

For inaugural ball gown, think color

If you're lucky enough to get a ticket to one of this month's inaugural balls, you'll need the right gown, in the right shade, to turn heads. The color is at least as important as the cut of the garment, according to **Peyman Umay**, New York-based fashion designer. You can't go wrong with go-to colors such as purple and green. You could be daring with white, red and silver. Or you could play it safe with black and blue.



Pink

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Color options for gowns are abundant -- but not all colors are appropriate for everyone, according to Peyman Umay.



Black

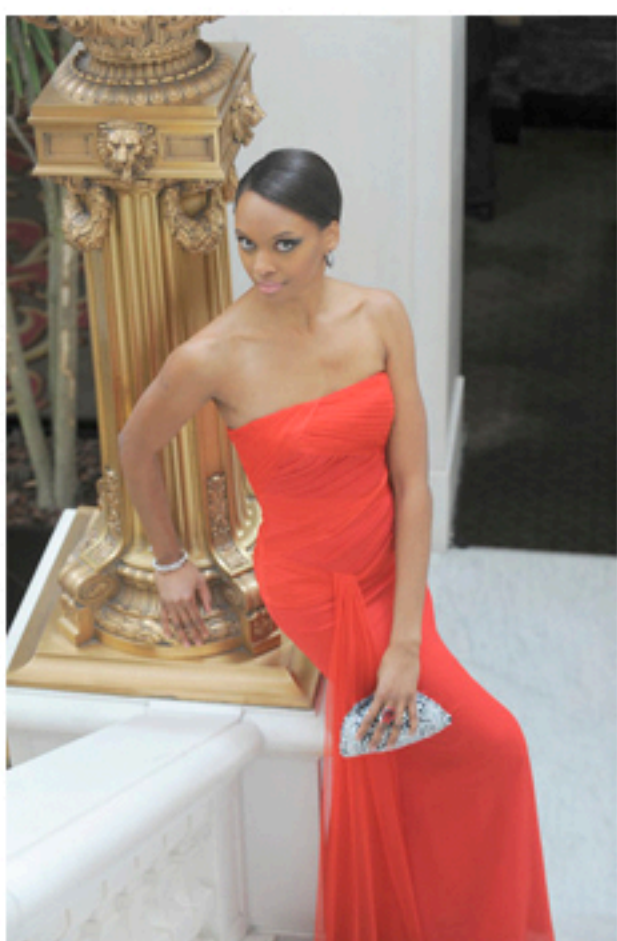
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Black: A classic that can be worn by all ages. The color is perfect for raven-haired celebs such as Rosario Dawson and Demi Moore, according to Umay. It's also slimming for curvier women. Women with "muted" complexions, a la Nicole Kidman, should avoid black, according to Umay.

Silver

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Silver : Only certain women can pull off this strong color. Umay recommends it for women middle-age and older



Red

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Red: "Red is active and dynamic energy color," Umay said. Fairer-skin women such as Nicole Kidman should wear red.

Blue

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Dark Blue: Navy is the darkest color that a blond should wear, Umay said.