

WOMAN'S WORLD

Dressing Tables May Match Your Mood

By Erta Haley

FORTUNATE IS THE WOMAN who has a dressing table in her bedroom or bath for here she can primp to her heart's content in her own domain. As for decoration, she can make her table frivolous as her mood, as sophisticated or demure as her personality, or as cheerful and pretty as she pleases.

In bedrooms, most of the decoration is centered on the bed itself, but if a change of scene is desired, the focal point can easily be changed to the dressing table. If you feel that something new is required, there's nothing easier or simpler than a new dressing table motif.

Lovely materials which are colorful and pleasing are to be found in great abundance. Sewing is easy, and the time it takes to convert a drab and cheerless bedroom to a gay and pleasing one is simplicity itself.

The style of bedroom or bath usually dictates the decorative motif for the dressing table, but this is usually not too limiting since favorable effects are easily achieved without destroying balance or unity in the room.

If you're planning to re-do the dressing table, make construction changes if they're necessary. Instead of having just a table top for jewelry boxes and cosmetics, investigate to see if you can't put a



Measure your dressing table . . .

show rack or some storage chests underneath the top. This may release some extra, needed space in a crowded closet.

Racks to fit dressing table surfaces may be purchased or easily constructed. Sturdy boxes may be found in your own storeroom, or they may be purchased for a nominal sum. And, if you don't have a dressing table but want one, it's easy enough to construct one out of a board set on top of two separate boxes, if you want something simple and really inexpensive!

Make Your Own Pattern For Table Skirts

Since there is such variety in dressing tables, it's usually not possible to find a pattern to fit all types. However, there's no trick to making the skirt as it simply involves draping the right length and width of material around the top.

Two basic measurements are es-

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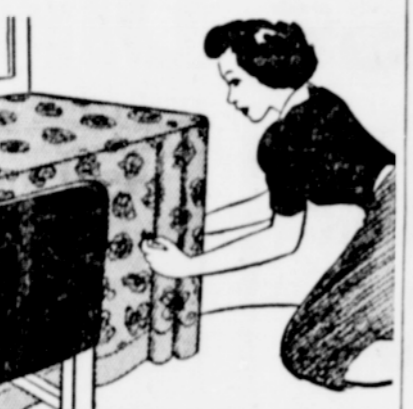


An inexpensive, portable combination sun and infra-red lamp is now available to use whether you want to start getting your vitamin D or to relieve aching muscles. The lamp, weighing only 2½ pounds travels easily and stores in a small space. Made of pressed steel and aluminum, it has a high intensity ultra-violet tube with an infra-red unit which will give 1,000 hours of service.

Measure around the table top so you will know the yardage. All skirts are not covered all the way around. The skirt goes just past the sides and ends where the table is flush against the wall. If the skirt is to be gathered or ruffled or pleated, you'll need to multiply the original measurement by two or two and one-half to get the proper fullness.

The second essential measurement is the length of the skirt from top to floor. To this, add the allowance for the hem or casing at the top.

Remember, too, that where separate sections of the skirt meet,



for well-fitted skirts.

as at the center front opening, the figure or pattern of the fabric, if any, should match.

Glass or mirror topping should be used for the dressing table be-

cause of its ease in cleaning. If you have glass, it's a good idea to cut wallpaper that's used in the room to go under it, as this makes for unity and harmony with the room. If walls are painted, select a plain colored paper to match the walls to go under the glass.

How to Finish Your Dressing Table Skirts

For plain gathered skirts which are very popular, hem or finish the bottom edge as desired. A simple inch or half inch hem is used in many cases, while others have a ruffle attached to the skirt. The side edges should be finished with a plain hem that matches the bottom. The top of the skirt is finished with a hem, but it should have twilled tape stitched to the wrong side so it can be attached to the table in the easiest possible way. The twilled tape is stitched to the wrong side of the shirring.

