces made of British coins. The "bird in the gilded cage" is spotlighted for both novel ornamentation and buckle fastenings. The fashion for feather clips is growing rapidly, simply because the Queen Mother wears one which the late King gave to her. Fur jewelry such as earrings, bracelets and neckpieces will dress up your evening wear.

"Tiaras—the crowning touch on young heads," seem to be the most popular head piece. Hair clips, tiaras and crowns in clear rhinestones, and colorful red, green and blue cabachons are being introduced into the fashion world and are making a big hit. Whether you choose a head piece with red-jeweled lattice work or with a pear flower spray, you will want to sparkle up your night-time wardrobe. The fashion for ornaments in the hair is having its effect on other pieces of jewelry, which often take their design inspiration directly from the more elaborate pieces. Designers are now working on new bracelet ideas and have created one which fits snugly just above the wrist bone and flutes out in a jointed cuff line.

Clothes rich in both color and fabric are developing with the coronation year. The royal colors include imperial rose, princess aqua, London mauve and ermine white. The pink-to-rose-to-red range is gaining importance.

Fabric specialties include romantic and sentimental prints, a three-dimensional effect achieved with shades

of gray and white and the tiny green figured fabric with the Elizabethan red ground. Two outstanding creations in a recent London fabric show were a pale blue silk twill patterned with small brown coronets set on white hearts and a coronation gingham done in red, white and blue checks.

Jeweled wraps, wool or velveteen, alive with color, afire with pearls, rhinestones or brilliant butterflies will be welcome in any lady's wardrobe. Watch also for evening wraps made similar in design to the coronation robes.

Hats will have three-dimensional surfaces, too, with lace medallions. Coronation pillboxes will make their grand debut this year topping the fashion parade in a deep royal blue. More veiling and ornaments on spring hats will give a lady-like appearance once more. In saluting the English devotion to pagentry, designers have captured the great British art in design and have constructed a beautiful coronation hat box for your new hat.

And not an accessory forgotten! Handbags, belts, sweaters and even handkerchiefs will be dressed up the royal British way! Black satin, antelope or suede are material predominents with motifs of crowns, coaches, gates, the royal monogram, Buckingham palace pieces and other symbols styled in mother of pearl and jewels of your choice. Look for high-collared cashmere sweaters with coronation appliques. A gift idea—regal handkerchiefs—is unique in souvenir boxes printed with London scenes. The red rose will be the number one flower accessory of the year, inspired by the event.

English shower-proofed velvets in coronation colors are important in the spring raincoat collection. An umbrella coat is also featured for coronation wear. It comes complete with an umbrella that slips into a small front pocket out of sight.

Whether you choose to wear a complete ensemble or one red rose, have that well-groomed regal "coronation look."