

# Evening in Paris Mini Stocking

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When I was a girl, this lovely floral fragrance was everywhere -- not only in its distinctive cobalt blue bottles of perfume and cologne, but in bath salts, soaps, and powders.

From the 1920s through the 1950s, advertising copy promoted Evening in Paris as "the fragrance more women wear than any other." Not surprisingly, collecting the vintage bottles has become a bit of a "thing" among women of a certain age.



When I was growing up, every teenaged girl had at least one of the many gift sets that abounded at Christmas, so these iconic products are very much a bit of Christmas nostalgia for me.



Capturing that Christmas memory in one of my Mini Stocking designs has been in my mind for some time now, and here, finally, is the result.

Naturally I chose a dark blue for the stocking itself, and for a splash of color, I added the sash and medallion that used to appear on some of the product labels. The white script lettering is recreated in the style of the original as well.

The question of a toy to insert into this stocking almost answers itself.

Unless you have one of the little purse-sized bottles to tuck into the sock, you of course will need an Eiffel Tower.



I'm quite thrilled with how this teeny Eiffel Tower turned out, and especially with how neatly it stitches.

So much so, in fact, that I've added a larger version as an ornament on its own. Now maybe I'll get to Paris one day.

*Evening in Paris* perfume was discontinued at the end of the 1960s, so the bottles I remember from my girlhood would have been remaindered from that last production.

The scent was reissued by Chanel in the 1990s, reportedly using the same formula and fragrance. However, it is no longer inexpensive enough for teenaged girls to indulge. That seems kind of a shame, given the lovely memories it invokes for me.