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By Irene Christian

The Styles for spring are gradually evolving and with them comes every woman's desire for "something different" in her wardrobe.

Individuality may be expressed in many ways. The materials we use and the lines we choose are, of course, determining factors but they are of no more importance than the kind and color of trimming we apply.

Yarn easily solves the decorative problem. It may be obtained in a multitude of colors, it is inexpensive, it is easy to apply and it lends itself readily to any material because of its softness of texture and its excellent wearing and laundering qualities.

Commercial braids and bead ornaments on the market are very expensive and yet not durable. Then, too, you never know when you buy these decorative touches how many of your friends are using the same thing on their dresses. If yarn embroidery is used there need be no fear of duplication in trimming. Even if the same stitches are used you would rarely find two people using the same colors in identically the same manner.

All the stitches and combination of stitches used in ordinary embroidery work are applicable to yarn stitchery, for example: the cross stitch, the blanket stitch, the couching stitch, the chain stitch and many others. Good looking designs may be formed by a combination of these stitches and a combination of effective colors. The designs need not be as elaborately worked out as the design on the smock, in the illustration, yet they may be equally as interesting if you choose the shape and the color of the design with reference to the garment.

Decorative yarn flowers made by using the lazy daisy stitch for the petals of the flowers and French knots or long crossed stitches, as shown in the illustration above, offer another good suggestive touch for your spring wardrobe. These flowers, when made of yarn, do not need to be all the same shape. They may be square, oval, rectangular or round just as you desire or as the space, in which they are to be placed, suggests.

Yarn flowers do not take as long to make and apply as do applique flowers and they are often times much more artistic than the stiff applique or commercial flowers.

The satin stitch, using yarn, may be embroidered on strips of linen glass toweling to form simple yet strikingly attractive trimming. The squares of the toweling are filled in with this stitch to form a motif design or a border design. The dress above shows this idea plainly. It is advisable to work out the design on squared paper before embroidering as this serves as a working guide.

If milady is busy or if she is not adept at using the needle she need not become discouraged as there are still ways of applying yarn. The sewing machine solves the problem simply and easily.

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