

# Dirndl Skirt and Peasant Blouse Costume Delights Teen-Agers

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der effect or be adjusted at will to a more conservative neckline.

OF ALL the smart fashions for young girls, nothing can eclipse the endearing charms, the witchery and the flattery of the picturesque dirndl-skirt and peasant blouse costumes which teen-agers take such delight in wearing. All through summer and midseason and on into the fall these gay little twosomes will stand at the top as the fashion-ideal for girls.

It seems as if these quaint peasant costumes are prettier and more eye-thrilling than ever before. The skirts give play to unfettered imagination, for no matter how daring their colorfulness or their fabric, they have eye-appeal plus. The more they go a la Mexicano or ballerino style the better.

The blouses worn with them are of the lovely sweet-simplicity type that simply fascinate with their refreshingly naive and ingenu look. They have everything about them that makes a pretty girl look her prettiest. The lingerie types made of dainty white sheers with their low cut drawing necklines, or with ribbon-threaded beading about the neck and the sprightly short puff sleeves, fascinate with their cunning ways. Often the peasant look is accented with trimmings of gay embroidered banding. Others of the sheerer type are exquisitely but very daintily lace trimmed.

An adorable peasant skirt and blouse by Ballerino of California is shown to the left in the illustration. High artistry is seen in the beautifully styled black skirt with its brilliant band trimming, formed of multi-color imported Guatemalan braid together with tiny white fringe. Double rows of Irish lace add to the witchery of this dainty sheer and lovely fine batiste blouse. One of the many charms of this exquisite model is that it can be worn either in the exciting off-the-shoulder

To make you look as cool as an ice-cream soda top your flower-fresh print skirt with a white voile, cap-sleeve, U-neck blouse cut along the lines of a simplicity pattern, for the glory of these winsome peasant blouses is their dramatic simplicity. With her pretty-pretty print dirndl and peasant blouse costume, the dancing girl to the right wears that which is latest in footwear—authentic ballet slippers. To further carry out the ballerino spirit, draw your hair to the top o' your head either tying a ribbon about your coronet of curls or encircling it with a wreath of flowers, or a single large flower according to preference.

In the twosome centered in the trio the order has been reversed, in that blouse is of print worn with a black skirt. However, the simplicity theme holds good, for the charm of these winsome blouses is that they be made as simply as possible. This fashion-wise maiden is also wearing ballet slippers which she finds are available at the stores in either black or bright red.

Girls who know their fashions are having lots of fun making their own peasant-inspired dirndls and simple blouses. Just the fact that it requires so little material and so little time to run up the seams, turn up a hem and add a belt and presto! another dirndl, has caused these becoming little twosomes to become the mainstay among girls whose clothes budget is limited. These smart lassies buy up the most attractive remnants imaginable of permanent glaze chintz or gay flower print or spun rayon or any likable material and they run up a dirndl in a jiffy. These enterprising amateur sewers find too it's a good idea to lay in a quantity of bright ric rac, for it makes the perfect trimming for dirndl-and-blouse play clothes.

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## For Beach and Swim



Now is the big moment for beach dresses and swim suits. Here is a beauty in way of a swim and beach ensemble. The material used is an everfast pre-shrunk waffle pique printed in horseshoe pattern. The bra and skirt are prettily ruffled for self-fabric ruffling is considered one of the smartest trimming features this season. For the swim suit as shown in the inset the printed pique has to be elasticated to be ready for water and sun.

## Pastel Cottons for Back-to-School Wear

Women who are fashion-wise have come to know that pretty pastel cottons are just as practical and as much-to-be-desired for little girls' back-to-school clothes as they were at the springtime of the year. Who wants to go to school on a hot September day in other than a cool and refreshing wash frock. If it be a bit cool in the morning children are wearing the cutest little toppers imaginable tailored of pastel wools. This year there's a definite movement on in favor of pastel cottons for back-to-school wear. Even the beloved plaid gingham have gone pastel, and they're ever so smart and pretty for little girl's frocks. The new light-colored cottons for school wear include pastel-ground plaids, also checks and clean-cut white stripes on pink or blue chambray.

## Color Parade for Fall Features Plum, Ruby Red

Among the new colors we'll be seeing much of in the near future comes a deep dark plum tone. A soft ruby red is also noted as one of the new colors of the year. White wine, the shade which got such a good start for spring is featured again in the new collections. Gray continues to carry on with style prestige. Royal blue is a novelty shade that still appears in many top collections, usually contrasted with black. Chutney brown is a rich lively brown that is given an important place in the mode. Beige is a quality color that has a big future. It looks like the autumn will be richly colorful.



## 1945 RESTAURANT INTERLUDE

**Customer**—May I see a menu?  
**Waiter** (lazily) — Yesterday's, to day's, or tomorrow's?  
**Customer**—Today's, I think.  
**Waiter**—Yesterday's will be just as useful. And tomorrow's will do you as much good.  
**Customer**—I still think I'll take my chances on today's.  
**Waiter**—Oh, be a sport and take yesterday's.  
**Customer** — What makes ordering from yesterday's menu more sporting than from today's?  
**Waiter**—You go back further for what you can't get.  
**Customer** — Gimme today's! And I want one with the scratches!  
(The waiter hands him a menu, through which pencil has been heavily drawn.)  
**Customer** (reading the scratches) —Hamburger . . . lamb chop . . . chicken with noodles . . . broiled mackerel . . . ham and eggs . . . corned beef and cabbage . . . frankfurters and beans! Hmmm! Well, I'll try some hash.  
**Waiter**—That's not running today either.  
**Customer**—It's still listed.  
**Waiter**—Yeah. That's a post-time scratch.

