

WOMAN'S WORLD

Pretty Aprons Make Housework Gayer

By Ertta Haley

DO YOU succeed in looking pretty at home? Or, do you hate hearing someone knock on your door because they will see you in an unattractive, dirty dress or a torn apron?

Aprons are so easy to make and quickly put together that no woman who works at home need ever look shabby. Use pretty bib aprons when you're doing the really big cleaning or cooking jobs, then make a quick change into a frilly organdy or plastic half apron, and you'll always look your best.

Those of us who like to sew are having a real field day with fabrics. There's such a variety available, and everything is so colorful and pretty, it seems like it's more fun to sew than almost anything else.

Sheer organdies, colorful plastics, a finely woven broadcloth and other materials are all good basic materials for aprons.

Women have collections of aprons as hobbies; others make money for incidentals by sewing aprons for others; and few women feel they ever have enough of them for every occasion. All of these make aprons a big and wonderful topic for consideration.

Attractive Patterns Make Sewing Fun

The day of the shapeless and humdrum apron is past. The apron

Cotton for Travel



What could be smarter or more practical for traveling than this cotton redingote and dress by Tina Leser? The redingote is styled in iridescent cotton tweed in changeable colors of green and blue that shimmer in the sunlight. It's wrinkle-shed, washable and long wearing. Underneath is a sun and date dress with a deep, cut-out neckline in satin striped cotton.

Select Colors, Fabrics That are Suitable

If there's a color which you avoid in clothing, observe the same rule when selecting material for an apron. By the same token, choose those colors which are flattering to you in dresses.

Many varieties and colors are now available for aprons, and you can afford to be as discriminating as possible.

Darker colors have always been favored for the work aprons, but no longer do these need to be a hodge-podge of prints that are not attractive. When you do choose the darker colors, lighten them with a bright, contrasting trimming on the bib or pockets where wear and dirt do not show.

If you choose checks and plaids, or even prints for the work apron,



... or bib aprons at home. Give it high style by using a solid color that matches some color used in the apron itself.

For those of you who prefer the pastel aprons even for working purposes, your best choice is among

the plastic materials. Light pinks, yellows, blues and greens are popular in both prints and solid colors. No matter what the task, the apron is easily cleaned and wiped dry between towels in a matter of minutes, so it will always be fresh.

Here are Tips For Plastic Sewing

When you sew with the plastics, plan to do it on a fairly cool day so that the material will be pliable while you work with it.

Never have the stitching too small and avoid tightness while sewing. Practice the stitching on a few scraps of material before putting the apron through the sewing machine.

Let the plastic run easily through the machine needles, without attempting to stretch or pull it. This prevents getting the material out of shape and makes sewing much easier.

Whether you're making work aprons or hostess types, the aprons will be more attractive when lightened with clever edgings or appliques. Make your own appliques, or buy ready-made ones which simply need to be attached.

KATHLEEN NORRIS

Excess Social Drinking Hurts

WHY DO men do it? Why do so many men drink too much? Not the vulgar, violent, lying-in-the-gutter drinking, but enough to make the women they love unhappy, and destroy their children's confidence and respect.

Phil and Martha Anderson have three young daughters, a lovely home, a fine position in the community, and Phil is junior member of a successful law partnership. Both Phil and Martha have war records of useful service here and overseas; in short, the Andersons are typical of America's finest stock. They have everything—membership in a pleasant, unpretentious country club, a car, a garden, a summer camp, friends, amusements and the three sparkling little daughters.

"But every time we go to a party," says Martha's letter, "Phil drinks himself silly and noisy and assertive, and embarrasses me so terribly that I have begun actually to dread social occasions. To him, as the cocktails go on and on, this seems very funny. He thinks he is a great story-teller and insists on monopolizing the center of the stage. Anything I say to him, to try to quiet him down, he shouts out loud, making it part of the fun.

Wife Can't Reach Him

"I love my husband. I am 37, he is four years older. We have had an unusually happy married life. But I can't reach him on this. When we leave the evening party, whatever it is, he asks me to drive home, and goes to sleep against my shoulder. I put the car away and go upstairs to find him stumbling his way slowly to bed. There is no use talking to him then, for



... he shouts it out loud ...

he simply doesn't hear. When he comes downstairs for breakfast, fresh and cheerful, it is ungracious to start in with reproaches.

"However, I have tried that, and tried quiet talks with him when we are alone, at other times. He is irritated by my reproach, says he thought we had a mighty good time the previous night and wishes I wouldn't begin to moralize every time he takes a drink too much. If he embarrassed me, he's sorry, and that's that.

"This problem," the letter ends, "isn't mine alone. Many of my friends have the same reason to dread that mood when everything seems salubrious and nothing is too silly, or even too vulgar, to say. This is no case for Alcoholics Anonymous; Phil would laugh at the idea that a man who holds his own with such dignity in the business world, and is so trusted, should be humiliated and made ridiculous. But what is the cure, and what can I do?"

Common Problem

In answer, I must observe that you say a very true thing, Martha, when you say the problem is a common one. At every night club and restaurant and in many, many homes, one sees this wretched situation. Men don't knock their wives down or go out to lie in gutters, but they hurt them just as deeply as they did.

