

Sew Up Budget's Rips



MAKE-IT-YOURSELF is the cry of gift-givers who have the time to give their gifts. With a sewing machine, patience and thread, you can turn out a pair of personalized felt suspenders (left), a matching corduroy hat and drawstring bag (right) and many other gifts.

If contemplation of Christmas costs leaves you worrying about a debtor's prison, it's time to take a tip from the experts at your local sewing center on making your own Christmas gifts inexpensively.

Youngsters on your list will love stuffed animals, made on your sewing machine, of gay scraps of fabric and stuffed with cotton or old stockings.

For very young children, it is safer to make the eyes of yarn rather than buttons. For a thick tail or mane of yarn, cut lengths of yarn about four inches long, pull ends evenly through a large needle, pull through cloth, knot and cut the looped end of yarn. Toenails and eyelashes are done with

a long embroidery stitch. Add a gay bow, trimmed with a bell or tiny Christmas ball for a gala touch. (Be sure to remove bell or ball before you leave baby alone with toys.)

Teen-agers love ensemble items, such as a matching hat and bag of glowing corduroy.

Corduroy Cuttings
Cut the corduroy on a flat surface with the pile side up, except when it is necessary to cut double or on a fold. In this case, the fabric should be folded lengthwise with the pile inside. Make your own pattern from brown paper, and place pattern pieces on fabric in the same direction, so that the pile runs upward. When stitching,

use a No. 11 needle, light tension and a rather long stitch—about 12 to the inch.

The hat is made in four pieces, using buckram as a stiffener for the sides. To make eyelets for the drawstring, use the buttonhole on your sewing machine, thread the string through, and tie in a bow. For a pixie touch, sew free-swinging tassels to the ends of the string.

The bag is constructed around a square cardboard bottom, covered in corduroy to match the hat. A sturdy fabric is recommended for the lining, such as duck or denim. Here, too, the buttonhole attachment on your machine makes the eyelets for the drawstring. Two pairs of plaid shoelaces may be used for gay drawstrings on hat and bag.

Felt suspenders add importance to any skirt in a little girl's wardrobe. These are wonderfully easy to make, using two strips of felt and two sizes of bright rickrack. Simply measure child from the waist front over the shoulders and across the back to the waist, and add two inches for buttonhole area.

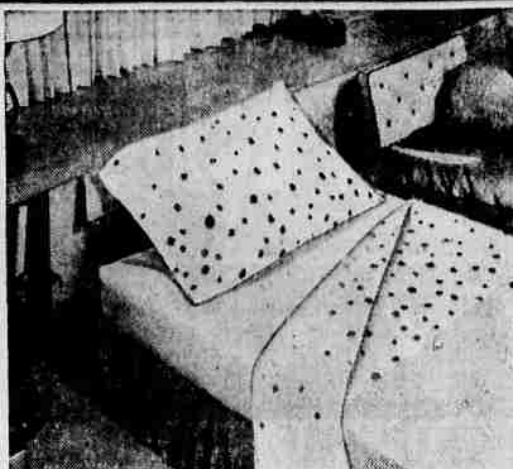
Use pinking shears to cut two strips of felt one inch wide to this measurement.

Trim with contrasting rick-rack, stitching down from the wide rick-rack first, and the narrow strip on top of that. Leave one inch at either end untrimmed. Use your buttonhole to make four vertical buttonholes.

Special Suspenders

You may mark another pair of suspenders as felt crossbar to join the two strips in front. Use the fashion-stitch technique to stitch her name in contrasting thread. Since felt is so heavy, an organdy backing is not necessary.

The fashion-stitch technique may be used, too, for the men on your Christmas list. Place a small monogram just above the left cuff of



FABRIC GIFTS can be cheerful as well as beautiful and useful. This bed sheet is showered with squares and dots in multi-color on percale. The pillow case matches.

Santa Claus Weaves Dreams

Household linens, especially the new sheets and pillowcases decorated with all-over patterns, make welcome gifts for any woman. They needn't involve a large expenditure either, if your Christmas cash is limited.

Beautiful new patterns in bedspreads are available to match any decor you choose. Colonial patterns blend nicely into a room dominated by a four-poster. Elizabethan-rich fabrics fit into period settings as if they'd been handed down through the years.

From South America and the Caribbean cultures have come designs that make bright spreads for casual rooms, day beds, studio couches.

Less expensive are new designs in bed sheets. The contour sheet, fitting the mattress like a glove, is still on the best-seller list. And there's something new.

It's a startling sheet-and-pillow case set loaned by Bates Mills. The fabric is percale, glowing with a pattern in color. Your choice of polka-dots, four-leaf clovers or a design in squares. This set would make a fine household gift for the guest room or for that teen-aged lass whose bedroom is alive with movie stars' photos.

New tablecloths, too, are on display as Christmas gifts. Look them over. They can turn mealtime into state occasions and, like soft music and candlelight, transform the humblest fare into a banquet.

Brew Potsful of Cheer For Holiday Visitors

The coffee pot, symbol of American hospitality, works overtime from the minute the first Christmas gift is opened until the last New Year's call is made.

There's no need for YOU to work overtime during this wonderful season.

Keep your refreshments simple, serving little party sandwiches, hors d'oeuvres and other delicacies that can be made the night before, then rolled in waxed paper or covered with tinfoil and stored in the icebox.

Cups of Holiday Cheer

To end each holiday gathering on a satisfying note that will mark you as a discriminating hostess, try serving coffee in one of the several exotic versions.

One of the simplest is Coffee Viennese, which requires a bowl of whipped cream and a dash of cinnamon. Top each cup of black coffee with generous spoonfuls of the cream, then add a sprig of cinnamon. The hot, black coffee is sipped through the thick layer of cold, cinnamon-flavored whipped cream.

Popular with the younger set on a cold winter night after tobogganing or Christmas caroling will be Hot Mocha Java, made from equal quantities of hot coffee and cocoa topped with fluffy marshmallows.

An exciting taste experience in which all your guests can take part is the making of Cafe Brulot.

Concocted in the Farberware coffee kitchens, these recipes for Christmas cups should be greeted with cheers:

Coffee-Eggnog Punch (24 punch cups)

You'll need: 6 eggs, separated, 2 cups light cream, 3/4 cup light corn syrup, 1 quart milk, 3 cups coffee, 1 tablespoon brandy flavoring, few grains salt, nutmeg.

Beat egg yolks. Add cream, syrup, milk, coffee, flavoring and salt. Beat egg whites, fold in. Pour into



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punch bowl. Sprinkle with nutmeg. Yields 24 punch cups.

Cafe Brulot (Basic recipe)

Place in a brulot bowl or chafing dish the outer rind of half an orange cut into 5 or 6 pieces, and the thin peel of a quarter of a lemon. Add 2 sticks of broken cinnamon bark, 10 cloves (heads removed), lumps of sugar and 2

demitasses of cognac. Light the burner under the chafing dish. Stir constantly with a punch or gravy ladle until contents are warm, then pour into demitasses. Burn about a minute, then pour over the blaze 3 demitasses of strong coffee. Ladle out as many demitasses as you wish. New ideas in coffee-making mark you a wonderful hostess.

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