

## Wearables Rate First For Giving

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This is one Christmas when giddy giving is definitely out! Though gifts for women should have charm, individuality and femininity—they must be really useful, practical and durable—not only of lasting quality, but the kind that don't require time-consuming pampering.

Easy to care for; easy to fit into her way of life, and easy on the eyes: that's the shopping formula down-pat for those who want to express the true 1942 Christmas spirit in their giving.

Every woman's first concern this winter is—keeping warm. Whether duty calls for her being behind an office desk; in her home; in war plant or classroom—she'll have to endure occasional heatless days and lower temperature day-in day-out, due to wartime demands on the nation's fuel supply.

One gift of gifts this year, to warm her heart—and body—is the quilted robe, pretty, patterned and practical as it can be!

She just can't have too many sweaters; and the shawl's been revived as a fashionably purposeful accessory. Plaids, other brilliant patterns and monotones in wool and velveteen accompany daytime clothes, while scintillating fabrics and startling colors will warm cold shoulders after dark. Other heat generators are wool hose—bed sock, ankle or full length; fur lined gloves; fuzzy boudoir slippers and brilliant jackets to ensemble with skirts and slacks.

**Up to Fur Coat**  
Depending on how generous one can be, the wearable cold-weather gift can range from "red flannels" to a fur coat! And fur accessories are sure to make dreams come true—in the form of muff, stole or hat.

She may never get near a ski slide—but she'll be delighted with a ski suit this winter, to be worn in city or country for fun in the snow, wheeling the baby, long distance walking to market, and for civilian defense duties such as air raid warden, salvage collection service and first aid courses.

No one need cast away the idea of traditional Christmas giving, because endless numbers of such gifts have always answered the down-to-earth requirements of this year's well chosen gift.

**No More Luxury**  
Jewelry is more than a luxury; one effective piece can make a very simple frock extend its appropriateness for dressy wear, too. Compacts and manicure kits, perfumes and bath accessories mean more than ever because not only are they aids to good grooming—they have a capacity for reaffirming a woman's faith in herself;



ON THE SPOT for Christmas giving that's lavish and practical—is the coat of tawny leopard. But never a spot, from rain or snow, will show on the washable, soft kidakin gloves.

and revitalize her when she's overtired.

There never is any doubt about a woman of any age wanting pretty handkerchiefs—and the new charm of government regulation-abiding lingerie makes panties, undies and gowns rate stronger than ever in popularity.

With her slacks, (wonderful gifts, too, for home lounging and answering alerts)—with her separate skirts and suits, she'll need blouses a-plenty. White ones and colorful; monotone and patterned; tailored and dressy—the finely made blouse is a preferred gift, especially if it has a pantie-bottom and won't pull out at the waist!

To make much of a limited wardrobe, every maid and matron can use to advantage colorful gloves, capacious handbags, and neckwear frills to provide new thrills for last season's dresses. And who is to deny that hosiery is one of this Christmas' most precious gifts, whether it be hard-to-get nylon, newly perfected rayon, or fine lisle in winter's leg-flattering tones.

**Don't Forget Bond**  
Not to be overlooked are gifts of leather—from eagle-buckled belts and tiny flashlight-key rings to luggage she'll carry on short hops to see her hero in camp.

Whatever her gift, she'll be doubly overjoyed to find the gift within a gift—a War Bond. And War stamps are tiny enough to importantly tuck in the toe of her Christmas stocking or to put in her gift handbag instead of the usual "good luck" money.

It's gifts like those tabulated above—and they have countless counterparts in all the shops about

town—which show that their giver knows the P's and Q's of Christmas giving for '42—in terms of Practicability and Quality that will be lasting reminders of thoughtful generosity.

### Powder Puff Guard

A lovely crystal powder jar to grace her dressing table stands out in the ranks of welcome Christmas gifts. One shows a plastic guard in the cover which protects the puff by keeping it out of the powder, to make it last longer and keep fresh and clean.

### This Belongs to

For the lady who's continually at a loss for a hanky because she's continually dropping them—the gift problem is solved! A few brilliantly colored cotton nifties with the words "This belongs to (HER NAME)" embroidered right smack in the middle, are both practical and individual!

### Stocks In Bonds

Compliments to War Bond collectors—a leather book cover stamped with their name and the legend: "War Savings Stamps." Protects the stamp book and does away with hunting for it each time a few more stamps are to be pasted in.

### Kept On a Leash

Straying gloves need no longer be a hazard to their owners—not if they have a glove guard to protect them! The attractive ornamentation of a favorite simulated stone tops a gold-plated chain through which the gloves are held securely to handbag or muff.

## Mother Likes Gift to Fit Out Her Home

A gift for mother? So puzzling because you know her so well? It need not be, for remember, that mother's heart beats strongest for the home, the gathering place, the haven, for her family.

And what goes to make the home a more attractive, a more inviting place, is the gift of the holiday for mother.

Yet big as is her heart and much as she wants to share with the other, the intimate gift that will touch her closely, is the one that helps her enjoy her role in the home. So, first, ask yourself if she has a comfortable chair in which to relax in the living room. Get her one, styled to suit her tastes, whether Queen Anne or channel back style.

Look to her bedroom, her haven of rest. Does she have a chaise longue or a slipper chair to sit in while she puts on her shoes? These come in inexpensive brackets.

Is she busy with Red Cross sewing or knitting? Then get her a sewing cabinet, with roomy drawers, to match the rest of her furniture. For having her friends in she might like a permanent card table set, with attractive folding chairs.

Monogrammed linen and towels are lovely gifts for a discriminating mother. Fittings for the closet will please her. Think of home when you think of mother and selecting a gift for her for as little as a dollar, as much as you can afford to spend, will be easy.

Remember, mother's heart is in her home.

