

DESIGN FOR WORKING A BALL-DRESS.

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MATERIALS.—Black net, and fillo-selle silks of the following colors:—Green, two shades; cerise, crimson, and gold color.

Several subscribers having requested a design which they could use for decorating their own ball-dresses, we give one which, we think, entirely suitable. The sprig we give here, and the flounce in the front of the number. Any number of flounces may be worked, according to the taste of the wearer; but if only two or three, the upper part of each, as well as that part of the dress not covered by them, must be embroidered with the small sprig.

The silk we recommend will be found far less expensive than floss; and if the net be fine, each needleful, when cut off, may be split in half; the design must be traced on white paper, inked with red ink, and tacked underneath the net for each scallop or bouquet to be worked. A piece of glazed calico may be pasted under the paper, to prevent it from wearing very quickly.

The design is simply *run*; the leaves, stems, and caly, in green; and the flowers and border in colors, choosing any tint preferred for the latter. The edges are to be trimmed with fringe.

Take care to join the silks as neatly and closely as possible, without leaving any ends. For fast-

ening the colored silk on the green, or *vice versa*, a weaver's knot would be the best.

We hope that a design so simple and effective as this, which can be worked with little expense or trouble, will encourage our young lady friends to try their skill in the manufacturing, or at least, decoration, of their own ball-dresses.

MOSAIC TAPESTRY.

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THE term Mosaic tapestry is applied to that sort of Berlin work in which a pattern is produced by partially covering gold or silver braid with silk; in this way, the design may appear in gold on a colored ground, or the ground may be in gold, and the pattern in colors.

Of all the various kinds of Berlin work, this is the simplest and the most effective: brilliant as it is, moreover, it can be done at comparatively a trifling cost, as, of course, *Mosaic* gold and silver braid only are used, and for many designs only one color of wool or silk is required.