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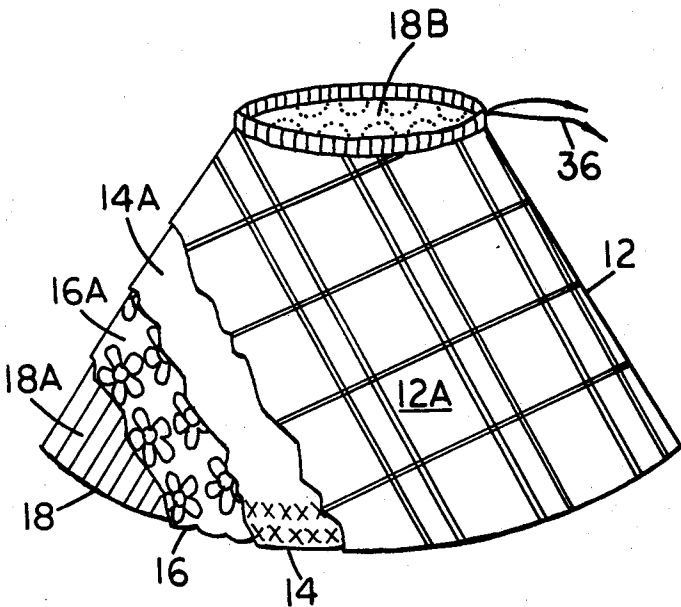
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ABSTRACT: A garment is made up of a plurality of skirts, positioned one inside the other. Each skirt has a number of loops fixed to its waist portion, and a belt passes through these loops, holding the skirt together. Both sides of each skirt are patterned, and the order of the patterns may be changed by moving the outermost skirt to the innermost position, by completely reversing the plurality of skirts by pulling them all inside out, and the like.



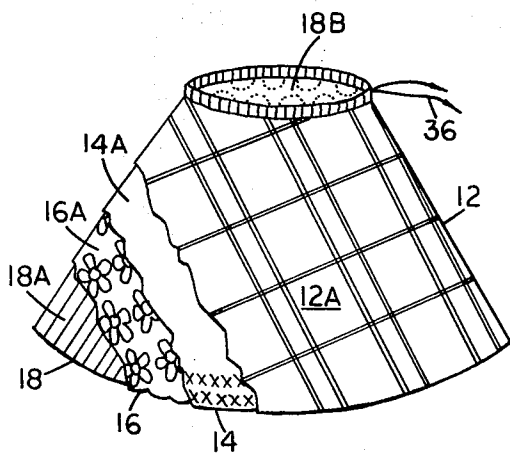


FIG. 1

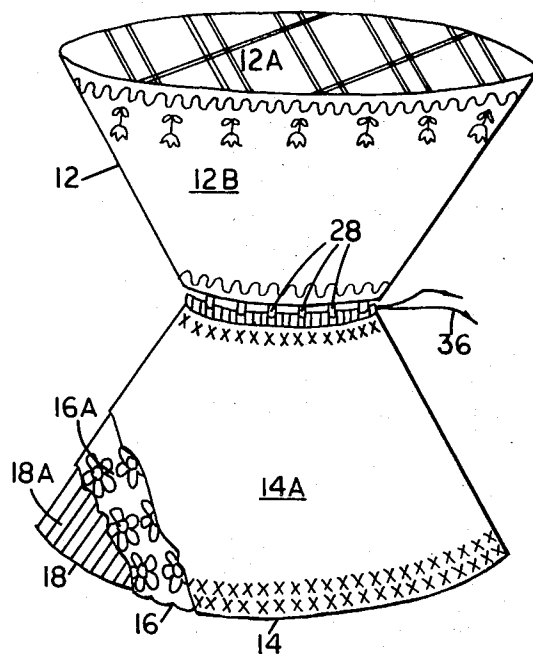


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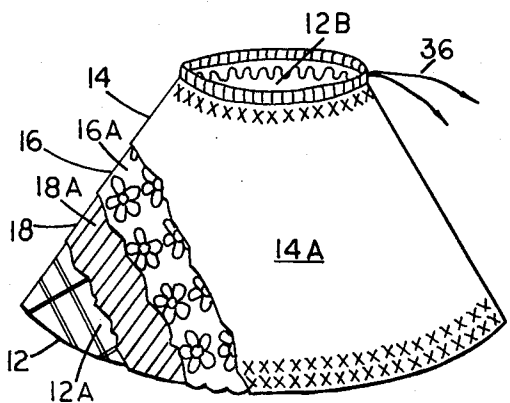


