First Stirrings of Spring

THE chic young miss above, center, says, "I make my own clothes. I learned sewing from Mother first, got a touch of it in school, and a real exposure in 4-H activities. I choose this dress for Spring because it looks like Spring, and because it takes the minimum of time and money. Puff sleeves and princess lines give a formal note if I wish to impress the folks (which I often do) and the peplum jacket is added for frivolous reasons—when I want to feel a bit sophisticated, and it makes a sweet all-occasion dress."

A Practical Choice.

The Lady on the Left says, "I'm practical. I choose patterns that I can cut twice; then I have a gingham gown to set me off in my kitchen and an afternoon dress in which to entertain the Maggie-Jiggs club. The all-of-a-piece yoke and sleeves make me look years younger, the shirred pockets give the decorative note every dress needs, and I can run it up in an afternoon."

Three-Purpose Pattern.

The Girl in the Oval has a far-away look in her eyes. She says it's because she wears glamorous blouses like this one. She cuts her pattern three times—no less—and evolves a blouse in eggshell for her velvet skirt; one in velveteen for her tweeds, and the third in metallic cloth for after-five activities. "The skirt with its simple well directed lines is equally well suited to tweeds for sport, velvet for dress and wool for business," says Madam.

The Patterns.

Pattern 1832 (above left) comes in sizes 32 to 44. Size 34 requires 4¾ yards of 39 inch material.

Pattern 1263 (above center) is designed in sizes 12 to 20 (30 to 40 bust). Size 14 requires 4⅜ yards of 39 inch material for the dress and 2¼ yards for the jacket—to line it requires 2¼ yards of 35 inch material.

Pattern 1958 (above right) is available in sizes 14 to 20 (32 to 46 bust). Size 16 requires 2⅝ yards for the blouse in 39 inch material and 2 yards of 54 inch material for the skirt.

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"I hope she wins."

If a woman eggs a man on to matrimony, she can't complain when he groans under the yoke.

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Silk Print for Your Easter Frock

By CHERIE NICHOLAS

FASHION foresees as tremendous a vogue for prints as ere eye hath witnessed. What with gay and flowery, bursting-with-color silk prints massing together in a scene of riotous beauty, as they are at the dawn of this new season, the Easter style parade promises to be a colorful pageant.

The beauty of the super-lovely prints brought out this season transcends all that has gone before. Some of them look as if nature itself had thrown clusters of flowers on black or navy grounds and in their own graceful way petals and leaves had fluttered down in pretty confusion. This tendency to depart from the conventional adds to the fascination of the new prints.

One of the charms of a colorful and chic flowery printed silk dress or ensemble is that it breathes the very breath of spring even if snows may not yet have melted out of sight. Then, too, clad in a rapturous gay print you are sure to look lovely regardless of features, avoirdupois or the color of your hair. As to the practical side of the question a vivacious print has a most fetching way of taking kindly to the idea of being worn under your fur or your smart new spring cloth coat which is something to think about, seeing that Easter comes so early this year.

For a fashion "first" the demand centers mostly about the dark-ground types with emphasis on wide spaced effects. Huge floral patterns both for daytime and evening in a maze of vivid colors is the new note for silk prints. There is also a pronounced trend in favor of strikingly bold black and white effects. Also enthusiasm is running high for paisley and cashmere prints with an oriental beauty that baffles description. Very new too, and outstanding are the flower-striped silk prints.

The high-style costume to the left in the illustration is fashioned of one of the very smart black crepes printed in white with crown motif, no doubt inspired by the coming coronation. The modish square-shouldered black wool cape is lined with the dress silk. The little black straw pillbox has roses encrusted in the crown with petals spattered on the draped veil.

To the right, the print that fashions this model is black crepe spaced with flowers in bright chartreuse yellow. Similar prints are carried out in gorgeous multi-color. The bodice and sleeves are draped in accordance with latest style dictates. The skirt is sunburst-pleated. The tiny cap worn far back on the head is last word millinery.

The more widely spaced the smarter for prints, which gives zest to designers to play up the idea with originality so that one flower cluster will position at the very most effective spot on the bodice while another remote bouquet will find its way to exactly the strategic point it should to show off to best advantage on the skirt. Note the lovely dress centered in the group. The very fragrance of violets is caught in this gray silk crepe frock with huge bunches of violets scattered over the ground. A lovely Easter corsage completes this violet symphony. It is really quite the thing to wear flowers, artificial or natural, matching the flowers in the silk print. Green straw braid with a cluster of violets makes the pert hat and green suede gloves are worn with it. If it's a cold Easter wear this lovely gown under your gray Persian lamb coat.

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DUSTY-PINK WOOL

By CHERIE NICHOLAS

A pastel wool frock for spring, and you will be right up-to-the-moment in style. Among the fascinating colors there is no lovelier than the new much-exploited dusty-pink. The attractive two-piece dress pictured is made of a highly fashionable dusty-pink tropical worsted. Allied with a multi-colored knit swagger coat the color scheme tunes in delightsomely to a gladsome spring day. Jet buttons and a black patent belt add to the prestige of this fashionable costume.

COTTON LACES IN FAVOR FOR EVENING

By CHERIE NICHOLAS

Cotton laces have been popular for a couple of seasons past, but most often these have been associated with the sports and daytime frocks for summertime, and in the sturdy types of laces that suggest fabrics. This season, however, they are seen in great quantity and variety for evening, and are competing in favoritism with the prints and sheer fabrics. These cotton laces for evening are the sheer and crisp types, and are delightfully novel and varied in their patterns. They usually follow simple classic lines, not too formal in cut, and are especially nice for young girls. They are most effective when worn over rustling taffeta slips, and this of course makes them the more desirable to the debs and sub-debs.

Hemlines Focus Fashion's Spotlight on Smart Heels

There's no longer any need for women to depend on the chance swish of a skirt to reveal the sparkling heels on their evening shoes. To make certain that heels get the notice they deserve, French designers are sponsoring evening gowns with skirts draped up a trifle at the back.

This is in line with the trend for bringing back views to the forefront of style.

Charm Motif

If you have fallen for the fad of charms in your costume decoration, you'll want a quilted suede bag which displays a charm motif. Some of the same figures which are popular for chain bracelets are presented on the leather surface. Animal themes are featured most but they are far from realistic.

Household Questions

Items of Interest to the Housewife

Never fasten suspenders below the reinforced hems of stockings. Wash stockings with lukewarm lather and squeeze out gently—they'll ladder if they are wrung.

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A pinch of alum added to the water when washing blue or green articles of clothing will prevent the colors from running.

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Two or three slices of bacon placed on top of a liver loaf during baking adds to the flavor.

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Press woolens the right side up with a woolen pressing cloth. Apply moisture to muslin cloth on top of wool and press with hot iron.

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Don't use any kind of artificial heat for drying stockings. Hang by the toes in an airy place to dry and don't fold away damp.

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A tablespoonful of vinegar will soften glue that has become hardened in a bottle.

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Ice box cooky dough can be packed in pound butter cartons, loaf pans or small bowls, or it can be shaped into rolls 2 inches in diameter and wrapped in waxed paper. The dough should be chilled 24 hours or longer and then cut into thin slices using a sharp knife dipped frequently in cold water.

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The stock left from cooked spinach makes a valuable addition to vegetable soup.

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Wash sweaters on a windy day, then put in a pillow case or twine bag and hang out to dry. Shake often until dry. All knit or crocheted articles should be dried in this way if you want them to keep their shape.

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