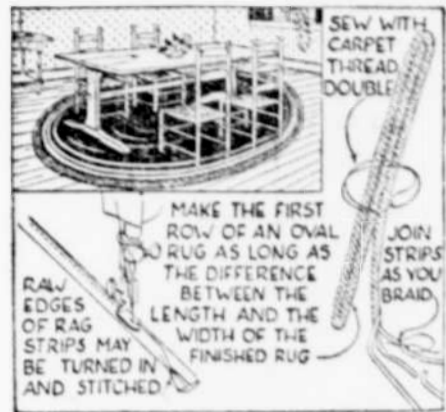


A Braided Rug That Grew Up With Family

By RUTH WYETH SPEARS
 "DEAR MRS. SPEARS: The leaflet on making Rag Rugs that just came with your two books is most interesting to me, and I thought you might like to know about a rag rug that literally grew up with our family. When we first went to housekeeping I started what I hoped would be a large braided rug for the dining room. When it was big enough to go under the small table we were using then, I put it down. Each



winter I have added more rows to the edge. The family has grown and we all fit on the rug quite nicely now.

"I save the best parts of old sheets and dye them different colors; then tear them into one-inch strips. I have a power machine, so I run these through it turning in the raw edges. The stitching strengthens the strips and makes them firm and neat for braiding."

If this letter inspires you, I have made a sketch here showing how to start your room size rug. If you are not quite that ambitious, you will find many ideas for smaller rugs in the leaflet offered below.

NOTE: Now is the time for all of us to give our houses a fresh start. Crisp new curtains; a bright slipcover; new lampshades; or an ottoman will do the trick. Make these things yourself. Mrs. Spears' Book 1—SEWING, for the Home Decorator, shows you how with step-by-step, easy to follow sketches. Book 2—Gifts, Novelties and Embroidery, shows you how to make fascinating things from odds and ends and will save its cost many times. Books are 25 cents each; if you order both books, copy of the new Rag Rug Leaflet will be included free. Address Mrs. Spears, 210 S. Desplaines St., Chicago, Ill.

Star Dust

- ★ Brushing Off Old Scripts
- ★ Courting Our Neighbors
- ★ Got Breaks; Now Stars

By Virginia Vale

REMEMBER "June Moon"? It will return to the screen probably as "Lover, Come Back to Me," with Nelson Eddy as its star, and perhaps with Miliza Korjus appearing opposite him. This is just one of the old pictures that will bob up before long in new versions. "Morocco," for instance, the first picture that Marlene Dietrich made in this country, with Gary Cooper as her leading man. Most of us think that it was also her best one. There may be a new "Show Boat." In fact, most of your old favorites will be back, for Hollywood is playing safe and brushing off many of the scripts that brought



MILIZA KORJUS

the public to the box office once upon a time. Given different directors, stars and sets, they'll practically be new pictures.

The European market for films may be shot to pieces, but the Latin-American one is more important than ever. Movita, the Mexican actress who was last seen in "Rose of the Rio Grande," will have the same sort of role in "The Girl From Rio," and will sing songs in both English and Spanish.

RKO is whipping up "The Girl From Mexico" with Lupe Velez as the Star. No doubt all the other companies will blossom out with pictures intended to please our good neighbors in South America before the year is over.

Many a radio star can thank a lucky break for the boost that brought success. Lanny Ross is one of them. Ten years ago he wanted to join NBC's legal staff. They told him they were looking for singers, not lawyers. He auditioned as a singer, and to his amazement, was engaged. He's never returned to the law.

Gabriel Heatter leaped into national prominence as a commentator when he handled the Hauptmann trial, although he'd been doing an excellent job long before that. Paul Whiteman just happened to hear Joan Edwards singing one day in a music publisher's office, and engaged her to sing with his band. Mark Warnow was a violinist in an orchestra that accompanied Morton Downey. One day the leader was ill, and Warnow substituted for him, with the result that Downey insisted that he conduct all his broadcasts from that time on.

