

The First Lady's 1953 Inaugural Ball Gown was a delicate, yet definite Renoir pink in a beautiful quality of peau-de-soie. More than 2,000 hand-sewn stones in four sizes and varying shades of pink were used in decorating the gown. The bodice, the top of which was gathered in and twisted at the shoulder line, was snugly fitted through the diaphragm. The skirt was set on a small yoke just below the waistline and the top of the skirt was crowded with clusters of stones -- with the balance of the dress showered with many other clusters. Her bag was all-over encrusted with colored rhinestones to blend with the dress.

With her ball gown, Mrs. Eisenhower wore a triple strand, choker collar type, of Trifari Orientique pearls interspersed with brilliant Rondels. Her matching earrings were button type, made of pearls interspersed with baguettes. The shoes she wore were covered with material to match the gown.

