

Smartly-Styled Knitted Clothes Ideal for Town, Country Wear

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KNITTED fashions may "steal the show" this season, according to reports from style headquarters. The enthusiastic demand for knitted things has gone beyond what even the most optimistic dealers anticipated. Not for many seasons has there been such a tremendous vogue for handknits and for machine knits that look like handknits.

The wonders that are being performed in simulating, through knitted technique, tweeds and patterned wools seem almost unbelievable until one sees the 1941 knitted apparel.

In modern displays one comes across such stunning machine-knit models as are pictured in the accompanying illustration. The town suit shown to the left is a tailor knit of navy wool combined with a nubby white yarn. The horizontal stripes are cleverly worked through the long-torso fitted jacket. The navy skirt of nubby wool knit is simple in line—a wonderful light machine-knit fabric that gives body for good tailoring. White gloves and shirt and bright red straw hat make it crisp looking for town.

The casual dress to the right, a clever simulated handknit in crayon beige, is one of the reasons for the new enthusiasm for knitted clothes. Fashioned on simple line, its yoke, sleeves and skirt introduce interesting texture in ribbed effect. The bodice is closely knit and it is trimmed with metal buttons and Hound's tooth check in sage green

and white and triest cord, both machine knitted of light-weight wool, make a wonderful casual suit for the country, as shown centered in the group. The softly tailored one-button jacket with deep revers has narrow yellow zephyr knit piping as its only trimming. This is a woolknit that won't sag or stretch, the perfect costume for casual country wear.

There is fine opportunity in the knitted realm to mix and match skirts and jackets. While most of the newer knit skirts have the pleated look there are also skirts with stylish gored flares. In jacket styles one finds endless variety. Wrist-length tailored jackets, often with small notched collars, novelty gold buttons and four patch pockets, are leaders.

One very stylish jacket is the shorter-than-wrist-length type, with slight easy blousing above a belted waistline. Stripes are often favored in jackets worn with plain skirts.

In dresses a popular choice is wool chenille that looks as if it is handknitted. Also a favorite is a collarless line plaid wool knit model with round neck, and buttons down to the waist.

Jacket sweaters are very important. They are interesting because of their novelty and variety. The cable stitch cardigan, which comes well down over the hips is a favorite type.

Novel trims in endless variety add zest to the jacket mode. One of the interesting decorative touches is narrow fringe made of the yarn of which the jacket is knitted. Enthusiasm for things knitted is reflected in a revived vogue for swim suits that are fashioned most intriguingly, a favorite model being striped and styled along princess lines. Red and white is the most popular color combination. (Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

Underbrim Flowers



Here's how flowers are being worn on the underbrims of the new large summer hats. Those pictured are bright yellow. Milliners everywhere will tell you that there's nothing smarter than a touch of yellow on your chapeau. The biggest flower news of all is that it is very smart to pin natural flowers on your hat. Lots of girls have put roses and even orchids, real ones, on their hats. The hat above is black felt, tied on with a black tulle bow.

Fresh mimosa sprays are on the underbrim. The suit worn is black faille silk, with a snugly fitted jacket, over a Val lace and white batiste blouse.

Nylon Dresses

Nylon dresses are making their debut in the better-dress sections of leading stores. Daytime styles include afternoon types in navy with cape shoulders and finely pleated skirts. A model in black has an all-over shirred jacket.

Evening styles, including dinner and more formal gowns, have crisp full skirts.

Tissue-Like Crinkle Sheers To Predominate in Summer

The major trend is "sheers for summer." There is a sheer character about most of the new summer fabrics. Perhaps this trend is most notable in the new tissue-like crinkle sheers. These come in dark as well as light flowery prints and therefore are practical, being washable and ever so good looking.

Cloque organdies in delicately flowered prints, marquisettes, tissue voiles, processed so as to be non-wrinkable, are all on the first-in-fashion fabric list.

The topic-making conversation throughout style centers at the present moment is black sheers for summer. Best-dressed women are voicing widespread favor for costumes done in black sheer. Perhaps this is a natural reaction to the wild color extravaganza that has taken the world of fashion by storm. But whatever the reason, the fact remains that thin dresses and suits for summer are being given an earlier-than-usual promotion. Black sheers are referred to as "siren black," "black magic."

Hats of black shirred net, some huge of brim, will be worn this summer. Milliners are also turning out handsome large hats made of exquisite black lace. The vogue for black sheer is even extending to hosiery.

Roses, Strawberries Vie For Popularity in Prints

Roses and strawberries are contestants in the summer fashion picture. When you go "print" shopping, keep your thoughts centered on roses and strawberries. It is an open question as to which is leading in the print mode.

The rose theme appears in every conceivable form from tiny sweetheart roses to huge American Beauties.

The same may be said of strawberries. The very newest prints play up the strawberry in realistic colors.



