

Dressmaking

1. Have and review the Basic Sewing Honor.
2. Have a practical sewing box for your sewing supplies. Include in it a pin cushion, tape measure, pins, needles, thread, scissors, seam gauge and seam ripper.
3. Know how and when to: baste, overcast, zigzag, and blind hem.
4. Identify (a) 5 natural fabrics such as cotton, linen, wool, silk and etc. and (b) synthetic fabrics such as rayon, nylon, dacron and polyester.
5. Show and demonstrate how to straighten fabric before use.
6. Choose a pattern for an item such as a shirt, blouse, skirt or shop apron. Properly lay your pattern on the material, cut it out, and sew your item to completion.

Skill Level 1

Original Honor 1929

Dressmaking, Advanced

1. Have the Dressmaking Honor.
2. Do the following: sew a seam with finished edges, make darts, gather, bind, top stitch, and make a French seam.
3. Make a neat buttonhole.
4. Demonstrate on another person how to measure for length of skirt and pant, length of sleeve, and length from neck to waistline.
5. Make a blouse or shirt with set-in sleeve and a collar, and explain how you would adjust the shoulders for persons of different build.
6. Explain how to make at least four of the following alterations or modifications in patterns: shorten/lengthen waist, shorten/lengthen sleeve, waist size, shorten/lengthen skirt or pants, and shorten/lengthen blouse.
7. Make a pair of pants or shorts that fit properly.
8. Make a skirt that fits properly.
9. Select from pictures or draw an outfit for yourself that shows proper color harmony and is complementary to your figure.

Skill Level 2

Original Honor 1956