**Customer** (after further study) — How is the liver?  
**Waiter** (surprised) — Is that on there? The chef told me we didn't have it.

**Customer**—Why wasn't it marked out?  
**Waiter**—It was coupled with the ham and eggs and I guess the boss thought that when you scratched one you scratched the other.

**Customer** — I'll try the codfish cakes and beans.  
**Waiter** (returning after 10 minutes) —No codfish and beans.  
**Customer**—Well just bring me the codfish and forget the beans.  
**Waiter**—It's the codfish we ain't got; the beans are still an outside possibility.

**Customer**—How's the chicken salad?

**Waiter**—It's O. K. if you like celery and lettuce leaves. Maybe you would like griddle cakes and sausage, if we have any sausage.

**Customer** — Personally I prefer sausage in cases where you haven't any griddle cakes.

**Waiter** (impatiently) — How about honeycomb tripe?

**Customer**—Can I get that today?  
**Waiter**—I can put you on our waiting list.

## CHANGE IN LINE-UP

(“The famous Nuremberg stadium, where Adolf Hitler used to make his most boastful speeches before tens of thousands of goose-stepping Nazis, is now being used as a baseball field by G.I. Joes.”—News item).

What, oh, what is that cry rising  
Where the Nazis used to strut . . .  
“Germany gives solemn warning,”  
“I will lick the world!”? Tut! Tut!  
From the Nuremberg inclosure  
Comes no Fuehrer's frenzied call;  
Just a roar from grinning doughboys  
And the stirring yell, “Play ball!”

Once “Der Fatherland is marching  
To new glories” filled the air,  
With “I promise greater triumphs”  
And “With me the world you'll  
share!” . . .

Now a corporal from Bronville  
Sits where Adolf loved to pose  
And yells “Pickle one for popper!  
Sock that next one on the nose!”

Gone are all the smart goose-step-  
pers  
And where once the “Master Race”  
Stood to hear their leader praise ‘em  
There's “a close on at third base”;  
And if Adolf's dead he's writhing  
In his grave as echoes come  
Of a cry to him quite painful,  
“He struck out, the great big bum!”

## Summer Scene

A meadow in majestic green  
Spreads out before my gaze;  
Delightful rolling hills recede  
Into the distant haze.

Along a tree-lined, winding  
brook  
Some horses run and caper  
While cows and sheep graze  
happily . . .  
What beautiful wall-paper!  
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Washington will sell surplus  
planes to the public at 15 per cent  
discount. The balance, so to speak, is  
left drops.

We can think of nothing more cal-  
culated to disconcert us in the opera-  
tion of a plane than the thought that  
there are 11 more payments due.

President Truman urges all auto  
owners to nurse their cars along, as  
new ones are still far off. O.K.,  
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## The World, the Peace and Andy Gribbin

An important thing about Andy Gribbin's education is that his whole early life is spent in learning the essential business of co-operation, of getting along with fellow-beings.

First, he has to learn how to fit into his immediate family, learn the give-and-take necessary to get along with brothers, sisters, elders.

Then, after a few years, his world enlarges, he is sent to school. Pretty soon he learns how to spell C-A-T. But about this same time he learns something much more valuable, which is that he mustn't pull the cat's tail because a cat is a being, and therefore entitled to certain inalienable rights.

He also learns that 1 plus 1 equals 2. But much more useful is learning that 48 equals 1, that 48 states make 1 nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

As Andy grows up his world will continually expand. At church, at school, in business. And through it all will run the theme of cooperation, of getting along with people of different religions, political and economic beliefs; with people some of whom he doesn't even like.

But—the tragedy of world

history is that the Andy Gribbins have not learned that in a constantly shrinking world, co-operation must extend beyond the borders of the country; that just as it is necessary to get along with neighbors and neighbor states, so is it necessary to get along with neighbor nations.

And today, with no spot on earth more than sixty hours away by plane, with oceans shrunk to the width of rivers, with the age of rocket-travel upon us, all nations are neighbor nations.

There are hopeful signs that finally we are awake to this.

Even so, a lack of determination, of responsibility, of effort could again ruin the peace and set the stage for World War 3.

What can you do to help make sure that war will never come? You can . . .

First, get and keep yourself informed about the specific proposals for peace and international cooperation which are now before us.

Second, interest your friends in these questions. Get them discussed in groups to which you belong.

Third, write what you think to your Congressman and Senators, to your newspaper. Declare yourself.

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## ASK ME ANOTHER?

A General Quiz

### The Questions

1. What is the difference between marriage and matrimony?
2. Poona is a game which originated in India many centuries ago and is now called what?
3. What month has had the greatest number of presidents born in it? The least?
4. What is the distance of a "hair's breadth"?
5. What counterfeit animal caused the downfall of a great city?
6. Was Stephen Foster, composer, a northerner or southerner?

### The Answers

1. Marriage denotes primarily the act of unity; matrimony denotes the state of those married.
2. Badminton.
3. November (5); June (0).
4. One forty-eighth of an inch.
5. The Trojan horse.
6. A northerner, born in Pittsburgh, Pa.

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