

Bag Material Suggested For Trial-Error Sewing

Learning to sew? If you are, it's more fun if you can begin making something for yourself or your home right away. And if you're fortunate enough to have colorful cotton bags on hand, why not use them for your trial-and-error sewing? The fabrics used in print feed and flour sacks are pretty, practical, and economical enough to use with nary a quail about mishap or failure.



KITCHEN AIDS—A cheerful cotton sack apron can help make cooking fun. Both the apron and mummy doll, who's hiding a cookie jar under her blue skirt, were made from a 100-lb. flour bag. You'll find cotton print bags useful for all types of home sewing.

1. Choose a simple pattern. It's best for beginners to start with uncomplicated blouse, skirt, or dress patterns having easy-to-follow directions. This won't be difficult, for most pattern companies prepare some design especially for novice seamstresses. Or, if you'd like to try making household accessories instead of apparel, why not sew an informal luncheon set, practical apron, or bright kitchen curtains?



PACKABLE—Floral print cotton shirt and shorts pack neatly for vacation-bound miss. Ensemble by Century also includes a slim skirt in the same colorful print.

2. Select the correct size. Proper fit is one of the basic requirements for successful sewing. Look at the charts in the pattern catalogues, then select the size that most nearly corresponds with your bust measurement, as bust and shoulder lines are most difficult to alter. Pattern sizes differ from those of ready-to-wear garments, so do not assume that the dress size you ordinarily wear is the correct one.

3. Choose an appropriate fabric. Medium-weight solid colors or small prints are good choices for initial sewing efforts. Durable, washable cotton bag fabrics are easy to handle, come in hundreds of stripes, checks, novelty prints, florals, and other patterns designed by leading textile artists.

If you have print sacks on hand, you'll find that they can be prepared for sewing with little effort. Just rip the chain-stitched seams, wash the bags in warm, soapy water to remove brand names, then dry and press. An ordinary 100-lb. sack contains about one and a third yards of sewing fabric, and three or four provide enough for a full-skirted frock or a pair of curtains.

4. Buy the proper notions and sewing tools. You'll save time if you have zippers, thread, buttons, and other notions on hand before you start. Good sewing tools—sharp scissors, plenty of pins, tape measure, tailor's chalk, hem marker, and machine attachments—will speed up your sewing, eliminate that "home-made" look.

5. Sew with care and imagination. Follow directions carefully, and you'll be less apt to make mistakes. If you do slip up, don't hesitate to take out stitches and begin again. Neatness, combined with tasteful use of color, design, and fabric, will bring results you'll be proud of.

Even after you have become an accomplished seamstress, you'll find cotton bags handy for making innumerable additions to home or wardrobe. And for skillful needlewomen, they may have a fancy future as well as a practical past.

Prizes for women who sew with cotton sacks will be awarded in a \$17,000 contest being held at 49 state and regional fairs this year. Winners will receive cash gifts, Nechi portable sewing machines, and may become eligible for two top prizes—expense-paid vacations in glamorous Hollywood. Information is available from the National Cotton Council, P. O. Box 9906, Dept. F, Memphis 12, Tennessee.

Reunion Slated By 1939 Class; Need Addresses
A committee planning the 20-year reunion of the 1939 graduating class of Medford High school announces that the addresses of several class members are still needed. The reunion will be held at Rogue Valley Country club June 27.

Cadet Espy Valley Visitor
Cadet David L. Espy of the United States Merchant Marine Academy, Long Island, N. Y., was a week end visitor in the valley at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Espy, 619 Park street.

Visitors Here
Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Latson, Sacramento, Calif., are in Medford as guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chipman, 1808 Roxy Ann place. Tonight the Latsons will attend a meeting of Bethel 55, International Order of Jobs' Daughters, during which their granddaughter, Miss Sharon Chipman, will be initiated into the order.

PTA Plans Meeting Thursday

Parents of all McLoughlin Junior High school students will have an opportunity to meet their child's Home Room teacher and counselors in the various classrooms on Thursday, April 16 at 7:30 p.m. during a meeting of the McLoughlin Junior High school Parent-Teacher association.