Skirts may be attached to the table by tacking through the tape with simple thumb tacks or even carpet tacks. Another way is to use wood snappers.

KATHLEEN NORRIS

Many Men Like Colorless Jobs

(This column is being reprinted because of the large number of requests for its re-issue.)

"ISN'T LIFE HARD enough and confusing enough, without having to do the work you hate?" asks Linda Curtis, from Albany. "My life is full of excitement and interest," she goes on, "and I see it that our four children have a wonderful time. But my husband, patient and good and everything that is satisfactory, plods along day after day, and year after year in the dull and unimaginable business—selling men's suits.

"You see, we've always been poor, hardworking people, and if Martin ever had any dreams of starting out for himself and breaking away from the rut he is in, he's never been free to realize them.

"The children are mixed twins of 7, girl 5, baby 3, and they keep me busy and happy and laughing and scolding all day long. My life has variety enough in it, and I try to share that variety with Mart on week ends and during his brief summer vacations. We have eight weeks in a mountain cabin; he has two.

His Lot Monotonous

"We're always picnicking and having weeny roasts and treasure hunts; his life is the same old round. Office at 9, stock arranging, doors open at 10, fussy men and fussy women criticizing, lunch sandwich at the drugstore next door, four more hours of it, and home on a crowded bus.

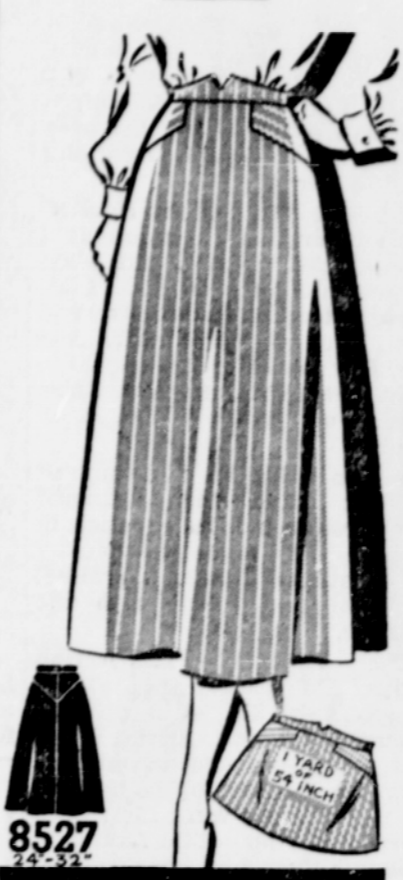
"Every day with him is the same. Every hour with me is different. The twins hang over me dictating what they want packed for lunch; Madeleine leaves me with a big hug at the nursery school door; Butchy-butch and I do the market-



Be Smart!

Costume jewelry, so glittering and gay in the current fashion era, is taking on ever so many new ideas. For example, there's the new rigid band, often in gold finish, made to be worn about the neck. And what could be better foil for some type of medallion than this over-size pearl beauty? Icicles of gold and silver in keeping with winter have been turned into a scintillating waterfall on another of the new necklaces coming your way soon.

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Swallowed Fork Proves End Of Prison Odd Bits-Gulper

LONDON, ENGLAND. — Ronald Unsworth Stocks had a system for breaking up the dull routine of his life in Dartmoor prison.

Authorities reported that Stocks, by swallowing forks, spoons and needles, had managed to make six trips to the hospital for operations since 1946. Only recently doctors removed a fork he had swallowed. The coroner's verdict was: "Death by misadventure."

'Sweet Adeline' Is Life's Work

But Composer's Ready For Retirement Now

NEW YORK.—Harry Armstrong, now 71, thinks it might be nice to retire, but "Sweet Adeline" won't let him.

As a matter of fact, "Sweet Adeline" has been managing Armstrong's life for him for the last 54 years. Back in 1896, when he was a young prize fighter in Boston who liked to play the piano, he wrote the words and music of a little song called "My Old New England Home."

