

Times and seasons change. It is what people make of their time that they enjoy. So, people tend to update themselves with events all over the world and ensure that they are not left out. This equally applies to the fashion world.

Nowadays, it seems like hats are the order of the day. When going for occasions such as weddings, church services, christenings, amongst others, hats are just it. Different styles are available and there are various colours to choose from.

When shopping for your hat, it is advisable to choose colours that can easily blend with the clothes you have on. There have been innovations in the colours of hat which brings us to having a variety of coffee brown, cream, black, gold, silver, lilac, deep purple and orange to choose from.

Combination of two or more colours have also been introduced in the making of hats. You could have cream and brown; lilac and purple; peach and cream; amongst others.

The very popular hats we find all over these days, are quite roomy although, there are still some petite yet, trendy hats. These roomy hats go well with skirt suits, trouser suits and short gowns.

These hats are commonly made of cinamay. There are milliners all over the country and they have succeeded in naming different hat designs. Some of these hats are called clover boxer, thelma jubilee, bermuda, hibiscus, high top perfecta, magic channel, spring bride, sailors perfecta and fire princess.

In shopping for hats, you will discover that the locally made ones are gradually overtaking the imported ones. This is probably because our milliners put good finishing touches to their hats and import some of the materials they use.

One is therefore not surprised to discover that good hats sell for as cheap as N6000. Anywhere you stay in the country, you can actually get to buy your hats at an average price range of N5000 - N10,000 depending on the place of purchase.

However, this is not to say that cheaper hats are not available but one has to be

Be current, wear trendy hats

careful in buying. It is always better to approach a good milliner to make a hat for you as you can be assured of the quality and whatever price, you can easily decide for yourself on whether the bargain is good or not.

Buying your hats is not as important as taking good care of them. If proper care is not taken, these hats will not last long. Here are a few tips on maintenance of hats:

- * Once you know you will be putting on your hat for that occasion, make sure you don't use too much pomade on your hair. This can easily stain the inside.

- * Ensure you have a



handkerchief to clean your forehead always in order to prevent sweat from penetrating into the hat. Sweat equally stains the inside of hats easily.

- * Never allow the rain fall on your hat. Also be careful so that the hat doesn't fall

into water. This can easily make it lose its shape or destroy it.

- * Once your hat is dirty, use a soft cotton cloth dabbed in soapy solution to gently clean it or approach your milliner for help.

- * Store your hat in its box after use and keep safe.

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