

Woman's World

Save Old Blankets, Woolens .
To Make Youngsters' Robes

By Edna Halcy

WITH youngsters growing out of their clothes so rapidly, mothers with several children have quite a task with the clothing junk that about this time of the year when so many warm things are needed for them.

They don't have time for sewing the few seasons they range, and yet the budget doesn't permit buying a lot of ready-made things, and it is easiest ways to solve this difficulty is to buy the things that require less tailoring and less sewing, and to make those things at home which can be put together quickly and easily.

The latter classification comes the bathrobe, which is an essential item. If you have any kind of material that can be salvaged, such as your own old robes or Daddy's, or even some old blankets, then you will not need to buy the fabric.

You won't need any special sewing machine for these. Be careful fitting because bathrobes should fit loosely. Construction should be sturdy for youngsters' robes, as they will spend some time playing in them before bedtime, but this is easily assured if you use the machine.

There are no fancy trimmings necessary, so the time you spend in making the robe is cut down to a minimum. You can probably turn out at least one robe in just an hour or two of good work. Save more time by buying ready-made, but the bathrobes made commercially to save some more of your money.

Select Fabric, Style For Its Usefulness

If your youngster wears a bathrobe frequently in the morning before getting dressed, and in the evening after a bath, a good cotton fabric is best.



Salvage worn materials . . .

material will be good. You may also use a pet wool and part cotton blanket, but select one that is absorbent and quick warm.

Fur-lined, or fleece-lined, is another good bet, especially for the girls. There is not so sturdy as the blanket materials, but if the child is not too rough on the robe, they will be practical. For girls, too, they're just a little bit softer and they will look a bit more feminine.

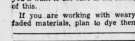
Chambré is also being used extensively for robes, as it is sturdy, sturdy as washable, and for its warmth you can look to bedspreads which



For toddler's bathrobes.

Have outlined their usefulness. The main thing to remember in the use of chambré is to make certain that you will use a nice pattern, and you'll want to use care in the cutting of the robe.

If you are working with woolen, faded materials, plan to dye them



Be Smart!



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Draped Peplum

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Suggested Outline For Sewing Robe

If you are sewing from a pattern, as you probably will be, make all the adjustments as to shortening or lengthening, sleeve adjusting and width and length of the back before you start cutting. Make certain the overlap is sufficient and the robe comfortable in general.

You'll find the raglan type of sleeve most comfortable for youngsters, and for you it will be easier to sew firmly as the youngster with a french seam.

For youngsters you will not need intricate details, as they like the more casual type of robe. However, don't forget children's decorative preferences as they, too, should be allowed to enjoy their clothing.

An eight-year-old girl may want some gay plaid on her robe that is big as her sister's. Maybe a ten-year-old boy would like a miniature of his Dad's robe made of maroon flannel with dark blue binding for contrast. All of these little things are mighty big for little folk, and they're easy enough to cut.

Mark the seams unless you are absolutely certain of your sewing. Then sew on the collar and the pockets, and adjust the sleeves if you are not using the raglan type which will be done before the side seams are even basted.

Before stitching the side seams, adjust the lower portions of the robe for proportion and length. Have loops for the belt or cord, which even when sewing, and have them properly set at the waistline. A banger at the back of the neck—a simple loop of the same fabric—is a necessity, especially if you are trying to teach the youngsters to keep their things hung.

Any other decorative touches, such as a monogram, may be added to the robe after it is sewed. Pre-teenage children make, or have in their possession already, some ingots which it might be clever to attach to the pockets or breast, and you may wish to include this in the robe. It endears the garment to the child and makes it seem more broad-minded than a make-over.

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To work toward the consolidation of all public libraries in the county, to seek for increased support of the library, to adopt a correct budget, to employ as soon as possible a trained librarian, to purchase books approximately from standard library lists, and to come up to other standards regarding space, equipment and supplies.

In order to be eligible for the grant, the library also had to give county-wide service through the use of bookmobiles.

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