All the social pleasantness of a carefully planned, otherwise perfect dinner can be spoiled when host or guests begin to get foolish, make personal remarks, quote stories whose point is entirely for-



Be Smart!

Much of the drama of the new season's frocks is in the skirt treatment. Sketched here are two of the most popular interpretations. At the left, in a small print on a tie type silk is the peg top skirt, which is meeting with an enthusiastic acceptance among the slender, youthful wearers. The full skirt at the right is made unusual with the manipulation of the stripes, also in tie silk, and the tiny front panel with pleats on the side. The bolero, too, is all the more interesting for its play of stripes.



Twine-Tying Baler Speeds Hay Harvest Made "Haylift" Work Possible in West

Over the vast areas of the plains states where 1948's unprecedented snows caused extensive suffering of both livestock and human beings, machines like the one shown above are beginning to be more appreciated.

Not in the actual haylift operations, wherein grain for starving cattle and food for humans were dropped from airplanes, but in the preliminary phase of harvesting, without which the haylift would have been impossible.



The machine shown here turned out up to 7 bales a minute during the haying season of last year, adding this tremendous output to the stockpiles of grain from which the haylift drew its supplies.

Thus the machine helped to provide the thousands of "bombs" of baled hay with which fliers saved the lives of starving cattle in a great rescue operation.

Just a few years ago operation haylift would have been impossible. It was not until this machine was introduced in the early 1940's that farmers could put their hay into twine-tied packages automatically.

Tomatoes Important

While the average farmer knows the value of a garden and always sees to it that he has ample garden planted to run his family through the year, there are still some men who glean their living from the soil who don't bother to plant a garden.

The aim in gardening, at all, is to supply the household with vegetables—summer and winter; and the farmer who does this is always repaid not only with money saved and convenience of having supply immediately at hand, but also by the



nourishing value of home-processed foods.

As family sizes and needs vary as much as individual tastes, the garden should be as variable as anything could be. Thus a garden becomes such an individual matter that the seed list for each must be individually worked out.

However there is a principle involved that is general and that is "planning." Here is an example:

The tomato is among the most versatile of vegetables to prepare for the table and returns the most for the garden space occupied. So, there must be tomatoes. Properly handled, harvesting may start July 1 and tomatoes may be had fresh until several weeks after frost, or for about 120 days. At one and one-half bushels a day, the fresh tomato amount should be about three and one-half bushels, as a serving for five persons is that needed to can a quart, a bushel canning 17 quarts.

For the remaining 245 days, the tomatoes must come from cans and, allowing two servings weekly, 70 quarts are needed, or five bushels more. The total becomes eight and one-half bushels, or 510 pounds. A correctly-tended plant yields 10 pounds and 50 plants are needed. Of these, 15 should be early (Break O'Day), and 35 late (Rutgers).

Other crops may be worked out as carefully based on family likes.

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THE GARDEN SPOT Annuals Are OK for Bouquet

By Eldred E. Green

EVERY GARDEN needs a few packets of seeds to round out the flowering season. There are many of the old favorites that cannot be grown as perennials, or other conditions may make a permanent investment in perennials foolish.

As we mentioned before annuals as well as vegetables must be sown at the right time. Some come from cool climates and must be sown early, like the sweet peas, while many others come from the tropics and must be grown only in the warmer months.

The list of annual flowers is a long one. The seed catalogs make one dizzy. For variety try a packet or so of some of the ones you do not know. It will certainly add interest to your garden.

While a complete flower garden can be made up of annuals, much of their value lies in the number of flowers they produce for bouquets. They can be planted right in the vegetable garden in rows or they can be planted in beds or in groups between shrubs or perennials in the flower garden.

Sweet peas will need sowing as soon as the ground can be worked. A deep rich soil is needed. There are some new kinds that do fairly well in warm weather but they are best in moist cool regions.

Calendulas and Cosmos are among the plants that give good effect. Plant early for best development. There are many fine new colors in both of these. Snapdragons will do well if sown early or if planted in a coldframe for earliest flowers. Some of the new ones are gigantic in size, with a striking color range. They can be cut again and again.

Zinnias and Marigolds are among the best for cutting. There are giants and dwarfs in these two groups and a variety of colors. The dwarfs are especially useful for planting along edges of beds and for use in low centerpieces or small vases. The tall kinds will go nicely between perennials and give lots of

large flowers for showy flower arrangements.

Annual larkspur and annual phlox both will be found useful if planted early. They generally slow up in hot weather and will need to be followed by some other annual.

Flowering tobacco or Nicotiana is useful for tall effect. The flowers are very fragrant especially at night. There are some dwarf odorless red forms.

Asters are superb for fall cutting. There are tall and short kinds and many colors. For best results select wilt-resistant kinds, for this disease may be serious in some



places. These can be started in seed beds and the plants transplanted when other annuals start to die out.

While the best use of annuals is to supply the house with flowers for bouquets, there are many others that are excellent in the garden, such as Petunias and Verbenas for edging, Morning glories for fences and trellis, Mignonette for perfume, and Strawflowers for drying.

A good garden soil, enriched with fertilizer if necessary, plus good sun and water in dry periods are the minimum requirements for most annuals if they're sown at the proper time.