

# Bizarre, Gypsy-Like Prints For Play Clothes for Summer

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**WE WANT color!** We want color! That's the idea when it comes to the spectacular prints for play clothes now making beaches, tennis courts, golf grounds and all places of outdoor sports a scene of mad, riotous, eye-thrilling color this summer. So when you buy play clothes don't stint on color whatever you do. Especially in the matter of gay cotton prints go as gypsy-like as you please in choosing bizarre effects.

It is a foregone conclusion that you will be wearing slacks during the active hours of a summer day. The latest thing is to top your well-tailored slacks with a blouse made of cotton or linen print that fairly dazzles the eye with the daring of its coloring and patterning. Just such is the blouse that dramatizes the slacks costume to the left in the illustration. It is of a vividly colorful cotton print that typically expresses the mood that prints for play clothes are in this summer.

A new vogue has sprung up this season, one that is taking the young set by storm. It's the skirt that is made of print just as gypsielike in color and motif as you can find. And be assured you will have no difficulty in getting these prints bold in color and daring in patterning. The prints mostly talked about and featured for sportswear and casual dress take their cue from the gay cottons of native South Sea Islanders, and from the garish picturesque cottons that make a gypsy camp look like one vast kaleidoscope.

However, do not for a moment think that these fascinating cotton prints keep within the confines of beaches and playgrounds, country highways and byways. Fact is for a party frock you will be doing the fashion-wise thing if you dine

and dance in a gypsy print skirt full at the waistline and swirling a many-yard-round floor-length hemline. Wear with this the daintiest, most appealingly feminine lace-trimmed, finely tucked sheer white batiste blouse you can find in the shops and behold—your most beloved party frock!

Note how the fashion-wise maiden centered in the picture carries out the idea of a gay print skirt topped with a contrast blouse. If you feel the urge for a two-piece that enters into the spirit of a joyous summer afternoon, here is the answer. In this instance a soft-throated blouse of dull-surfaced black silk crepe tops off a flared short skirt of pink and black print. The natural waistline is finished with a sash of the print which ties at the front, while a touch of the same fabric relieves the neckline. Her gay chapeau of pink straw braid has a rose and a veiling trim.

Informality in dress is the keynote sounded throughout vacation plots, more so than ever this summer. However, it is a formality that is utterly sophisticated with a view to achieving the picturesque. Famous as a winter resort but equally as popular with summer vacationists Sun Valley is becoming a mecca for fun-loving fashionables. Here one sees outing apparel that is the "last word" in chic and charm. A noteworthy example of the style that flourishes out in this rugged Idaho country is the perfectly charming costume to the right in the group pictured. An exceptionally handsome rayon print in steel-head gray (takes its name from the steel-head trout that abound in the area) and challenger white fashions the graceful trousers. The blouse is in chartreuse. It has an attached hood lined with the gray and white print which again emphasizes the outstanding importance of hoods throughout the entire program of fashion this summer.

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## Use Beading



You will need a bodkin this season for the reason that beading, regular old-fashioned beading like our grandmothers bought by the yards and yards is in style again and only a bodkin can lend first aid in threading wee baby ribbon in and out of lengths and lengths of beading. But it's worth it, this tedious task of running ribbons in and out as shown in the picture. The dress pictured is of exquisitely eyelet embroidered sheer.

## Long Silk Coats In Navy or Black

You will find one of the new fashionable long softly tailored silk coats either navy or black a most happy possession. They are ever so stylish this summer worn with lingerie collars and cuffs.

## Neat White Prints With Single Color

You can tell they are new the moment you see them. It's this season's prints that have a white ground with a colored, rather demure little figure, also vice versa the prints that have backgrounds in lovely colors with the conventional modest patterning either in white or a contrasting color.

Prints with gray grounds are especially good this season, most often with white figures or polka dots but even more effective when motifs in soft green or yellow are printed on the gray. Mint green for a background with neat designs in white or light beige tells the new print message and as browns with white or ivory or henna tones there is no limit to this color trend in prints. It is the neat patterned prints of this character that designers are making up into redingote and bolero suits as well as the jacket suits that have pleated skirts and long torso lines.

## Fishnet Ensemble Popular on Beach

Fish-net, the good old-fashioned kind, is a favorite fabric for many of this season's beach and playtime accessories. One smart set shown by a Hollywood designer consists of a knotted turban of net and an enormous net handbag shaped like a reticule and lined with oiled silk. The bag is especially good for the beach, for its oiled silk lining makes it possible to carry even a wet bathing suit, towel or cap in it. There's a buttoned pocket on one side for makeup, money and other incidentals.



## SELF-EXAMINATION FOR MODERN AMERICANS

1—Have you been self-indulgent, cynical and pleasure-loving for so many years that you are not sure whether the national anthem is "The Star Spangled Banner" or "Roll Out the Barrel"?

