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DRESS SUITABLE FOR SELF
using
SEWING MACHINE ATTACHMENTS. -

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Plan this dress carefully. Be sure that it suits you in regard to line and color, and that it is appropriate for the occasions on which it is to be worn.

Line- may be obtained by the cut of the garment, or by seams, tucks, folds, or finishings, such as braid, tape, buttons, ruffles, lace, ribbons. For the girl who is tall and slender all the noticeable lines on her garments should run across the figure. The short stout figure should wear garments whose lines run up and down, thereby giving length.

Color- is an important consideration in ones clothes. Bright colors are for youth. But still one must remember that colors have a decided effect on ones hair, eyes, and complexion. For instance, blue eyes will be emphasized by a blue dress; hazel eyes will appear more green on wearing a green color, auburn hair will be emphasized by wearing a redish brown garment. It is well to remember that a red garment will give a pale face a greenish cast; green may give color to a pale face and the girl with a florid complexion will see

more flushed if she wears a decided green. An intense blue or violet may make a pale face appear sallow. Their effects may be changed by using white or cream about the neck.

Colors also emphasize size and line. For instance colors like fire, reds, yellows, pinks, and oranges are said to "advance." They throw the figure into sharp relief against the usual background, and because it becomes conspicuous it seems larger. And colors like air, sky, and water; the blues, greens, and grays, are "receding" colors. They melt into the background and the figure seems smaller, because of lack of contrast with the background.

Before purchasing material for your dress go to a mirror and hold the material up to your face and see how it affects you.

Pattern- Use a commercial pattern and study it carefully before purchasing material.

Material- Cotton; gingham, chambrey, organdy, voile, ratine, etc.

Sewing Machine Attachments.

This lesson is planned especially to show the value of sewing machine attachments as a labor saving device in garment construction. Be sure in planning and making your dress that you use some attachments; the tucker, braider, gatherer, binder, or hemmer.

Seams- Use French seams.

Hem- If the dress is made of some dainty material such as organdy or voile the hem should be put in by hand. Use a small hemming stitch.

Hand Trimming - Hand trimming may be used on the dress if desired, such as applique work, embroidery or hand made flowers.