THE CALL FOR MORE EGGS
(Washington.—C. R. Wickard, secretary of agriculture, has announced a nation-wide drive to produce more eggs as part of the aid to England and defense plan. He sets the goal at 30,000,000 extra dozen eggs for the next 15 months.—News Item.)

Come on, hen!
Say when!
Don't be a cluck!
Don't pass the buck!
Hey!
Lay!
Today!

The call for more eggs.
The barnyards hear it, one and all; The message sweeps from east to west: "No longer, hen, your second best!"

A buzzer buzzes and it's done . . . A paper's signed in Washington . . . Stenographers rush here and there— There's action in the very air; Officials leap to telephones— The orders ring in solemn tones— The message flows from silver pens: A Proclamation to The Hens. In headlines big the news is played: "ALL POULTRY CALLED FOR ALL-OUT AID."

The wires 'cross the nation sing. An ultimatum's on the wing By horseback and by auto, too, By radio and by canoe, By every telegraphic loop To every henney and coop, "Come, hen, your country calls to you— One egg is not enough! Give two!"

The message whistles through the trees To startle birds and busy bees; It leaps across from farm to farm And spreads a "Hen" Revere alarm. "Awake! Get up! The goin's tough! Get up there, hen, and do your stuff!"

The chicken houses rock and sway To this one order, "Lay, hen, lay!" The roosts vibrate to one word—"Scram!"

As they're abandoned on the lam: The nests they seem to snap and creak As orders reach an all-time peak!

The hens outside now scamper in. Their faces drawn a little thin; "We've laid one egg" say three or four; The others answer "War is war!" Mayhap one sulks; she hears a "Boo!" And yell of "You appeaser you!"

Then looms some organizing hen (From Layers' Union Number 10). "Arise!"—her cry is loud and clear. "Demand the right to bargain here! Production speed is very nice, But are we hens or are we mice?"

Then Washington by hens is stormed And hencoop picket lines are formed; Hark! Overhead the transports dive. The mediation boards arrive!

But lest this tale be far too long The hens are saved; they ain't done wrong; They sign to do the best they can But scrap the big production plan.

Then to their nests they quickly scam And give three cheers for Uncle Sam, Three lusty cheers (and shake a leg)— Three cheers, ah yes, but just one egg!

ADOLF'S PREROGATIVE
The Nazis emphasize that their terrible raids on London are in reprisal to teach London a lesson for bombing Berlin. Hitler, you understand, alone has the right to bomb big cities.

SPRING LURE
Now I hie me from war talk To my garden in Norwalk; Where the purple of crocus enchantants; I'm obsessed with a longing For my choicest belonging— Them mud-covered dungaree pants!

'MY WIFE'S CHAPEAU'
I'd like to laugh at her new hat. Instead, I tell her I adore it. Because I just remembered that I am the sucker paying for it! —Lee A. Cavalier.

A waiter in a Long Island cafe has been arrested as a Gestapo agent. He must be the one who always growled when asked for English mutton chops.

MOTORIST'S DREAM
I'll buy an army tank some day And caterpillar up Broadway . . . And then I'll smicker and I'll scoff And dare some cab to cut me off! —Lee A. Cavalier.

CAN YOU REMEMBER—
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U. S. railway mileage is greater than that in all South America, Asia, Africa, and Australia combined.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Rinsing hair brushes in a solution of alum water will stiffen up the bristles.

Oven-burned dishes can be cleaned by soaking them in a solution of borax and water.

To keep fruit from falling to the bottom of a cake try adding the fruit before you have stirred in any flour. Do not dredge it with flour.

Granulated honey can be restored to its natural form by placing it in hot water.

If washable curtains become rusted on the rods during damp weather, dampen the rust spots, cover with a thin coating of salts of lemon and let stand until stains disappear.

Cut small mats from discarded felt hats and use them under vases, ornaments and book ends. They will prevent the scratching of polished furniture. If the felt is soiled clean by washing it in warm water and mild soap.

To prevent the sides of ice bags and hot water bottles from sticking together in storage, sprinkle a little talcum powder inside them after they are thoroughly dried.

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Will and Way
Man has his will—but woman has her way. —Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Ask Me Another A General Quiz

The Questions

1. How many states border on the Great Lakes?
2. Who or what in United States history was nicknamed "Old Ironsides"?
3. The independence of the United States was formally recognized first by what country?
4. Why is Wall street so called?
5. Where is Sanscrit used as a sacred and learned language?
6. The present Chinese name for China, "Chung Hua Min Kuo," means what?
7. How far can a homing pigeon fly in a day?
8. What is the source of the quotation: "Old wood best to burn, old wine best to drink, old friends to trust, and old authors to read"?

The Answers

1. Eight: Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota.
2. The United States warship, Constitution.
3. France was the first country to recognize our independence.
4. A stockade or wall extended along it.
5. Sanscrit is used as a sacred language in India.
6. "Chung Hua Min Kuo" means Central Flowery Republican Country.
7. The homing pigeon has been credited with flying as much as 600 miles in one day.
8. Francis Bacon.

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