Hose Shades Turn Pastel

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Our Shirt waister combines a checked swirling skirt and solid toned shirt, worn here by Mary Ellen Searl, applied art sophomore. Sanforized cotton trimmed with snow white pique collar and cuffs. Red, navy, coral, lime, brown or black. 9-15 and 10-16 ........................................... $16.95

From our newly redecorated 2nd Floor

Hose Shades
Turn Pastel

by Christine Thomson

You may be wearing hosiery to match your face powder this spring if you dress according to the dictates of the fashion world.

The fragile, inky shadows that women have been wearing are to be replaced by even sheener pastel tints. Among the delicate spring hosiery colors are pinks, blues, peach, green, yellow and mauve. More versatile will be the subdued tones such as greyed blues and soft grey browns.

It is difficult to determine by the eye alone the sheerness of the new hose. In buying these bits of cobweb, learn to use the terms of the hosiery makers. There are three words to know and understand: gauge, denier and filament.

Gauge, Denier

"Gauge" stands for the number of knitting needles to the inch and a half. The more needles, the closer is the stitch. Fifty-one gauge and over are extremely sheer.

"Denier" refers to the size of the thread used. The smaller the denier, the finer the hose. Thirty denier is sheer but serviceable. Twenty denier is medium sheer, and 15 denier is the extreme in sheerness.

"Filaments," though not a commonly used term, are the tiny strands of nylon that are twisted together to make the stocking threads. Many of the 20- and 30-denier hose are made of multifilament thread. It is twisted to maximum flexibility, resiliency, softness and dullness. Multifilament hose are tougher than they look, and they fit beautifully. The 15-denier hose are made of monofilament that comes from the nylon spinneret like a spidery wire, hard, shiny and non-resilient.

Fifteen-denier hose are so sheer that they seem mere shadows on a seam. They are just as fragile. Still in the experimental stage is a multifilament 15-denier thread and even a 10-denier.

Seam Side Out

To enhance the beauty of your new hose you may use the little trick that many women were forced to use during the war, that of wearing your hose with the seam side out. Some women think that the duller inside surface gives the illusion of added sheerness.

No matter how you decide to wear your hose, watch those seams! There is nothing as neat as straight seams running up the back of those few remaining inches from trim shoe top to dipping hemline. But let's not fool ourselves. We don't all have perfectly shaped legs. If you are slightly bowlegged, don't emphasize the fact by wearing your seam up the center back of your leg. Try slanting your seam slightly from your ankle to the inside of your knee. If you have a tendency to be knockkneed, the reverse is true. A seam
that slants just a bit to the outside of the leg is more flattering than one that goes straight up from the floor.

“A run, and it’s the first time I’ve had them on.” This is a frequent wail these days. But, did you rinse out that lovely pair of hose and dry them thoroughly before you put them on? These sheer, more fragile hose have little “give” before their first sudsing.

“Handle with care” is another thought that should be kept in mind. A hangnail or slightly rough hands may mean a snag or even a run. Anything that disastrous ought to be avoided. Why not slip on an old pair of gloves before drawing on your best hose? And drawing on we mean. Roll your stocking down to the foot. Poke in that painted toe and gently draw on that precious stocking, straightening your seam as you go. Hose fit so snugly today that the seam is hard to budge once the stocking is on.

Try putting on a pair of fabric gloves that also need a tubbing when you wash your hosiery. Dunk them into cool suds as soon as you slide out of them. It only takes a minute or two. Next roll them in a turkish towel to blot out the extra drops of water and hang them up with smooth clothes pins away from that steaming radiator. You will find that sheer hose will last longer.

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