

WOMAN'S WORLD

Good Stitching, Simplified Lines Should Mark Tots' Togs

By Ertta Heley

LUCKY INDEED are the young-sters whose mothers can sew for them! They are doubly fortunate because they can have better fitted clothing, as well as garments that will withstand numerous washings because they have been well stitched.

Women who sew for children report there's much pleasure in the task because there are fewer fitting problems than in sewing for adults who are plagued with figure problems. Then, too, it's a joy to take garments off the ironing board time after time and find that no stitches are pulled out.

It's easy to develop strong style sense when sewing for children because there are no radical de-



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partures in design from year to year. You may use patterns over and over again, and thus concentrate on choosing attractive materials.

Since cleanliness is of prime importance in sewing for children who seem to get dirty no matter where they play, materials chosen should be durable and washable. Keep the styles simple and trimmings attractive, but few, inasmuch as these will enable you to iron the garments easily.

Above all, keep measurements of the youngsters up-to-date since they change frequently. Clothes should fit properly, as those too large will be as unattractive as too small ones. Even if you operate on the theory that they will grow into them, children may dislike the garment so intensely by the time it fits well, that they will refuse to wear it except under duress.

It's possible to sew in features which enable you to let out garments, and these can be employed where you want to increase wearing life.

Beginners May Start Sewing on Night Clothes

For those just learning how to sew, the best advice is to start with pajamas and nightgowns. Most of these have the basic stitches and the clothing can be used even though the stitching is not perfect. Construction is relatively simple, but even so it will offer problems for solution which will be of help when making outer wearing apparel.

Pajamas are in order for both boys and girls in their early years and the styles may be very similar. If you have to make several garments, learn to save time by cut-

'Salty' Trend



The above junior dress features not only the sailor trend seen in so many of the season's new clothes, but also one of the top fashion colors, navy. The fitted torso blouse has the cuffed neckline borrowed from the twenties, an accordion pleated skirt, and turned back sleeve cuffs that give the popular bare arm look.

ting out two or three pair at one time, especially if you have gone through your pattern at least once successfully.

For the warm months, one of the wisest fabric choices is cotton seersucker, since it launders well and



before sewing for children

requires no pressing. Other fabric choices include broadcloth, percale, muslin and some of the rayons. Beginners will find that pajamas that slip over the top are probably easiest to make. Bloused tops which

require no buttons are really simplest.

French seams will withstand the best wear, and will also be the most comfortable. These will give a flat seam that looks tailored and wears well on clothes requiring constant laundering.

Two pairs of pants for each pajama top are a practical device for children under four since many of them still wet at night, at least on occasion. The bottoms, too, seem to wear out more rapidly than tops because of the strain of kicking and running, so it's doubly practical to have two pairs of them.

For small girls, you'll enjoy making nightgowns with perhaps a bit of trimming since it makes them look so angelic. Eyelet trimmings which are not too much cut out make attractive ruffles for sleeves and yokes and will launder well.

Use Remnants For Play Clothes

Warm weather puts a heavy demand on children's play clothes, especially when it isn't possible to launder several times a week. If you sew, you're lucky because you can expand the toy's wardrobe at almost no cost.

Remnant counters abound in lovely materials that are just enough for a small sun suit, a skirt, blouse or shirt. Sometimes Dad's worn shirts will yield enough fabric for his tiny daughter's skirt or a simple shirt for son.

Never use materials which are too worn to withstand much wear since they will give way at the first or second washing or strenuous afternoon of play. When using shirts, you'll probably find that the most durable material comes from the arms and the back of the garment. Materials used should be appropriate for the style used as well as to the complexion and age of the child. If too old or mature, plan to use the material elsewhere as no one will be happy with something inappropriate.

Dyeing materials will sometimes enable you to get the most suitable results from the fabric. In case there is not quite enough material in remnant or leftover piece, plan to use a contrasting trimming for sleeves and yoke to stretch the fabric.

Blue jeans can be made at home along with slacks either from yard goods or from good material on a adult garment. Elastic bands around the waist are favored by many while others like snaps or button treatments.

It's a good idea to put at least one or two pockets on any clothing because children like them, and they add tailoring without fuss.

As many an experienced seamstress has found to her delight, party dresses for girls need not be excessively trimmed to look their festive part.

