

# Attention to detail makes a difference

**T**HE DIFFERENCE between being well dressed and merely dressed this season will depend on the attention one pays to the details that go along with assembling the outfit.

Take for instance selecting shoes. A special season is afoot this year. It's a joy to see the return of beautiful and luxurious shoes. And excitement comes from the introduction of the menswear influence on women's footwear.

Making a difference might come from selecting a short, charming boot, some touched with fur or other decoration. Boots belong in this fall's picture, but the higher boot will not be the most important silhouette. Instead, boots will be shorter, and perhaps crushable. For day or evening the man-tailored shoes will be the hot items; seen in all kinds of fabrications from patent leather to satin. The season will focus on low heels, which in many cases look like versions of

men's shoes, including wing tips and moccasins.

**NOW, LET'S** take a look at the leg. This year it must be as interesting and appropriate to the clothes as the shoe.

Legs will be colored and textured this season; sometimes they will be both. Herringbones, paisleys, plaids, cables and chevrons are already stocked at the hosiery counter waiting for the big rush.

For evening, legs will get notice when they are clad in a flocking of leaves or glitter. Lace stockings are also important this season.

Look for legs to be encased in leather leggings, or knit warmers crushed to the top of the short boot.

**ONE FABULOUS** accessory will be the must acquisition this year. A big, bold pair of earrings will command an outfit. One huge, chunky bracelet will get a second, approving

look. A dramatic necklace will be the statement underscoring your fashion message.

Look for color in belts that come down on the hip or cinch the waist. Color will be one of the great accessories, the touch that adds punch, a knockout blow to dull coloring.

Turn up a collar and add an ascot for a menswear look.

For excitement, take a big, handwoven shawl and fling it across your black coat. The new flat, or

small-heeled shoe, and textured legs will set off your old, but favorite, outfit.

This season attention to detail is a must because it adds focus that is considered essential to creating a mood, or look, that will distinguish this from other years.

Without attention to detail, pleats, knits, pants, suits, the great coats and even grand occasion dressing will look merely OK, but they will never be sensational.



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