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Betty Gets a New Dress . . .

By Margaret Bruechert

Small prints and checks or plain colors are most appropriate for small children. It is well, when laying print, to notice whether the design runs in line with the warp and woof; otherwise the garment will be difficult to cut and sew and afterward to iron. Dyed-in-the-wool checks are more satisfactory than printed ones.

Colors should be fast to washing. Too often this important point is overlooked in one's capture over a particularly lovely fabric. "Warranted" fast colors and "guaranteed" fast colors mean two different things. Warranted means a fairly fast color, while guaranteed means that the manufacturer will replace the material or refund the money if the material fades. There is such a large assortment of guaranteed fast color fabrics to choose from that there is really no excuse for faded or streaked clothing.

WORRY ABOUT CLOTHES?

Why Worry About Clothes?

One should never buy silk or wool that could not be washed with immunity, yet to lessen the frequency of laundering, light detachable collars and cuffs may sometimes be used. These are often lovely, and may be laundered many times to one laundering of the entire garment. With very few exceptions, wool fabrics must be spangled and shrunk before cutting.

OF COURSE, the type of fabric chosen, the kind of print and the colors must be in keeping with the occasions on which the dress or suit is to be worn, and with the personality and coloring of the child. A design or color should never dominate the child, but should rather enhance his best qualities. It is quite wonderful how, for instance, a blue banding on a creamy collar will deepen the blue in a little girl's eyes.

Children's clothes are always very simple in design. Comfort and freedom of movement are the first requisites. And isn't it a good thing for all concerned? The simpler the little girl's dress or boy's suit, the more in harmony it is with the spirit of childhood, and consequently the more becoming it is. The fewer the frills, the easier it is to sew, to wash and iron. Often one becoming pattern will serve, with slight changes, for practically an entire wardrobe.

Little round collars—plain color on printed fabrics or printed on plain—are always refreshing. Touches of smocking, faggoting, or ruffles often add just the right touch. Bias bindings are used—perhaps more than any other trimming. Ready-to-apply bindings made of gingham, percale, silk, organdy, and lawn may be purchased, and may be put on in a jiffy with the sewing machine binder. Several rows of machine stitching in a contrasting color on collar and cuffs are often effective. Pockets are always welcomed by small people. Buttons or snapshers should be generous enough in size to be easily grasped in small fists. One can always get an abundance of ideas for cutting and trimmings from shops and old dress magazines.

Since small boys' and girls' clothes are so nearly alike, companion suits—trouser suits and bloomer dresses—alike in fabric, color, and trimming may be worn by brother and sister. Playsuits and sunsuits made exactly alike are amusing.

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I know three children, just neighbors, who simply revel in their playsuits made with little straight red and white candy-striped tops and blue panties.
Oh, could anything be more fun than sewing for youngsters? And what’s more, dressing children in clothes that are examples of good taste and judgment is one of the best ways of cultivating in small persons a sense of what is good and right in clothes.

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in others, the woman has entire charge of the check. But the best plan is a compromise, with husband and wife collaborating. Too often, money is the rock upon which the matrimonial bark splits. If the two make out the budget together there is not likely to be so much controversy.
Perhaps the best plan is to note down all expenditures for a year before attempting to make out a budget. This will not mean keeping track of every ice cream soda the wife buys while on a shopping trip in town, nor every package of cigarettes the husband buys. But watch the bigger things. Then with this

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