

# Drama Seen In Themes For Dresses

Newest style trends in this spring's lovely florescence of dresses are the deep sleeve, cinched waist and rounded hip-line. Enhancing the costume look, jacketed dresses are very impressive. The coat dress is a great favorite.

Silk has a major fashion fabric role. Variations on the shoulder width theme, some lowering of waistlines and adjusting of hems, bellings of shirtwaists and rippling of

pleats all add to spring fashion drama in dresses. Highlighting top width, sleeves blossom big in bell, three-quarter puffed and wide batwing shapes. There's ample under-arm fullness emphasized in dolman sleeves or loosely draped over-the-shoulder styles. Lower setting of sleeves adds to the popular "dropped shoulder" idea. This designer technique is also played up with removable

capelets, large round collars and bi-color sectioning, especially effective on the more popular slim skirts.

Black and white is a leading color combination for spring. White lace ruffles at cuffs and necklines are pretty and feminine. Ruffles have generally gained importance, showing on hemlines and cuffs of after-5 dresses and set in tiers on party and evening dresses.

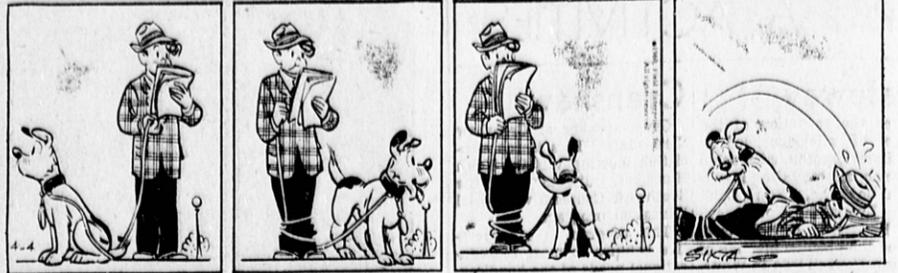
Black dress costumes have

white inset bodices and white lined jackets, some reversible.

Spring is truly a silk season with tweeds, surah, linen-like silks, taffeta and chiffon showing up beautifully. Cotton and silk blends, along with many novelty fabrics that have a silken effect, register an easy informal note for daytime wear.

Silk print costumes feature muted florals in subtle tones of blue, brown and cocoa including fine brushstroke plaids and splash prints. There are more vivid tones too, such as sapphire blue and raspberry red.

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