

Experts Explain Technique For Sewing Nylon Fabric

Fascinated by its many widely heralded magic qualities such as easy washing, fast drying, packing and no ironing in some instances, women sewing with nylon, the newest glamour baby in fabrics, are quite baffled with its many sewing problems.

Sewing experts are even at odds as to the best way to solve these nylon home sewing difficulties. All agree, however, that nylon definitely requires a special sewing technique and that puckering is its biggest problem. As to the best technique to use, there is a wide diversity of opinions.

Many skilled home sewers have had their enthusiasm dampened by this fabulous new fabric when attempting to make nylon dresses, blouses and slips due to the many difficulties encountered.

Many Problems

While puckering is generally considered its most disturbing problem, what thread and needles to use, sewing machine pressure and tension are also highly important questions to be answered in nylon home sewing.

In order to minimize nylon home sewing difficulties, there are several sewing "musts" for all types of nylon which should be followed religiously.

Use sharp cutting shears and avoid pinning as much as possible. Nylon is a slippery fabric so it is advisable to place it on a large table in preparation for cutting. A felt covering for cutting table-top is ideal for the cutting assignment.

Tips On Stitching

For all types of nylon fabrics the following basic rules should be followed:

1. Use a No. 9 or No. 11 needle for the sewing machine.

2. Thread machine with nylon thread. In winding bobbin make sure that thread is wound onto bobbin evenly. To do this, wind bobbin slowly and make sure that there is no pull on thread as it feeds from spool to bobbin.

3. Machine stitches should be 9 to 12 stitches per inch.

4. Use light pressure when operating machine.

5. Use loose tension. However, before adjusting tension on sewing machine, test first with nylon fabric scraps. If stitches are smooth and even, do not touch tension on machine. If you do adjust tension, remember that both bobbin tensions have to be adjusted equally.

6. Be sure to take sufficient seam allowance since nylon fabric tends to fray.

7. Pinking can be used as seam finishes for heavy nylon fabrics.

8. It is a good idea to use double seams on sheer nylons especially when making lingerie. These consist of two rows of stitching about one-eighth inch apart. However, for an extra fine finish in lingerie and for sheer blouses, it is advisable to use a French seam less than one-fourth inch in depth.

9. In general when stitching, guide fabric slowly through machine, do not pull it at either end thus stretching it; cut nylon thread with scissors. Don't break it off.

10. If you follow these five general points, you probably will not encounter difficulties with nylon sheers, tricot and crepes with twisted fillment. All of these are easy to handle on the bias or crosswise of the fabric.

11. In choosing a pattern for nylon fabrics, avoid those with straight skirt seams or cross yokes, since a seam cut exactly on the warp or woof of the material will pucker more than seams cut on the bias. This is a safeguard in choosing patterns for all nylons, even tricot. (King Features)

CALENDAR

Sunday
12:30 p. m.—Reames chapter, luncheon at Masonic temple, 1:30 p. m., school of instruction.

6 p. m.—Adarel chapter, potluck dinner at Jacksonville Masonic hall; 7:30 p. m., school of instruction.

Monday
1 p. m.—AAUW, afternoon arts group, home of Mrs. L. G. McLaren, 1820 Crown avenue.

1:30 p. m.—Junior Service league, executive board, home of Mrs. James Keeble, Black Oak drive.

2:30 p. m.—Talent PTA at school.

6:30 p. m.—Wives of Shriners, Medford hotel.

7 p. m.—Temple Baptist church young people, banquet at church.

7:15 p. m.—FOE auxiliary, at Eagles hall for transportation to Camp White.

7:30 p. m.—Neighbors of Woodcraft, IOOF hall.

7:30 p. m.—Toastmistress club, Scout house.

8 p. m.—Medford Musical society, First Presbyterian church.

8 p. m.—Scottish Rite Women's club, Masonic temple.

Tuesday
10 a. m.—Delphian society, Girls' Community club.

10:30 a. m.—Oak Grove Extension unit, home of Mrs. Kate

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12:30 p. m.—Junior Service league, Rogue Valley Country club.

1 p. m.—East Side circle, Presbyterian church, home of Mrs. E. C. Niles, 2511 Hillcrest road.

1 p. m.—Faith circle, at Presbyterian church.

1 p. m.—Grace circle, home of Mrs. L. G. McLaren, 1820 Crown avenue.

1 p. m.—Merritt circle, Girls' Community club.

1 p. m.—Sunny Sisters circle, home of Mrs. Louis Brown, 737 West Jackson street.

2 p. m.—Ever Ready circle, home of Mrs. Alfred Hensler, 1124 West Main street.

2 p. m.—First Baptist Church Ladies' auxiliary, home of Mrs. Miner T. Boshears, 408 South Grape street.

6:30 p. m.—Degree of Honor, KP hall.

7 p. m.—St. Mark's Episcopal Evening guild, at church.

7:30 p. m.—Wenonah club party, home of Mrs. Stanley Morgan, 212 South Orange street.

7:30 p. m.—Medford Duplicate Bridge club, Medford hotel.

7:45 p. m.—Rogue Valley chorus, rehearsal at Medford senior high school music room.