### Silver Circlets

Round up and lock up—that's what she'll do with the ingenious jewelry that's taking the town by storm. A simple and beautiful bracelet of sterling silver clasps around her wrist and locks with a miniature padlock.

### Double Checked

A pocket size checker set is an amazing Christmas gift idea for that man in the service. It comes complete; board, checkers and all, in a simulated leather case, the size of a cigarette-tin.

### Dim-Out Gift

An alcohol heater with a flame-proof casserole is a necessity for dim-out time. For a friend who entertains the patrol members after duty is over, give one of these sets.

### Half Frame Mirrors

When doing your Xmas shopping look for the new "half-frame" mirrors. The frame covers the lower edge and goes halfway to the top on the sides. They look well in rooms furnished in period furniture.

## Santa Pulls the Strings for 'Wearable' Children's Christmas

### Quilted Robes and Gay Snow Suits Vie With Dainty Frocks

By BETTY GREEN

When you see racks and racks of such Christmas confections as crisp organdie pinafores, colorful taffeta party frocks, dainty lingerie, flower strewn quilted cotton robes, you can practically hear the jingle bells. Santa is pulling the strings for a wearable Christmas, this year especially when little children are concerned.

You have probably just started to think about your Christmas lists. "Better shop early," you have been warned. "The supply will not meet the demand." Sound advice, we call it, especially if you have some children on that list of yours for whom you are planning to buy Gifts-to-Wear.

The earlier you do your shopping in the infants' and children's department, the fresher and more varied you will find the stocks.

Looking ahead for you we list some of the exciting Christmas wearables that will reward the early shopper.

### Baby's First Christmas

When you see the arrangements of baby dresses you will think the new styles more enchanting than ever. Now that we cannot get all the hand work that used to come from the Philippines, our very own American manufacturers are turning out machine made baby frocks that are as highly styled as your own.

We warn you, don't go near them unless you mean to buy some. They are irresistible.

### Of Thee We Sing

Nothing like a pinafore under the tree to brighten a child's Christmas morning, especially this year when the designers of toddlers' and older girls' dresses have done some of their best work with pinafores.

You will find it hard to choose between the sheer fluffy organdies and the saucy glazed chintz's.

For toddler 1 to 3's there's nothing like a dress and pinafore set, frosted with lace, primed for a party.

### Cotton Knits for Both

This is the year to be practical in your selection of children's Christmas gifts. That's why we include cotton knit brother and sister suits in our list of recommended gifts.

The children will enjoy wearing them and their mothers will bless you for your good sense, as well as for your good wishes.

And if you ever find yourself really up a tree about what to give little Tommy or Mary, a separate cotton-knit pullover is a wonderful solution, either in pastels or in Christmas ball colored stripings.

### Bedtime Stories

Of course, robes are a "natural" for Christmas. Little babies (and their mothers, too) gurgles over warm blanket cloth robes with cuddly appliques; over corduroys and quilts. The sturdy toddler will like a tailored cotton fleece, styled for either a boy or girl. Growth-up and growing-up girls swoon over flower patterned cotton quilt robes, either in floor length or the new "shortie" length that helps to conserve fabrics.

This year the newcomer to the robe collections is a flowered challis fabric that contains Aralac, the magical new protein fibre derived from milk casein which has the warmth of wool. Lots of your quilted robes will be quilted over Aralac instead of cotton and that's important in a year when fuel is a questionable commodity.

"Cold hearths, warm hands" is a good adage to remember when you're Christmas shopping. Then you won't forget to gift your favorite child with a cozy robe or cute cotton flannel pajamas.

### Quilting B-casities

If there a growing child or a teen ager on your list? Then make up your mind now to buy her one of the new quilted accessories—such as a waistcoat or hug-me-tight jacket that she will wear instead of a sweater or over her skating skirt.

Quilted bonnets, mittens—even

quilted skirts are among your best Christmas "finds" for '42. You will particularly like the calico ones.

### School Girls Skirts

And they particularly like the skirts that have a novelty appeal, such as appliqued felt flowers or perfectly huge pockets that will accommodate their knitting. Many girls have been longing for patch pocket skirts "like all the girls are wearing to school."

Well, what better time for making wishes come true than Christmas? The dirndl-like skirts are rated "hep," "smooth," and "super" by the knowing younger crowd.

### Teddy Bear Tempters

Any girl who hasn't yet received one of the new Teddy Bear coats will simply swoon when she finds one under the tree. To a teen-ager this cozy pile fabric is more precious than mink or sable and twice as smart. The shorter jackets are very inexpensive.

P.S. They're cuddly warm, too. And, while we're on the subject of Teddy Bear fashions, what about the shaggy Teddy Bear sweaters that are creating such a campus furore.

### Heartfelt Good Wishes

Look for the colorful felt gadgets in the girls' department for an inexpensive gift that will bring a gleam to any child's eyes. For instance, felt mittens and caps, felt shoulder strap bags, felt suspenders, felt beanies and felt flower jewelry, too.

Incidentally, all school girls are mad about any type of gadget jewelry and this year there's plenty of it styled just for them. If you don't find it in the girls' department look for it in the main floor jewelry department.

### Snowsuits for Warmth

If you are really going to plunge on a Gift-to-Wear for a child, consider the worthy snowsuit a good investment in Christmas cheer, a good protection against Christmas chill. We like the new cotton gabardine or poplin suits, lined with wool or Aralac. Be sure the cotton is processed for water repellency and spot resistance.

This year most of the suits for smaller children are one-piece styles—easy to get into and out of. In all but the tiny sizes you will buy the matching cap separately. Yes, even Santa is subject to Government regulations.

Merry Christmas shopping to all. When Santa pulls the strings for a Wearable Christmas, the children will dance with delight.



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