

Cultured Pearls for Summer Costumes

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The twist has left the dance floor, but it's appearing anew in designs for cultured pearls. With smaller size cultured pearls in abundant supply just now, the massive look in jewelry

is attained by the use of many strands.

Tiffany's Jean Schlumberger uses 32 strands of small pearls in a choker with a gold, diamond-studded barrel clasp. Another 32-strand necklace has accents of four brilliant

blue enamel-on-gold decorations along the necklace.

Cartier is showing bracelets of from seven to 11 strands of cultured pearls twisted and dramatized by clasps of cabochon rubies, emeralds, amethysts or turquoises.

Italian designers have used pearls lavishly since the days of the Renaissance, when they were the most precious of all jewelry and the nobility displayed their wealth by literally strewing their clothing with pearls. Imperial Pearl Syndicate is showing an "Italian collection" for spring featuring Renaissance themes.

Earrings are shaped like half-moons of gold, with a round pearl nestling in the curve. Necklaces are caught at the side by pins of gold wreathed in fantastic forms accented by single or clustered small pearls. Rings are larger, but oblong rather than round, in convoluted gold shapes with pearls at either end.

Another Italian designer, Mario Buccellati of Flor-

ence and New York, keeps the hand-crafted Renaissance look in his 12-strand twisted necklace of rose pearls with a stylized clasp of Florentine gold and diamonds.

Fashion's most elegant designer, David Webb, likes to combine gold beads or gem stones in his twisted pearl strands. One of his clever multipurpose designs can be worn as either a flat bib or a twisted necklace.

Jolie Gabor also likes multipurpose pieces such as her famed twist choker and bracelet set with interlocking gem clasps that can be put together to make the two pieces into one opera length necklace.

Imperial Pearl Syndicate notes that pearls are the best accent for fashions in spring and summer soft pastels and that with white, the mingling of pearls and semi-precious or gem stones, gives the muted color accent prettiest with this color.



TO WEAR with summer white, Imperial Pearl Syndicate shows its "Italian collection" of cultured pearls and gold in the Renaissance manner. Bracelet of gold bands catching pearls in between blends with oblong ring of convoluted gold and pearls, while necklace is caught with a pin of fantastic shaping set with pearls.

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