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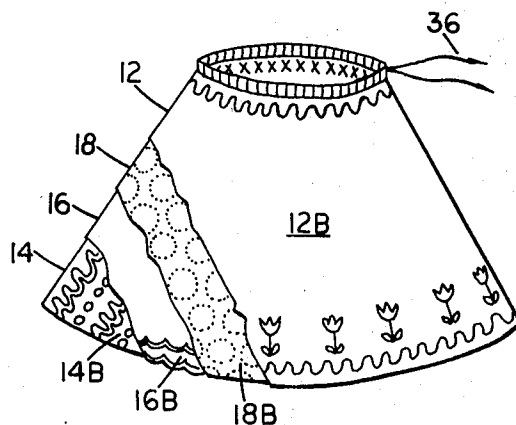
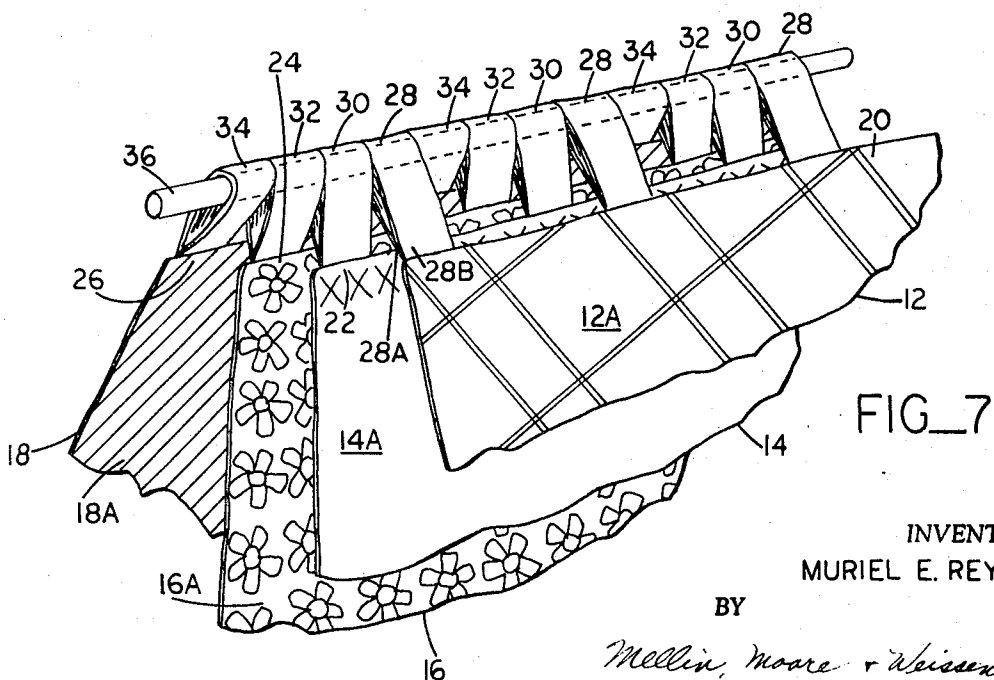
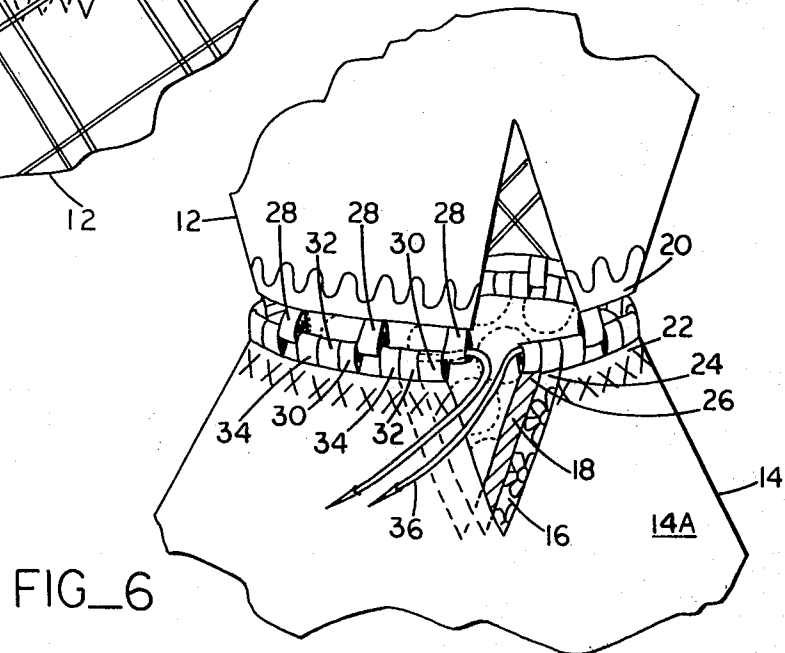
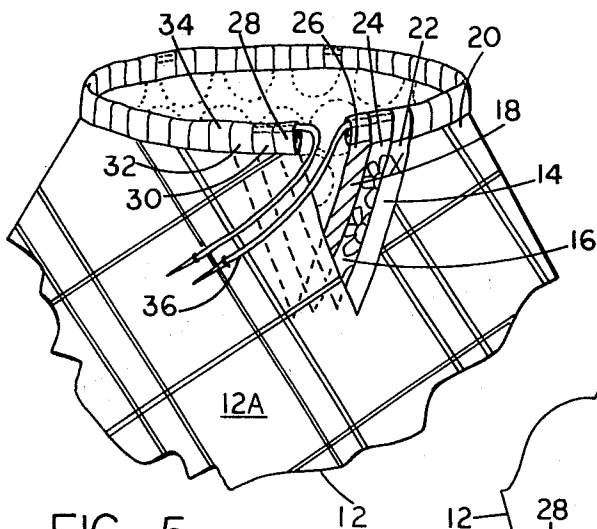