8 p. m.—Dr. Frank Munk lecture at senior high school auditorium sponsored by League of Women Voters.

8 p. m.—Nevita chapter, Central Point Masonic temple.

8 p. m.—Pythian club, Girls' Community club.

8 p. m.—MOLB, VFW hall.

Wednesday
10:30 a. m.—Central Point Extension unit, home of Mrs. K. C. Wernmark.

1 p. m.—Chapter CG, PEO, home of Mrs. J. D. McPherson, 119 North Ivy street.

1 p. m.—Get-Together club, Eagles hall.

1 p. m.—Nevita Past Matrons' club, home of Mrs. Joe A. Thomas, 222 South Holly street.

1 p. m.—Reames Social club, annual valentine luncheon at Masonic temple.

1:45 p. m.—Contemporary Book club, home of Mrs. William McAllister.

2 p. m.—Wednesday Study club, Girls' Community club.

6:30 p. m.—Past chiefs and past chancellors, dinner at Pythian building.

7:30 p. m.—Olive Rebekah lodge, staff at IOOF hall.

8 p. m.—American Association of University Women, home of Mrs. B. Brandt Bartels, 35 Valley View drive.

Thursday
1:15 p. m.—Just Folks' club, home of Mrs. W. F. Brooks, 335 South Riverside avenue.

1:30 p. m.—Wenonah club, home of Mrs. Richard Singler, 27 Rose avenue.

2 p. m.—Jacksonville Garden club, U. S. hotel clubroom.

2 p. m.—Jackson County Public Health association, Presbyterian church fireplace room.

7:30 p. m.—Royal Neighbor lodge, at KP hall.

8 p. m.—Junior High Parent-Teacher association, at school.

8 p. m.—Adarel chapter, Jacksonville Masonic hall.

Friday
1 p. m.—Adarel Past Matrons' club, home of Mrs. Clare Shores, Jacksonville highway.

6:30 p. m.—Oak Grove PTA ham dinner followed by program at 8 p. m.

6:30 p. m.—Canton Siskiyou and auxiliary, IOOF hall.

8 p. m.—Pocahontas lodge, Redmen hall.

8 p. m.—Unit 6, St. Anne's Altar society, Sacred Heart church parish hall.

Central Point Group To Make Lampshades

Central Point — A demonstration on lampshade making will be given by Mrs. E. T. McCartney, Mrs. Mabel Smith, and Mrs. K. C. Wernmark at the February meeting of the Central Point Extension unit scheduled for Wednesday, February 15, at 10:30 a. m. in the home of Mrs. Wernmark, Eighth and Laurel streets. Children will be cared for by Mrs. Eunice Jones, Third and Laurel streets.

Luncheon will be served at noon for a nominal fee and those attending are reminded to bring table service.

Butte Falls Women Learn Shade Making

Butte Falls — Twenty-one members of Butte Falls Extension unit met at the home of Mrs. Clay Conley February 3. The business meeting was presided over by Chairman Frieda Moore. Mrs. Beeman, program chairman, read results of questionnaire given in December by Miss Eula Wintermute, and also conducted a questionnaire game.

A noon luncheon from a planned balanced menu was served by Mrs. Leona Moore. Mrs. Treffen and Mrs. Beeman. Mrs. Earl Remsen and Mrs. Jack Shaw demonstrated lamp shade making. A special workshop day is planned in the near future for those interested in the project.

Society

Events Planned For Members Of KP Groups

Pythian club members will meet at Girls' Community club Tuesday, February 14 at 8 p. m. Mrs. Della Watkins and Mrs. William Swartz form the committee in charge.

Past chiefs and their husbands are invited to meet with past chancellors and their wives Wednesday, February 15 for a covered dish dinner and party at the Pythian building at 6:30 p. m. For further information of officers ask members to call William Walden, 2-5358 or Mrs. Bill Ireland 2-4219.

Couple Leaves

Mr. and Mrs. Ira G. Parish left Medford Saturday for Lansing, Mich., to pick up a new car at the factory. From Lansing they will go to Detroit to visit with Mr. Parish's relatives.

They will return via the southern states, spending some time with friends in Alabama, and will travel through Texas to California where they will visit Mrs. Parish's relatives who live in Los Angeles. The couple expects to be away five weeks.

Mr. Parish is chief aircraft communications station at the local airport.

Drama Program Given For Sorority Meeting

Miss Adabee Seiler presented the cultural program on "Drama" at Thursday's meeting of Beta Sigma Phi sorority. Members met at the home of Mrs. Charles Ely, 419 West Second street and hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Ray Rayner and Mrs. Ely.

A valentine party which had been planned was cancelled and tentative plans were made to hold a party March 4. Arrangements for the affair will be made by the social committee.

Next regular meeting of the group will be February 23.



Teen-Age Club Plans Attendance At Banquet

Hap Tac-ers are planning to attend a banquet which the Degree of Honor Protective association will hold Tuesday, February 14 at the KP hall beginning at 6:30 p. m. The president

asks all members of this 'teen-age group to attend.

Last business meeting of the group was held at the home of Miss Macky Myers, 124 Lincoln street. A constitution was discussed and plans made for a party. The members then sang until refreshment time.

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