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BRIGHT EVENING STARS

SOFT rustling sounds, sparkle, color — that's what you think of this fall when you start preparing for a formal dance.

The minute you walk down the stairs your date will hear the rustle of your stiff petticoat beneath your dress. Bouffant petticoats, whether of permanent-finish crinoline, nylon-taffeta, or hoop style, create the full-skirted effect that is predominant in formal fashions this fall. And the generously full skirt will be found in either full-length formals or the cocktail and waltz-length styles.

Sparkling hair

The sparkle in your eye as you pin on your matching corsage can be accented by the sparkle in your hair with a touch of stardust from a "sprinkle" bottle. This easy-to-apply glitter can be purchased in various colors or silver or gold to match your costume.

Before slipping into your formal you will want to touch up any blemishes on your back or shoulders with one of the new liquid or creme cosmetics. Cologne, when sprayed over your hair, is pleasing to your partner and lends an air of fragrance to the atmosphere as you whirl over the dance floor.

Special cosmetics for a mid-evening fresh-up can be slipped into a clutch style evening bag, a newcomer replacing the draw-string purse. White pearl, velvet, satin and taffeta are present in this season's showing of evening bags.

When you're ready to leave the dance, you will welcome a soft wool knit or velvet stole if the night air is chilly. Shorty doeskin gloves add a timely and finished appearance to your ensemble.

Bright formals

Among the whirl of formals this year, burnt orange, wine red, bluestone and peacock will be seen in the new acetate and silk fabric, crystalette. Similar in texture is another new material, berma-shan, a fine weave of bemberg and silk. Both these materials are featured for this fall in formal wear and appear in assorted colors with matching velvet trim.

The dance step is a light, airy one with the dainty open slippers designed for lightness with slender straps and narrow heels. The shoe may be either of glitter or mynx cloth. New creations in shoe materials have interwoven gold and silver threads in the fabric to add a rich and sparkling touch to your evening footwear.

With your combination of bouffant petticoat, brightly-colored formal and sparkling accessories, you can't help but have a fabulous time.



Mary Molison, H. Ec. Jr., puts the finishing touches on her formal in preparation for that special evening.

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