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his year calls for going to great lengths. Chanol creates he two-piece silk dress (left), \$720. Dress and white mar-jou jacket, \$150, from Jacobson's. White organdy en-emble by Bernard Perris, \$2,800, from Claire Pearone.

White, two-piece chiffon gown touched with lace, \$570, is from Saks Fitth Avenue. Chior's white, hand-ombroid over a hoop skirt, \$75, and matching parasol are from dered slik gown, \$2.075, and slik pumps by Steliger, \$195,

White Christmas

It takes some doing to do it badly

ERRY CHRISTMAS — HAPPY New Year — Happy Hollday dressing!
And the closer it gots to the day, the more everybody thinks white.
Hollday parties, the Christmas dance, the family gathering around the tree on Christmas Day, New Year's Eve — all bring lighthearted thoughts and mental pictures of wearing white.

There's a lot of white around this year — looking pretty and sweet, glamorous and gay, or very rich and chie. For holiday evening, white is smartest sparked with gold, black or crystal. For day, it's wonderfully soft when combined with muted pastels or bone. However you combine or blend white, it will take some doing to do it badly.

For a look at abounding white and the many different ways to wear it, we asked Claire Pearone, Hottle, Inc., Hudson's, Jacobson's, Laura Ashley, Roz & Sherm and Sake Fifth Avenue to strut their white stuff and share their white thoughts at Oakland Hills Country Club.

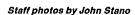
It was a crisp morning and the first snow of the season sparkled like diamonds in the bright, early sun, Just inside the glass-canopied entry way, a jolly, fat Santa greeted us white a more diminutive Santa and his missus greeted us in the lobby, which was dominated by a snow-fleeked, garland-bedecked stairway.

OUR HOST was ready with steaming mugs of coffee for the bevy of models and fashion coordinators, and the spirit of Christ-mas pervaded the atmosphere.

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White wool Icelandic jacket, \$198, match-ing scarf, hat and mittens, Bill Blass trousers, \$40, Sleeker boots by Bill Blass, \$53. J.L. Hudson's.





Lavish layerings include a head wrap of white fox, the scarf from Jacobson's.



The family will gather 'round the Christmas tree this year wearing pale white' into pastels. Dad wears white ground, pastel striped aweatering by Ron Chereskin, \$47, mauve shirt and grey flannel slacks. Mother wears white ground color-blocked sweatering by

Adrienne Vittadini, \$95, with white flannel pants by Guiseppe, \$110. The twins wear pastel Robert Bruce sweaters, \$22.50, with frey flannel Farsh slacks, \$16. And daughter elects white lace-edge, pink sashed sweet dressing by Beautique, \$50. J.L. Hudson's.