Hand Loom Craft

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The Autumn Days--Children's Clothes

By MERLE RAMER

As the autumn days approach, the busy housewife turns her thoughts to the coming season. Younger children may be balls of energy; the little boy or girl. There are so many different styles, patterns and colors for the small child this fall that it is a difficult matter to decide just what to select. It is not too early to begin this wardrobe, as the details can then be carried out during the two or three hours. And the patterns and colors! Your eye for color can run riot here and wreak havoc or produce a beautiful scarf with a pleasing and harmonious color scheme. Checks, stripes or gay Scotch plaids may be woven into your scarves with a skillful shuttle. Borders are easily put in by introducing different colored warp threads when they are set up on the loom and are woven in without changing the color on the shuttle. Checks and plaids necessitate several shuttles, each carrying a different color, but the resulting scarf is so much more attractive that the work of changing shuttles is only a pleasure. It is good to think that you are creating something with your own fingers according to your own plan.

Of finest Saxony in a pale pink and bordered with white was woven a soft blanket for baby's bed. Heavier yarn will make an attractive cape (See page 316). Angora yarn when hand loomed disguises the weave and makes a blanket that looks like a fluff of swansdown.

A regulation lumberjack or chartreuse or twenty-four inches wide. I know a woman who has a loom that is thirty-six inches wide and on which she makes every conceivable dress size.

The living room in her lovely new home of English architecture has at its windows hand loomed curtains of a soft beige bordered and banded with a soft blue at the neck, at the bottom of the long, straight sleeves and on a nearby chair. The product grows amazingly, depending of course on the yarn used. A scarf made of medium weight yarn can be completed in two or three hours.

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