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REVERSIBLE GARMENT

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

This invention relates to garments to be worn, and more particularly to a plurality of skirts making up the layers of the garment.

It is well known, of course, to provide, as a garment, an outer skirt, beneath which are provided a number of lower skirts or petticoats. Such garment is generally not a single, integral design, but is made up of a number of independent layers. Moreover, the garment is such that only the outer layer thereof is designed to be used as such, the inner layers not being designed for this use. Thus, such a garment, because of the completely independent layers, is not convenient for use as designed. Nor is it particularly adaptable for use in a variety of ways, since the outer skirt is to be used only as an outer skirt.

U.S. Pat. Nos. 1,076,124 (Juda) and No. 1,695,590 (Jensen) both provide garments which could be considered adaptable to be used in a variety of ways. But Juda discloses a single-layered, reversible garment, and not a multilayered one. Jensen discloses a complete costume which allows two successive changes of appearance while being worn, but is not designed to allow one to conveniently change back to a previously used appearance. Finally, U.S. Pat. No. 715,248 (Davis) discloses a protective garment to be used under the wearer's regular garment. But the Davis garment is to be used in this manner only, and is not therefore adaptable for use in a variety of ways.

It is an object of this invention to provide a garment made up of a plurality of layered skirts, which is of a single, integral construction so as to be used in a convenient manner.

It is a further object of this invention to provide a garment which, while fulfilling the above object, may be easily adapted for use in a variety of ways to quickly and easily change colors on the pattern of the outer garment.

It is a still further object of this invention to provide a garment which, while fulfilling the above objects, is extremely simple and attractive in design.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Broadly stated, the inventive garment comprises a plurality of skirts, arranged one inside the other, each skirt defining a waist portion. Loop means are fixed to each skirt at the waist portion thereof, independent of the other skirts. A belt is disposed through each loop means, the loop means of each skirt being free to pivot about the longitudinal axis of the belt, whereby each skirt is pivotable relative to the belt about the longitudinal axis of the belt.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

These and other objects of the invention will become apparent from a study of the following specification and drawings, in which:

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the garment, showing the layers of skirts thereof;

FIG. 2 is a perspective view of the garment, showing the outermost skirt thereof raised up;

FIG. 3 is a perspective view of the garment, showing that outermost skirt of FIGS. 1 and 2 placed inside the other skirts of the garment, becoming the innermost skirt thereof;

FIG. 4 is a perspective view of the garment, showing the skirts of FIG. 3 pulled inside out;

FIG. 5 is an enlarged perspective view of the waist portions of the skirts;

FIG. 6 is a view similar to that of FIG. 5, but with the outermost skirt raised up;

FIG. 7 is an enlarged perspective view of portions of the skirts, showing the loops attached to the waist portions of the skirts.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Shown generally at 10 in FIG. 1 is the inventive garment. Such garment 10 includes skirts 12, 14, 16, 18 positioned one inside the other to form a layered garment 10, as shown. The skirts 12, 14, 16, 18 define waist portions 20, 22, 24, 26 respectively, (FIGS. 5-7) which are dimensioned to fit generally around the waist of the person wearing the garment 10. The skirts 12-18 are substantially of the same dimensions from the waist portion thereof to the bottom edge. As shown in those FIGS. 5-7, waist portion 20 has a plurality of loops 28 fixed thereto in spaced relation to each other. Similarly, waist portion 22 has loops 30 fixed thereto, waist portion 24 has loops 32 fixed thereto, and waist portion 26 has loops 34 fixed thereto. Each of these loops 28-34 is of inverted U-shape, and has its ends (as ends 28A, 28B of a loop 28) fixed in back-to-back relation to a waist portion (as waist portion 20), as shown in FIG. 7.

