



IT'S A CAPE; IT'S A COAT—it's a delightful combination of both. This version of spring's cape story, in lovely lilac Scottish tweed, is adapted from the original Lord Inverness style of the 19th century. Under the full cape, the coat follows a slim line to the side-slit hemline.



ACCESSORIES ENSEMBLED for spring present elegance in leather. The smooth leather box bag, in rectangular shape, has uncluttered lines matched by two-tone belt simply trimmed with a small brass hinge. White Launder-Leather gloves are washable.



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## Purple Hard to Wear? Not If Your Make-Up Choice is Right

"But I can't wear purple!" may well be the regretful wail of many a woman surveying this season's fashions in enticing purple hues. "Yes, you can!" is the answer from make-up experts. Hard-to-wear colors are becoming colors with the help of the right cosmetics.

BOTH purple and black, for instance, have a reputation for draining the complexion. This "pallid look" can be overcome by careful choice of cosmetics and a complete and conscientious make-up job.

Powder base and powder should be chosen in a sister-shade to the skin, but a half-tone lighter.

EYE cosmetics, discreetly applied, do wonders to perk up the complexion. Suggested here is to choose mascara in a shade to blend with the color of the eyes, and eye shadow in the same shade or a costume-coordinated color—such as lavender, orchid, blue-green or blue to wear with purple-hued outfits. Eye pencil should be several shades darker than the hair.

COMPLEXION-flattering lipstick



LADY in lavender knows careful make-up, bouffant hair-do make her costume color most becoming.

and rouge colors are important. Pure reds are usually a safe and becoming choice to wear with black and other neutrals, while pink and blue-red hues are harmonious with the purple family and many pastels.

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