The meeting will be held in the girl's gymnasium, the entrance is off Holly street. Glenn Linn, principal of the school, extends a special invitation to all parents of sixth grade students who will be entering McLoughlin Junior High school in the fall to be present at this meeting. They will meet Home Room teachers and counselors and hear a brief preview of the school program, grade requirements and any changes that will be made in the curriculum. Counselors will also be present from Medford Senior High school for interviews with parents who have students entering that school in the fall.

Mrs. Bill Rambo will conduct a business meeting. Election of officers is planned. A slate of candidates will be presented by the nominating committee and other nominations may be made from the floor, provided the consent of the nominee has been given. All parents and guests are invited to have refreshments in the cafeteria with other parents and teachers after the meeting. Mothers of students in the seventh grade will be hostesses.

Labels Changed For Sweeteners
Washington, D.C.—Persons on sugar-restricted diets will find it much easier to distinguish artificially sweetened canned fruits from those packed in sugar syrup under special standards developed by the Food and Drug administration.

Under the new standards, the words "artificially sweetened" will appear on the label as part of and ahead of the name of the fruit, FDA officials said.

The standards will become effective in about 3 months unless stayed by objections of persons adversely affected and will apply to artificially sweetened peaches, apricots, pears, cherries, fruit cocktail, and figs.

Book Club
Contemporary Book club will meet Wednesday, April 15, at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Glenn Jackson, Greenway circle.

Calendar
Calendar notices and news for the society section of The Mail Tribune must be submitted in writing and deadline for the Sunday edition is 1 p.m. Friday. Deadline for the weekly calendar is 9 a.m. of the day for publication and for week day news is 8 p.m. the day before publication.

Tuesday:
8 p.m.—American Legion auxiliary, Legion hall.
8 p.m.—District meeting, Nevita Chapter, at the Masonic Temple, Central Point.
8 p.m.—Pythian club, home of Miss Patricia Hawks, Shady Cove.
Wednesday:
9:30 a.m.—Woman's Society of Christian Service, circle 2, with Mrs. John Bradish, 520 Hamilton st.
10-12 noon—Kiwanian Dames Coffee, home of Mrs. William T. Clark, 545 Pierce rd.
10 a.m.—Woman's Missionary Union of First Southern Baptist church, at church.
10:30 a.m.—Central Point Home Extension unit, home of Mrs. Paul Snook, Ferry rd., Shady Cove.
11 a.m.—Townsend Harmony auxiliary, Carpenters hall, 123 1/2 West Main st.
12 noon—Reames Social club, Medford Masonic hall.
12:30 p.m.—Chapter CP of PRO Sisterhood, home of Mrs. T. P. Bars, 323 Windsor ave.
1-7 p.m.—Oregon Nurses Association, District 4, workshop, Red Cross auditorium.
1 p.m.—Past Chiefs club, home of Mrs. Emilie Conrad, 632 Palm st.
1 p.m.—Phoenix Grange HEC, home of Mrs. Marvin Hixon, Colver road.
1 p.m.—Chapter CG, PEO, home of Mrs. R. E. Menck, 2141 East Jackson boulevard.
2 p.m.—Wednesday Study club, Girls Community club.

New Jersey Woman Works With Eight Thousand Mice

By GAY PAULEY
UPI Women's Editor
New York—After hours, Peggie Coufos of Teaneck, N.J., is the first to jump at the sight of a mouse. But on the job, she works with 8,000 mice without flinching.

Mrs. Coufos is a "mouse doctor." Her laboratory in a pharmaceutical firm in Maywood, N.J., tests mice in an anti-cancer campaign. Mrs. Coufos gives each mouse a thorough physical examination and tests for salmonella, an epidemic infection which can hamper research. If she pronounces a mouse healthy, it goes on to the breeding lab.

The firm—Charles Pfizer—is raising what it believes is the first pure strain of mice in the United States. When the pedigrees are established, malignant tumors are transplanted to the mice for study. **Mouse Pediatrician**
About 20,000 mice are tested in her lab every year. And she acts as pediatrician to the baby mice. No small task, because each mother mouse has an average of 6.5 to 7.2 offspring per litter in 21 days.

