

'Less Shoe Look' Marks Airy Moods for Spring

Leather shoes for every occasion are interpreted in dozens of new "looks", shapes and leather colors this spring.

Women have been freed from the "single toe look", reports Shoe Fashion Service of Leather Industries of America. If your feet look best in a rounded crescent toe silhouette, they're available for round-the-clock wear in pumps, moccasins, ties and sandals—and in smooth, suede, grained and patent leathers.

Prefer the square toe look? That's easy. You can find them in tailored spectators in smooth or grained leathers—often teamed with suede leather to make a two-hue, two-texture shoe. You can choose a casual flat in brushed or colored patent leather, or a slip-on set on an inch-high stacked walking heel—both with the new squared-off toe.

IF YOU'VE BEEN happy with the now classic pointed toe, there are hundreds of styles, colors and leathers available in dress and sports shoes.



Java

In tailored shoes, for women who want simple elegance, the choice includes strapped pumps, moccasins, flats, low tie pumps and cut-out pumps. Even a sandal with closed toes and open back will be available for the tailored woman.

Grained leather, often trimmed in suede, or smooth trimmed with patent leather, is very popular in classic shoes. A leather sole, sometimes extended, completes the trim, easy-walking picture of the tailored shoe.

For late day and dress shoes, the multi-colored pump leads the parade. Close behind come little heel variations of the dancing pump in polished and waxy leathers and in patent leather—both gleaming black and shimmering colored patents.

WHETHER YOU wear a dress shoe for an early evening out or dance right through the night, its smooth frictionless leather lining will keep your feet dry and comfortable.

The open look in daytime shoes, as in dressier versions, is pretty much restricted to the sides or shanks of the shoes. Portholes on the vamp, or all around the collar of the shoe, are another popular treatment.

There is also an "open" look which isn't open at all. It's achieved by using a second color leather, usually lighter in tone, as an underlay around the vamp, sides and even back of the shoe.

Spring Furs

Stepping elegantly into the spotlight is white fur for both late day and evening wear. White mink and ermine will be seen in softly draped capelets and small stoles. Styled in fluid wrap-around lines are natural white broadtail lamb jackets with push-up sleeves and a cowl collar that can be worn as a hood for cooler occasions. White fox, in one or more tiers, in capelets and stole styles, is a perennial favorite.



Gauche

OTHER DEVICES used to lighten the look of this season's shoes are straps, woven leathers, and the use of slim soles. Although sole leather is actually sturdier than ever before, providing support and cutting down on walking fatigue, lighter weight leather soles make for trimmer, more feminine looking shoes.

Also, brushed "split leathers" are

being used because this thinner—and more flexible—leather is lighter and softer.

Casual and sports shoes also achieve a "little nothing" look this season. Flats in brushed, grained and smooth leather, low-heeled mules and mid-heeled spectator pumps with dainty detailing contribute to the light-footed image.

Mixed colors, either in bands or two-tone effects, are most popular in casual shoes—as are such youthful touches as peaked tongues, side buckled straps and occasional ghillie ties.

Color pops up from ground level this spring, with shoes providing a smart accent or classic coordination for understated apparel trends. The choice ranges all the way from white and bone to brights in blue, green and coral.

Patent leather colors go from pastels all the way out to an occasional fire engine red. The deeper neutrals, like malt and coffee colors, are in widespread demand, while pastels including apricot and aqua are stronger than last year.

The two-hue shoe is popular, particularly for the woman with a strongly stated fashion personality.

New Light-colored Hose Calls Attention to Toes

The look and feeling in fashion is feminine, fresh and young—and since beauty and fashion are so inextricably coordinated, it is virtually impossible for a woman to look her very best unless she has founded and followed through on her personal good-grooming program.

This spring, fashion will focus on all legs and feet!

Shoes are open, sandal styles with cut out, insteps and lower, wider throats on pumps.

Colors in leather are warm, pale, lightened neutral shades. Pastels have been "whitened" in a wonderful range of "Easter-egg" colors.

FASHION designers forecast stockings for spring that provide only the sheerest possible film over legs. Color, as such, has virtually been eliminated in hosiery.

The big news is in the way hosiery color is used—as a cosmetic—to compliment skin tones just as facial makeup blends with complexions.

All new spring hosiery shades will reflect true skin tones in pale creamy bone, whitened taupe and yellow tones; or tawny tones toward sun-tan shades.

THE CLUE to color in leg fashion is to match legs, stockings, shoes and feet for one total effect independent of dress or suit ensemble.

As legs become unveiled in clear natural hosiery tones, meticulous women will want to step up their leg grooming habits. For whether legs are long, short, thin or plump, the first step to leg beauty is flawless grooming.

A WEEKLY pedicure is a must for scrupulously groomed legs.

Soak feet in hot, sudsy water, perfumed with bath salts or oils. Go over toes and any rough spots with a soapy brush and use pumice stone to smooth away rough surfaces. Push back the cuticles while patting feet dry.

Cut toenails straight across and then apply polish. The faint suggestion of color on toes is best with an open shoe.

You should be sure that all unwanted hair has been removed from legs.

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