

Gifts Of Luggage Prove Pleasing To Men & Women

The line of new lightweight leather luggage ensembles for Christmas giving is just out-of-this-world.

Something really new and distinctive this year is the "Veloura" or brushed leather luggage. This is leather that has been finished on the flesh side, producing a scuff-resistant bag with a soft and luxurious suede finish. The

smooth grain side of the leather becomes the lining. In addition to its handsome appearance, it can take all the rough treatment that travelling affords without being marred. The surface can simply be brushed to its original state with stiff brush or sandpaper.

FOR THE GUYS

Also very new and very lightweight are the soft leather suitcases with only a light magnesium frame. The flexible-leather sides allow room for a suit, sports jacket and four or five pairs of slacks without wrinkling, and still leaves room for a man's other needs.

According to luggage retailers, the luggage pieces most wanted by men include a "Suiter bag and matching companion case." Usually these are either in suntan or ginger but there are many other styles, coverings and colors for the less conservative traveler to choose from.

In fact, subdued plaids, small houndstooth, checks, and gabardines in blue, grey and even red are gaining in popularity.

Luggage should be selected to give the receiver every convenience. Although a two-suitcase bag is the most popular size, one-three-and four-suitcase bags are also available. Check for sturdy handles, even stitching, carefully fitted linings and evenly coated hardware.

If the luggage is to receive extra hard use, bear in mind that sturdiness may be preferable to lightness in weight, because a

good investment in luggage, that can "take it" will mean fewer replacements.

FOR THE GALS

Women, of all ages travel more than ever, according to statistics so a luggage gift is both practical and luxurious.

Which pieces to buy are usually decided upon according to the travel habits of the receiver, but a basic group generally includes three cases to which other specialized designs may be added later.

Most useful are the pullman or wardrobe (hanger case), a week-end or overnight bag, and a train box or fitted case, for cosmetics.

Other additions are the hatbox, case, compartmented shoe bag, hanging garment carrier, duffel bag, etc.

Any of these in combination, or singly to match luggage already owned, will be found in great variety of coverings and colors, from one-piece molded styles to high-fashion toned leathers.

Here Is How Professionals Wrap Their Gift Packages

Ribbons and designs on gift packages are wonderful "icing on the cake"—but they look best when the paper is smoothly and attractively wrapped around the box.

Here are the steps a professional uses in wrapping packages:

Place the paper face down on the table. Put the box, inside down if possible, on the paper. Place it so the design will show to the best advantage when the package is wrapped and tied.

If the box cannot be turned upside down, cut the paper about 1/2-inch wider than is needed and turn the raw edge under. Arrange so that the overlap will come under the ribbon or trim you plan to use.

Cut the paper wide enough to go around the box and overlap 1/2-inch (less for a very small box), and long enough to extend a little more than half the depth of the box at the ends. This extending length will have to vary slightly according to the shape of the box and should be a trifle

more for a deep box than for a shallow one. Don't scrimp.

Bring the paper up over the sides, overlapping as near the center of the box as possible, and fasten with a gummed seal or with tape.

Finish one end at a time. Fold the sides in smoothly. Fold the top, which is to be the bottom of the package, down first, then bring the fold that is on the table up over all the folds, securing with tape or sticker.

Turn the box over. You are now ready to add your own special trims.

ANNE A BRIDESMAID

LONDON (Reuters) — Princess Anne, nine-year-old daughter of the Queen, will act as bridesmaid for the first time next January at the wedding of Lady Pamela Mountbatten, it was announced Monday. Lady Pamela, younger daughter of Earl and Countess Mountbatten, is marrying interior decorator David Hicks at Romsey Abbey in Hampshire, Southern England.

Dress Shirts Are Popular

One of the sure-fire gifts for Christmas that always will be appreciated by the men on your gift list is a shirt.

Whether the recipient is six or sixty he'll always be glad to add one or more dress shirts to his wardrobe. There are quite a few shirt ideas to choose from. There appears to be a collar and a fabric to go with all the variations in the clothing picture.

Some of the typical ideas range from wide spread collars to new tabs. It makes selecting a shirt a little bit more difficult, since no one particular type of shirt is top fashion. It should not be difficult, however, to find out what type of a shirt is preferred.

Big news in men's dress shirts was made by the revival of fancy fabrics, fancy patterns, fronts and cuffs. Stripes appears with broken dobby accents—bamboo and pinks have joined the color parade. Many shirts feature pleats, contrast plackets and even embroidering.

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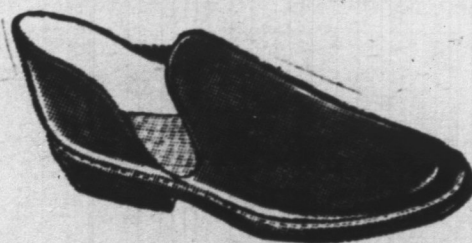
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