A graduate of Barnard college, the pretty 22-year-old bacteriologist had planned to go into medicine until she decided in favor of marriage during her junior year. This is her first job, which she began last June.

"Am I afraid of mice? Oh, and how!" she said. "I was squeamish at first, because I'd never handled mice before. But I got used to them. I got the purple heart the first week—I got bitten so many times."

But soon she learned how to handle the animals "gently" and now has a pet white mouse which she named "Dumbo" because it has big ears.

He has lots of personality, she said, "but still, I don't give him an opportunity to bite me, and I'd never take him home. I'd be scared of a mouse at home."

Has she ever lost a mouse? "Luckily, no," she said. "I've heard how they've gotten loose in other labs, but not in mine. We keep them in large glass jars so there's not much danger of their running around."

Her husband, Thomas, a real estate salesman, thinks her job is "humorous." "We're so completely opposite in jobs that he can't help being interested. But of course, he teases me, and my friends call up and say, 'come quick, Dr. Coufos, my mouse is sick.'"

Teacher Group Plans Meeting On Arithmetic

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The topic for discussion is arithmetic. Miss Gladys Durrand, supervisor for the Medford Public schools, has arranged for group leaders from among the Medford teaching staff. Leading the primary grades discussion will be Mrs. Gladys Lawrence, Hoover school, and Miss Durrand. The intermediate group will be under the guidance of Mrs. Esther Fliegel, Hoover school, assisted by Kenneth Hulbert, principal of Jefferson school.

The upper grade and high school group will be led by Mrs. Eula Foley and Gordon Morris, both of McLoughlin Junior High school.

Current arithmetic practices will be highlighted, including individual differences, grouping, guides and courses of study, testing, enrichment and instructional materials.

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Congregational Church Women To Meet Here
Congressional women of this area will hear Mrs. W.T.M. Cook, Santa Ana, Calif., president of the 800,000-member National Fellowship of Congregational Women, at the annual meeting of the Southern Oregon Congregational Women's Fellowship at the Medford Congregational Church Friday, April 24.

Women from Klamath Falls, Roseburg, Ashland and Medford will attend.

Mrs. Cook will tell about the church's work in Mexico, and its project to aid sharecroppers at Delmo, Mo.

Other speakers will include Dr. A. J. Buttrey, Portland, minister and superintendent of the Congregational Conference of Oregon; and Mrs. Paul W. Harvey Jr., Salem, president of the Oregon Fellowship of Congregational Women.

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Families Visit Relatives Here
Valley visitors this week are Mr. and Mrs. William H. Buckingham Jr., Manhattan Beach, Calif., and their two children, Sherry and Timmy, and Mrs. David Grebb, and son, Steven, of Roseburg.

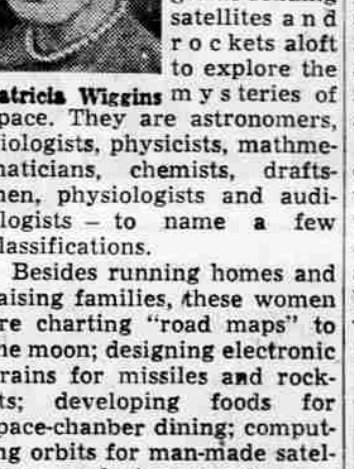
They are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Buckingham, 27 Lincoln street, who are parents of Mrs. Buckingham and Mrs. Grebb.

Returns
Mrs. Bruno Pellegrini has returned to her home on South Oakdale avenue after spending the past month in Buffalo, N.Y., with Dr. and Mrs. Robert Secrist.

Coins Displayed At Medford Bank
In observance of National Coin week, Rogue Valley Coin club has an exhibit this week at First National bank.

Women Scientists Aid Men On Problems of Space Age

By PATRICIA WIGGINS
United Press International
Washington—(UPI)—Women may not be driving men to the moon, but a lot certainly are helping in efforts to put them there.



Women scientists and researchers add a feminine touch to programs sending satellites and rockets aloft to explore the space. They are astronomers, biologists, physicists, mathematicians, chemists, draftsmen, physiologists and audiologists—to name a few classifications.

