

COLOR

Spring's brave new look



You can have all the fresh colors of spring in one dress. This rainbow fantasy is by Ana Colon, a new designer whose name is bound to become

a familiar sound in the fashion world. Photographed at Hattie's in Birmingham.

This season, if you're clever, you can combine a dash of this, a pinch of that and an ounce of ingenuity and create a whole new look for yourself without spending a fortune.

The ingredients are not accessories, though they maintain importance this season. Accessories can update a dress or suit. But we're talking about updating you.

The major updaters are COLOR - softened and feminized.

Start with your hair, then consider your facial skin, makeup, nails and the general outline of your figure.

Great looking hair starts with a good haircut, frequent conditioning, a soft perm if needed and a new approach to color.

A pretty face begins with a pretty skin. Clean, well-cared-for skin must be the basis for the bright pastel approach to coloring the face. A proper home skin care regimen should be supplemented each month with a professional facial.

It's an old beauty rule that applies more today in our fast-paced, pollution-filled world than it did 30 years ago.

The mark of a well-groomed woman has always been, and still is, beautifully-cared-for hands.

The woman of the '80s looks is healthy and cosseted. Obviously she has taken pains with her appearance

and presents a carefully groomed image.

Hairstyles for spring-summer are very natural looking and although reminiscent of the '60s Sassoon, are very '80s with their new sophisticated, very feminine asymmetrical lines.

Hair has less curl, is more sculptured. There is no one length, although shorter hair always has more appeal for warm weather than does long hair. If hair is long, it is most often braided, plaited at the nape of the neck or caught-up in the popular chignon style.

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Pastel's panache

Ana Colon creates a radiant rainbow in her shimmering silk statement for spring-summer evenings.

Capturing each of the season's new pastels, she hand-painted them onto a gossamer silk fabric which she pleated, minutely, to form a tall tube of a dress. She then jacketed the strapless gown in the same fabric, this time artfully quilted.

Ana Colon is a new star on the fashion horizon. She presented her first collection last fall and has since established accounts with more than 40 top specialty stores throughout the country, including Hattie of Birmingham, where her sparkling spring collection was photographed.

Ms. Colon is the daughter of prominent educators and was born on the island of Puerto Rico, where she spent her childhood and teenage years.

An early artistic talent blossomed into the study of oil painting and ultimately, several art exhibitions. She favors realism and loves to do portraits, she said, included in her credits are portraits of the late President John F. Kennedy and of the late Pope John the XXIII.

While she was completing her traditional education at St. Philip School in Puerto Rico, she designed costumes and theatrical sets for school plays and theatre productions, as well as supplementing both her friends and her own wardrobe with artfully constructed clothing.

She later studied at the Fashion Institute of Technology and Mayor School of Fashion where she specialized in pattern making, draping, sewing, illustration and fashion drawing.



Turquoise is the sensational new basic color that goes with everything, from basic black to hot pink. These, with matching bag, feature an open toe and fan front, made in Italy especially for Roz & Sherm, \$140. Roz & Sherm Becker, Bloomfield Plaza and Somerset Mall.

Pull it together in vivid dash



His-and-her Hawaiian shirts adorn sun seekers for spring and summer. But the shirts require an artful makeup so the face blossoms to complement the clothes. He's wearing the new soft, but controlled haircut for men, designed by Yiannis. His face color, by Hanan, includes bronzer worn high on the cheekbone to simulate the look of summer sun. A little lip gloss adds sheen as well as shielding the lips from sun-burn. All hairstyles on this page are by Yiannis in Southfield, with makeup by Hanan. The shirts are from Mark Keller, Birmingham.

Photos by Linda Solomon



Heavenly rainbows for a light-footed summer from Sandilar, Applegate Square and Claire Pearson. Slubbed silk shantung in soft shades of mauve, grape and pink comprise the shoe, called "Coy Stripe." It's \$88.