KATHLEEN NORRIS

Pause to Adjust Difficulties

"WILL YOU PLEASE tell me what is the perfect wife? I would like to check my own wife up against your estimate," writes a man named Willard, from Augusta, Georgia.

"I know Nan is not perfect," he goes on, "but she is unusually fine, and still romantically dear to me after 22 years of ups and downs. If I had to criticize her, I would have to say that while she has always taken my side in domestic criticisms from her family, she still thinks her family is perfect."

"In our early married life she and I had many difficulties, and even got to the point of writing each other letters because we could not trust ourselves to discuss matters. She felt at first that I took too little interest in our three daughters, was disappointed in their sex. Then she got to fearing I was spoiling three beautiful girls. She usually met me with a tearful account of her troubles when I came home at night, and worried because we were bringing the children up in a city flat.

Moved to Country "However," this amusing and delightful letter continues, "we stuck together, perhaps because we both adored the third child, who was a severe polio case. We moved to the country, and I liked it immediately

hot quarrels and the despairing intervals there is a real desire to preserve the love that brought them together, then there is hope. The cruel words that were not meant, the angry threats of separation and alienation can all be wiped out, if both partners are anxious—and how often both are—to forgive and forget.

Each one, husband and wife, should realize, and should put into good solid operation, the truth that sometimes a wife has a right to be unreasonable, and sometimes it is the man's turn. When he is physically ill, most wives turn into angels of mercy and courage. All she asks is that he shall get well, he mustn't worry, money will come from somewhere, everything will be all right.

But when he is mentally sick, discouraged, or when he is too often quoting the charms of the new girl in the office, or when bills pile up and he worries, she is apt to forget that all this is a kind of passing sickness, too.

Next time it may be his turn to have to understand, to forgive, to renew his trust in her. Next time it may be a startling revelation that yes, she did, she loaned Mama \$300, and when the loan company presented her note, she went to Bill Black for it. And this is no time for John to ask, why Bill Black, of all people, right in John's office, and John's superior? How does that make John look, in the firm's eyes? How does she think John feels when Black, who is so stuck on himself anyway, smugly assures John that he can take his time paying up?



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even though I'd sworn I never would live there. Finances got easier, and little Martha got well, and is to be married soon."

"We have two fine sons-in-law and three grandchildren. Martha is almost always home when I get home tired—my hours are irregular and my work hard, and she says that isn't much to concede. But if the movie is terrifically thrilling, and she is late, I merely laugh. And she never asks me if her beauty is fading, and it isn't. And she never puts down a magazine at dinner time and yawns and asks me what I'd like for dinner. And also she's kind, never anything but kind and loving to anyone—not for long, anyway—and I can rely on her. How near does she come to one hundred per cent?"

Willard, she comes very near. And in your letter you've quite unconsciously mentioned two or three tremendously important secrets that make for what every normal woman and man want, a serene and confident marriage.

For one thing, when Nan was a harassed and hard-working young wife, with three babies to raise in the city, not too much money, and a husband whose hours were uncertain, when Willard was working hard, and when there was general pulling at cross-purposes, and youthful inability to appreciate the treasures in hand, and the life both were building, you took time to adjust your difficulties.

If more young couples would do that, Reno would turn her hotels and dude ranches into suites for honeymooners.

Secondly, Willard and Nan never forgot to be loving. There is the miracle, the alchemy that can save any marriage. If under the quick

It Worked

A burglar was one night engaged in stowing a good haul of plunder in his bag when he was startled by a touch on the shoulder, and, turning his head, he beheld a venerable, mild-eyed clergyman gazing sadly at him.

"Oh, my brother," groaned the reverend gentleman, "wouldst thou rob me? Turn, I beseech thee, turn from thy evil ways. Return those stolen goods and depart in peace, for I am merciful and forgive. Begone!"

And the burglar, only too thankful at not being given into custody of the police, obeyed and slunk swiftly off.

Then the good old man carefully and quietly packed the plunder into another bag and walked softly (so as not to disturb the slumber of the inmates) out of the house and away into the silent night.

DON'T WASTE ANYTHING



Said the mountain guide: "Don't go too near the edge of that precipice; it's dangerous. But if you do fall, remember to look to the left, you'll get a wonderful view!"

Did Him Up Fine

"Is this a healthy place?" asked a stranger of a native of a certain region of the West.

"It sure is," replied the native. "When I came here I couldn't utter a word. I had scarcely a hair on my head. I hadn't the strength to walk across the room, and I had to be lifted from my bed."