Besides running homes and raising families, these women are charting "road maps" to the moon; designing electronic brains for missiles and rockets; developing foods for space-chamber dining; computing orbits for man-made satellites; analyzing cosmic rays and drafting missile parts.

Take Dr. Nancy Roman, a top-flight astronomer whose work starts where "space lets off" at the Naval Research Laboratory here. She's as familiar with electromagnetic spectrums as most women are with bobby pins.

Nancy includes among her tasks charting "road maps" to the moon. Working with an 84-foot radio telescope, the largest of its kind in the world, she supplies, for persons tracking rockets through space, data to help differentiate natural phenomena in the wide open spaces.

Inter-service rivalry takes a back seat to science where her work is concerned. One recent customer for one of Nancy's road maps was the Army, before the launching of Pioneer III.

Nancy also measures temperatures on the moon at different wave lengths to find out what the surface of the moon is like—fairly important if we ever get there.

Or take Women's Air Force Maj. Elizabeth "Betsy" Guild. Stationed as an audiologist at the Wright Air Development Center's Aeromedical Laboratory, Dayton, O., she has flown more than 100 hours in high-speed jet aircraft, measuring noise levels at supersonic speed.

Her concern is not only psychological—how noise affects pilots and crews—but practical—how to retain effective radio communication in spite of screaming engine or wind noises. Her work one day may help make that trip to the moon a quieter one for the traveler.

Another space woman is Mrs. Helen Hayes, who got into space work via the ocean. Formerly an oceanographer with the Fish and Wildlife Service studying oyster life in Chesapeake Bay, she now keeps a biologist's eye on Navy research contractors, experimenting with getting oxygen to future spacemen by the same manner that oysters get it: oxygen-producing algae.

Scientific assistant to the chief of the Biology Branch of the Office of Naval Research, Mrs. Hayes saw to it that yeast experiment samples went up with the Navy's Vanguard to measure gaseous exchanges during the flight.

WAF Engineer
Dr. Lillian A. McNally, a WAF first lieutenant, keeps busy as a chemical engineer at the Air Force missile test site at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., developing fuels and oxidizers for rocket propellants.

And mathematician Mrs. Marion Camille Sims, one of

a bevy of women at the Army's Ballistic Missile Agency in Huntsville, Ala., cranks out data from one of the most advanced electronic brains concerning the velocity of satellite launching vehicles.

Beatrice Finkelstein, physiologist and food chemist, is more interested in the men in space machines than in the machines themselves. She's spent the past six years on pioneer nutrition research studies which have resulted in 12 frozen aircraft meals and 10 canned and unfrozen meals designed to keep space and jet travelers well fed.

Also at the Wright Development Center in Dayton, she works on the premise that variety in meals is even more essential in the confines of a space cabin than in an earth-bound dining room.

For Small Potatoes
New York—(UPI)—Try this waterless cooking method for small new potatoes. Wash and scrape 2 pounds potatoes. Heat 2 tablespoons salad oil in heavy skillet. Add potatoes, shake pan to coat all sides, cover and cook slowly 30 minutes or until tender. Shake pan occasionally to cook potatoes uniformly. Season to taste with salt, ground black pepper and fresh parsley or chives. Serves 6.

Even the sundress goes Empire in a floral-embroidered plaid cotton by Brigrance of Sportmaker. Cool and pretty for blue skies, it has a double duty scarf for sudden breezes.

Sandra Sanner On Bethel List
The name of Miss Sandra Sanner was inadvertently omitted from the list of grand Bethel appointments listed in Sunday's issue. Miss Sanner, Bethel 55, Medford, was appointed grand page.

The appointments were announced during the annual grand Bethel session held last week end in Eugene.

Jayettes Nominate At Recent Meeting
Eagle Point—Officers for the coming year were nominated at the last meeting of Eagle Point Jayettes, held at the home of Mrs. Harry Hanscom. Election will be held at the next meeting.

Mrs. Glenn Nelson and Mrs. Harold Holloway served refreshments.



REGAL—Miss Malinda Berry, 1959 Maid of Cotton, wears a native-toned Everfast cotton matinee evening coat over a ball-gown styled on Empire lines in floral-printed Supima cotton crepe. This queenly ensemble is by Claire Schaffel.



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