ODDS AND ENDS—This year's winter carnival at Dartmouth college will save Walter Wanger some money; he's sending a crew of technicians to record plenty of it for background material for his picture, "Winter Carnival." . . . Samuel Goldwyn will use a large cast of unknown players in "Thirteen Go Flying," which will be based on the recent crash of the British flying boat, "Cavalier." © Western Newspaper Union.

It Will Be Fun to Sew These at Home



NO. 1672—A very flattering dress is this with braid used to emphasize the bust fullness, with the effect of a bolero, and with a graceful, rippling skirt. Make this tiny-waisted charmer of thin wool, flat crepe or silk prints. You'll enjoy having some cottons like this, too, in the summer-time; it's a pattern you'll frequently repeat.

No. 1505—The little dress with the sleeveless bolero is a perfect style for girls from four up to twelve. The full skirt, the round balloons of sleeves, the high neckline, are just as becoming as possible! In challis, in gingham, in dimity—this dress will be charming, and a dress-up version in taffeta will go smartly to parties.

Material Requirements.

No. 1672 is designed for sizes 14, 16, 18, 20, 40 and 42. Size 16 requires 3 1/2 yards of 35-inch material and 5 yards of braid.

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Fashion Dictates Suits for Spring

Just a moment, milady of fashion, a question for you to answer, please—how about a chic blouse or two or more to add to your collection? For of course now that fashion has thoroughly convinced us that the suit's the thing for spring, it's going to necessitate the accumulating of a whole wardrobe of blouses, for that is exactly the up-keep that a suit season never fails to demand.

Such a bewildering array of blouses as designers are turning out this spring is sure to lead to temptation. Perhaps the most irresistible of all will prove to be the perfectly adorable "baby blouse" lace-trimmed and frilled and hand-tucked and otherwise finely hand-worked lingerie types. It's the last word in blouse fashion is this pretty confection of frothy sheer whiteness and it is a treat to see these utterly feminine blouses displayed in the stores for they are so very lovely and it's been such a long time since they held the center of the stage but fashion's spotlight is definitely upon them for spring and summer.

Pastel Plaid Coats.

A coat that definitely has the new look is fashioned of pastel plaid. This is regarded as one of the big successes of the season.

Fashions Stress Color Affiliation

Current Mode Seems Built Around That Idea.

By CHERIE NICHOLAS

If you do not by inheritance possess a fine color instinct then the next best thing to do is to develop it, for in order to dress up to the mark in this day and generation you simply must "know" color.

The whole structure of current mode seems to be built around the basic idea of color—color that affiliates, color that carries through the entire costume from start to finish down to the slightest detail either by blend, match or contrast.

Which leads us to tell you about one of the happiest happenstances that ever occurred in fashion's domain. It's the getting together of certain leaders in the style world in a group known as Color Affiliates, whose object it is to answer the matching-color question for fashionable women in village, hamlet, town, big city the country over. To solve the problem this group of color enthusiasts have agreed on certain authoritative new colors to be accurately matched and used in gloves, handbags, hats, hosiery and so on.

What could be simpler than to go to one department in a store and name a color that by magic becomes a reality before your eyes, then go to counter after counter and get the accessory items you seek in a perfectly matched color simply by mentioning the name of the same color.

Ladies, your nerve-racking, maddening color quests are over. No more weary foot-sore trekking from one counter to another with sample in hand frantically striving to match the this to the that in your costume! And the result should be, will be, a spring fashion picture of exquisite colors in beautifully executed and high-styled accessories, that tune to perfect ensembling.

In High Style



Pleatings and tuckings done in novel and original ways abound throughout the spring fashion picture. The smartly attired young lady here portrayed confines the accordion pleated front of her charming new gown under a stunning wide belt, and if there is one accessory more than another that fashion is playing up in versatile moods for spring, that accessory is belts. For the belt that adds infinite swank to the costume here shown, Criterion uses a soft white kid with an applique of gayly colored circles.

Sleeved Evening Gowns.

It is quite the thing for dinner and evening gowns to have long sleeves. Very frequently high necklines add to the dignity of the occasion.

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