



The popularity of plaid is evident for spring '85 in the Perry Ellis collection, which highlights the colorful and bold striping in women's clothing. Whether it's



long pants or short, jackets or skirts, the look is lean and linen with smart solid tops in a variety of styles.

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Pretty As A Picture Prom Dresses

Spring time means prom time, and, with all the glitter and frills in clothing and accessories this season, dressing up can be a lot of fun for any young woman.

For that special occasion, the big news is in long dresses. Bare seems to be the key word, with a variety of strapless and off-the-shoulder looks. For the most modest, there is some interest in Victorian necklines.

Variety Of Colors

Enhance

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June Birthstone Enhancers

—Cultured pearl bracelet can be attached to a necklace to make a longer necklace;

—Make pearl clip for a gold choker;

—Long strands of various colored freshwater pearls can be combined to add volume, or can be twisted into a choker;

—Single loose pearls can be given each birthday for an add-on necklace;

—Mother-of-pearl accents in earring jackets or pendants added to onyx will update jewelry into "today" styles.

To help consumers learn more about colored gemstones and all types of jewelry, Jewelers of America offers, "A Guide To What You Should Know About Colored Gemstones" free—to anyone who writes—Jewelers of America, Department MNSS, 1271 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10020.

Many different fabrics are available, according to buyer Janice Gibney of Susie's Casuals, a national chain that specializes in evening wear.

"Satins, printed satins and taffetas are all very popular, and lace is extremely important," she says. "White lace over white or pink taffeta looks fabulous."

White and pink are the mainstays in color and, of course, pastels are always pretty for spring. Daring young women may opt for

bright red, royal blue or hot pink.

And "coming on strong," says Ms. Gibney, are black and white combinations. "The choices are more diversified than ever before," she notes.

Accessories With Flair

Deemed just as important as the dress itself are accessories. Ears are being lavished with jewels and rhinestones, while hands are adorned with either wrist or elbow length gloves, often fingerless.

For a chilly evening, an inexpensive maribu stole puts the finishing touches on this festive spring '85 prom look.



The peek-a-boo allure of this skirt suit makes it a sensation to be seen in. Comfort is built in when the suit is worn with low-heeled espadrilles and button earrings are all that's needed to complement this stunning outfit.

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