"That is wonderful," exclaimed the stranger. "How long have you been here?"

Low Inventory

An advertising salesman boarded the train and took a roomette. He carried with him only a small grip, and the porter inquired of his other luggage.

"I have none," said the man.

"Why, I understood you were a salesman," said the porter.

"That's right, I am. But I don't need a lot of luggage, I sell brains."

The porter scratched his head and finally said, "Well, you are the first traveling salesman that rode this train without samples."

One Way to Put It

"Do you know why I am going to punish you, Arthur?"

"No, dad; why?"

"Because you hit a boy smaller than yourself."

"Oh, I thought perhaps it was because I'm smaller than you."

Exactly!

"So you run a duck farm. Business picking up?"

"No; picking down."

Costly Refuge

"I'm worried—it's raining and my wife is down-town."

"Oh, she'll probably step inside some store."

"That's just it."

COMMENDABLE RESTRAINT

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Household Hints

Lengthening Blanket

A blanket that's too short for the bed, or the occupant therein, can be made usable. Sew a 15-inch piece of flannel or flannellette to the bottom of the blanket. No one will notice if this end is tucked under and the rest of the blanket will be long enough.

For Sound Sleepers

Sound sleepers who can't count on being awakened by the bell on the alarm clock can increase the bell's volume by setting the clock on a dinner plate or metal pie pan.

Renewing Powder Puff

To put new life in a soiled powder puff, wash it in warm soap-suds, scrubbing the bad spots with a fingernail brush. But don't lay it out flat to dry. Pin it instead to the sunny side of a window curtain so the air can get at it.

Children Love It

If you want to thrill children at a party, give them this beverage. In a tall glass add half a cup of ginger ale to half a cup of milk. Top with a generous scoop of vanilla ice cream.

Ginger Toast

Ginger toast is a nice change. Simply chop some preserved ginger, add a few drops of lemon juice, a tiny bit of water and stir and cook to marmalade consistency. Cut the bread into strips, toast, butter lightly and spread with the marmalade.

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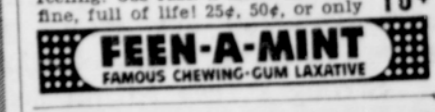
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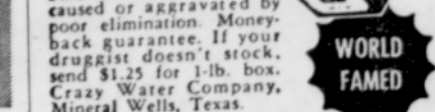
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May a Stage Star Demand A Raise—Just Before The Show Goes On?

A theater owner hired a well-known actress to play the lead in a new production, and spent a lot of money advertising the show. A few hours before curtain time, the actress decided she wasn't getting a big enough "cut." She went to the owner and told him to raise her salary "or else get along without

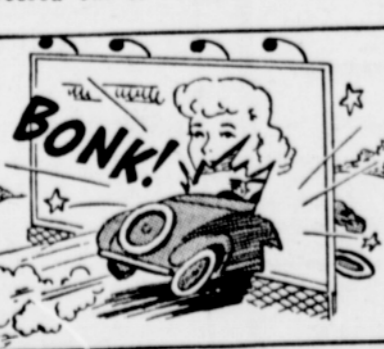


me!" In a panic, the man agreed—and the show went on. After the play finished its run, the question arose as to whether the actress was entitled to the extra salary. The court decided she was not, ruling that she should get only the amount originally agreed upon. The judge said that the actress' ultimatum, coming when it did, was illegal coercion.

A series of traffic disasters shocked the citizens of a certain community. In desperation, the city council passed a law making motorists responsible for hitting anybody—no matter whose fault it was. Soon afterward, a woman stepped in front of a bus and was injured. Although there was no evidence of negligence on the part of the bus driver, the woman sued for damages on the basis of the new law. However, the court held the law unconstitutional and denied the woman's claim.

If Your Car Isn't Working Right, Must You Warn Your Passengers?

A college student took his car to a garage for a checkup, and was told his steering wheel was dangerously defective. "I'll be back in a few days," said the young man. The next morning he took a fraternity brother for a ride—without mentioning the trouble in the wheel. Sure enough, the car veered out of control and crashed



into a billboard. The friend was injured, and later filed a suit for damages. The driver argued that a passenger accepts a ride at his own risk, but the court nevertheless granted the victim's claim. The judge said that a driver, in a situation like this, has the duty to forewarn his passengers—because they can't possibly see the danger themselves.

Be Loving

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