"That was 'Sweet Adeline,'" the natty, white-haired composer explained. "But it had other lyrics. They were awful lyrics, too."

Five years later, he decided to cut the ring dead in favor of song-writing.

"I had tried to peddle that song to every publisher in Boston. They all laughed me out of their offices. When I came to New York I met Jimmy Walker. He became myor later, you know, but he was writing parodies and vaudeville then. He took a belt at new lyrics.

Walker and Armstrong did turn out a moderate hit, "Goodbye Eyes of Blue." Walker also introduced him to Richard H. Gerard, another lyrics writer with the idea he could set some words to Armstrong's music.

"One day we were walking down Broadway and we saw a billboard advertising Adeline Patti, the singer. 'That's it,' I said. That's how we got the lyrics for 'Sweet Adeline.'"

Armstrong's publisher agreed to take the song then, but it hung around gathering cobwebs on the shelf until 1903, when the Quaker City Four, a barbershop quartet, dug it up and sang it at the Hod Hammerstein Victoria.



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THE READER'S COURTROOM

Unintentional Mistake No Crime

By Will Bernard, LL.B.

If You Take Somebody Else's Gloves By Mistake, Are You Technically a Thief?

After seeing her husband off at a depot, a woman noticed a pair of gloves lying on a bench. Mistakenly thinking they were her husband's she took them home. The next morning she saw a lost-and-found ad in the newspaper, describing the gloves she had picked up. She thereupon returned them to the owner. Now, it so happened that



the owner was a very crotchety individual. Instead of being grateful, he had the woman arrested on a charge of stealing. The man insisted that, technically speaking, anybody who takes someone else's property is a thief. But the court felt otherwise and found the woman not guilty of the charge. The judge said that her "crime" lacked one necessary element: criminal intent.

If a Man Dies, Do His Obligations Die Too?

A wealthy broker decided to give his wife a custom-built car, tailored to suit her taste. He placed the order, at a price of \$7500, but shortly before the gift was delivered the broker was killed in a plane crash. The executors of his estate flatly refused to pay for the car, arguing that the man's death made it "impossible" to carry out the contract. However, the court disagreed and ordered the auto maker paid in full. The judge pointed out that all the broker had contracted to do was to pay \$7500—and his executors could do that just as well as he!

Must You Be Considerate Of Your Neighbor's Likes and Dislikes?

A young couple who lived on the outskirts of town kept a small hen house in their back yard. As it happened, the lady who lived next door was a very nervous person. The noise and smell from the hens bothered her so much that she finally went to court for a stop-order.



However, the court turned down her request. The judge said the hen house was perfectly lawful in that district, so long as it wasn't offensive to ordinary folk. His Honor added that a home owner need not curb his own activities, just because he happens to have a neighbor who is ultra-sensitive.

Early Weddings

Weddings in Afghanistan often are held at five o'clock in the morning, and always before noon. Guests are required to sit up the night before the ceremony, usually being entertained by concert music.

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Clabber Girl MASTER-MIX recipe
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 1 1/2 cups Clabber Girl 2 tablespoons sugar
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 1/4 teaspoon salt 1/4 cup milk

Measure Master-Mix into a mixing bowl. Stir in corn meal, salt, and sugar if used. Combine egg and milk and add to dry mixture, stirring only until blended. Batter will look rough.

For pan corn bread: Turn batter into a well-greased 6" x 10" x 1 1/2" baking pan. Bake at 400° F. (hot oven) about 30 minutes, or until well-browned.

For muffins: Fill well-greased 2-inch muffin pans about 3/4 full. Bake at 400° F. (hot oven) 20 to 25 minutes or until well-browned. Makes about 1 dozen muffins.

For corn sticks: Fill well-greased corn stick pans about 3/4 full. Bake at 400° F. (hot oven) 20 to 25 minutes or until well-browned.

For Typical Southern Corn Bread use white corn meal and omit the sugar. For Yankee Johnny Cake use yellow corn meal and add the sugar.

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