A flexible belt 36, of substantially circular cross section (though not limited to such configuration), is disposed through each loop 28-34, so that each loop of each skirt is free to pivot about the longitudinal axis A of the belt 36.

The loops 28-34 are arranged so that adjacent loops fixed to any one skirt have positioned therebetween a single loop from each of the other skirts. That is, for example, between any two adjacent loops 28 are disposed one loop 30 (fixed to skirt 14), one loop 32 (fixed to skirt 16), and one loop 34 (fixed to skirt 18).

With such free pivoting of the loops 28-34 about the longitudinal axis A of the belt 36, it will be seen that each skirt 12-18 is pivotable relative to the belt 36 about the longitudinal axis A of the belt 36 (FIGS. 5 and 6). Such a feature allows the garment 10 to be used in a manner to be now described in conjunction with FIGS. 1-4.

As shown in FIG. 1, the surfaces 12A, 14A, 16A, 18A, of skirts 12, 14, 16, 18 are patterned. To change the order of the surfaces 12A-18A, the top skirt 12 is lifted or raised up, each loop 28 pivoting about 36, to the position shown in FIG. 2. Thus, it is seen that the opposite surface 12B of skirt 12 is also patterned. The opposite surface 14B, 16B and 18B of skirts 14-18 are also patterned, as will be seen.

Skirt 12 is then passed downward through the opening defined by belt 36, and is put into the position shown in FIG. 3, as the innermost skirt. The order of surfaces is now 14A, 16A, 18A, 12A, from outside to inside. The order may again be changed, of course, by performing the same operation on the now outermost skirt 14, or the operation may be reversed by pulling the innermost skirt upward through belt 36.

The opposite surfaces 12B, 14B, 16B, 18B of skirts 12, 14, 16, 18 may be disposed outwardly simply by pulling the waist portions 20, 22, 24, 26 together downward through the bottom opening of the garment 10, exposing the opposite surface 14B as the outermost surface. This is shown in FIGS. 3 and 4.

The garment 10 may be worn in any of the ways described, with the belt 36 being fixed about the wearer's waist.

It will be seen that herein is provided a garment made up of a plurality of layered skirts, which is of integral construction, so as to be used in a convenient manner. The garment can easily and quickly be altered so that it can be used in a variety of ways. Overall, it will also be seen that the garment is extremely simple and attractive in design.

I claim:

1. A reversible garment comprising:

- a. a plurality of skirts each adapted for selective use as an outer skirt, arranged one inside the other, each skirt defining a waist portion;
- b. loop means fixed to each skirt at the waist portion thereof independent of the other skirts;
- c. a belt disposed through each loop means, the loop means of at least one of the skirts being free to pivot about the longitudinal axis of the belt, whereby that skirt is pivotable relative to the belt about the longitudinal axis of

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the belt for movement between inner and outer garment positions wherein said at least one skirt can be selectively located on the inside or outside of said garment.

2. A garment according to claim 1 wherein the loop means of each skirt are free to pivot about the longitudinal axis of the belt, whereby each skirt is pivotable relative to the belt about the longitudinal axis of the belt.

3. A garment according to claim 2 wherein the loop means of each skirt comprise a plurality of inverted U-shape loops, with the ends thereof fixed in back-to-back relation to the waist portion of that skirt.

4. A garment according to claim 3 wherein the belt comprises a flexible member of substantially circular cross section.

5. A garment according to claim 4 wherein each of the skirts is of substantially the same dimension from the waist portion to the bottom edge.

6. A reversible garment comprising:

a. a plurality of skirts each adapted for selective use as an

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outer skirt, arranged one inside the other, each skirt defining a waist portion;

b. a plurality of loops fixed to each skirt at the waist portion thereof, independent of the other skirts;

c. a flexible belt slidably disposed through each loop of each skirt, such that between adjacent loops of one skirt are positioned a set of loops made up of one loop fixed to each of the other skirts for movement between inner and outer garment positions wherein said at least one skirt can be selectively located on the inside or outside of said garment.

7. A garment according to claim 6 wherein each loop of the plurality of loops fixed to each skirt is of inverted U-shape, with the ends thereof fixed in back-to-back relation to the waist portion of that skirt.

8. A garment according to claim 7 wherein each of the skirts is of substantially the same dimension from the waist portion to the bottom edge.

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