2—Have you yet reached the point where you can scrap the idea that your country is a grab bag, a raffle or a punchboard?

3—Can you examine your conscience critically and deny that you have regarded life as a merry gamble for so long that when anybody mentions 1776 you instinctively yell "Bingo!"?

4—Have you permitted yourself to grow into a mood which made it easy to define a "minute man" as somebody who was too slow to put over a fast one in 45 seconds?

5—Do you ever think of Lexington, Lincoln and Liberty as merely the names of automobiles?

II

1—Does it shame you to discover that while you don't know the words of "The Star Spangled Banner" you can repeat the chorus of the latest suggestive comedy song hit?

2—Have you subscribed to the idea that a man who works hard is a sucker and that anybody who is so interested in his job that he comes in at 7 and sometimes works after 6 p. m. should be reported to the NLRB?

3—Have you ever stopped to question whether Molly Pitcher or Betsy Ross would have gotten much fame today if they had never been known around the night clubs?

4—Have you ever made any serious protest at the polls against larcenous political machines, crooked politicians, fence straddlers, muddle-headed congressmen, cockeyed demagogues and professional gravy hunters?

III

1—Has your general attitude toward corrupt politicians been, "Well, they all do it, don't they? He's a swell fellow personally."

2—Are you as well informed about the lives of John Davenport, Nathan Hale, Captain Prescott and the Green Mountain Boys as you are about the lives of Al Capone, Dutch Schultz, Tommy Manville and the Reno girls?

3—Can you love "thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills" unless you're in a pleasure car with somebody footing the bills?

4—Is it your idea that you are doing your bit for your country when you pay the cigarette taxes, take off your hat to the flag and pay 60 cents to have the radio fixed so you can hear one-third of a patriotic appeal and two-thirds of Fibber McGee?

IV

1—Can you read the careers of Washington, Jefferson, Jackson, John Paul Jones, Farragut, Perry and Ethan Allen without ever thinking, "Who took care of the business when they were away?"

2—Have you ever read the Constitution with one-fiftieth as much interest as you always read a list of sweepstakes results?

3—Do you still thrill to a Sousa march or does it take something by Cole Porter to give you a real lift?

4—Could you ever be a minute man without first wanting to know what the pay was per hour?

**FIRE-HATING MAYOR**  
"I hate fires. In spite of what you have heard, I really hate to go to them."—Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia of New York in the magazine ("Look.")

Oh, keep my helmet near my desk, And keep one near my bed— A fire may break out and it's The sort of thing I dread.

My boots, oh, see that they are near Wherever I may be; I hate to go to every blaze— How it depresses me!

That siren on my private car— Please see that it's in shape, For I must speed to fires though I wish I could escape.

Whenever something's burning let Me know without delay, For I must rush straight to it though I'd rather stay away.

**NOT A LEG**  
The DuPonts have abandoned the claim to exclusive rights to nylon hosiery. Recent anti-trust decisions convinced them that they hadn't a leg to stand on.

Three drinks make a man a dangerous auto driver, an instrument has demonstrated. That's an understatement. Nine out of ten auto drivers are dangerous, wet, dry or medium.

**RECIPE FOR POETIC GREATNESS**  
Work hard and study and get writers' cramp; Some day in whiskers you'll be on a stamp. —Grace S. Stevens.

**ADD SIMILIES**  
As neutral as a waiter delivering the dinner check.  
As neutral as someone else's face-powder on your husband's lapel.  
As neutral as a newsreel.  
As neutral as political caucus.  
—Gene King.

# PATTERN DEPARTMENT



IT'S smart for mother and daughter to dress alike—and here's a dashing sports ensemble suggested by the garb in which two popular movie stars—one grown-up and one little—romped through a recent comedy. Design No. 1977-B is an identical copy of 1978-B—pleated shorts, convertible neckline, pockets and all. Each includes a separate, tailored skirt, which transforms the play suit into a spectator sports frock with shirtwaist top.

## Strange Facts

Off-Color Whites Adopt a Skunk? Low Oil Production

At least 40 per cent of the Caucasian race, which is generally supposed to comprise the white branches of the human species, is composed of people such as the Hindus and Arabs, whose skin is dark brown, and others such as the Ethiopians, whose color is nearly black.

As the London zoo is low in funds, several hundred people have come to its rescue by adopting an animal. They pay for its food and, in return, have their generosity acknowledged on a sign attached to the animal's cage. Three lions, two giraffes, a gorilla and a skunk are still awaiting adoption.

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## Metal-Plated Money

England is about to issue bank notes which, it is believed, cannot be counterfeited. They are covered with a fine coat of metal that is invisible except under Wood's light, which causes it to become phosphorescent. As various metals, or combinations of metals, give off their own individual tint under this light, it is possible for every denomination of currency in every country to have its own identifying color.—Collier's.



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