THE RED LINES ARE FOR EMBROIDERY AND MAY BE EMBROIDERED IF PREFERRED. IF NOT THEY WILL DISAPPEAR ON THE FIRST WASHING.
The present invention relates to decorative textile articles, such as aprons, curtains and similar completed flat pieces. More particularly, the invention has to do with a piece or length of textile material intended to be used for quickly making a curtain, apron or other flat article; the outline of the article being indicated upon a surface of the piece so as to provide a guide line to be followed by a cutting implement in the cutting of the piece.

In the present instance it is my purpose to imprint upon the piece of textile fabric certain outlined areas or patterns, and to print within the outlines of the area or pattern, certain decorative designs. In some instances, the decorative design is printed entirely in permanent colors, so that when the fabric has been cut along the pattern cutting lines to produce the article, such as the apron or curtain, the designs will appear in proper location relative to the article, and the latter may be hemmed or completed without the necessity of further work or ornamentation, such as by embroidering, or the like.

In another aspect of my invention, the ornamental design within the pattern or cut-out area of the piece of fabric, may be printed in both permanent colors and fugitive colors, and under these conditions, the fugitive colors form the guide or background for embroidering, so that when the sections of the ornamental design printed in the fugitive colors have been covered by the threads or stitching of the embroidery, and the article is subsequently washed, the fugitive colors will vanish, leaving the ornamentation of the resulting article made up in part of a permanent color and of the embroidery. By this combination of printed permanent colors and fugitive colors, it will be apparent that a person in making up an article from the piece of fabric has two choices. For example, if it is desired to make up an article having the design partially in permanent colors and partially in embroidery, this result is accomplished as above mentioned. On the other hand, should a person not desire to have an embroidered article, but merely one with the ornamentation appearing in permanent printed colors, the piece of fabric may be cut to the pattern and then, on the first washing, the fugitive colors will vanish, leaving the permanent colors forming the design or decoration. It will thus be apparent that the use of the fugitive colors enables one to readily, quickly, actively and neatly prepare a combined printed and embroidered article, or to dispense with the embroidery entirely.

The above and other objects are carried out by instrumentalities pointed out in the following specification.

The invention is defined in the claims.

A satisfactory embodiment of the invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings forming part of the specification and in which:

Fig. 1 is a view in plan of a complete pattern for an apron constructed in accordance with the present invention and applied to a length of textile material,

Fig. 2 is a perspective showing on a reduced scale an apron constructed from the pattern of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 1 of a modified form of pattern,

Fig. 4 is an elevation of a pair of curtains constructed with the pattern shown in Fig. 3.

In Fig. 1 the pattern designated generally by a is arranged upon a surface of a length b of textile material. The length b may be a section cut from a bolt of textile material, a surface of the bolt being provided with a plurality of the patterns a, arranged in such relation as will permit the sections provided with the patterns to be cut and removed individually from the bolt. The outlines of pattern a are indicated by 6. These outlines serve as markers or lines which guide the operator in properly directing a cutting implement such as a pair of shears in cutting the pattern from length b. Preferred sections of the areas 7 within the outlines 6 are provided with the decorative designs 8. These decorative designs are of any suitable composition and are formed upon a surface of the areas 7 by printing the same permanently thereon. An important feature of the present invention resides in having the designs printed in permanent or fast colors capable of resisting the action of water and washing chemicals in the operation of washing the textile material, and then, if desired, also applying to certain desired portions of the design a fugitive color, composed of material readily dissolvable in water. In Fig. 1 the permanently colored portions of the design are designated by 9, and the portions made up of the fugitive color are designated by 10 and shown by heavy lines. It is preferable to have the portions 9 and 10 of different colors so that each portion...
will appear clear and distinct by contrast with the other or by contrast with the color of pattern a. The shape or contours of portions 10 are such that the said portions serve as patterns for areas to be embroidered. These areas may be disposed adjacent to the edges of certain of the components of the design 8, and adjacent to an edge of the pattern a. The said portions 10 may also be disposed at such other portions of pattern a as may be found desirable.

It is now evident that the present invention provides a decorated pattern suitable for aprons, and is further characterized by providing an additional pattern to permit of supplementary decoration by embroidery. When the outlines 6 of pattern a are properly cut and the various sections 7 sewed one to the other, the said sections will combine to produce the apron shown in Fig. 2 and designated by 11. The modified form of Figs. 3 and 4 disclose how the construction of the present invention may be employed in connection with flat articles other than household aprons. In Fig. 3 a length 12 of textile material is shown as being provided with the patterns 13—14 for a pair of curtains such as shown in Fig. 4 and designated by 15. In this connection the length 12 may be a section cut from a bolt of material having printed thereon a plurality of pairs of identical designs, one pair of which is shown in Fig. 3 and indicated generally by 16.

When the patterns are cut along the outlines 17 and between their adjacent longitudinal edges, as along the cutting line 17', two sections are provided which go to make up the pair of curtains 15—15. The design 18 is made up in fast or permanent color as indicated by 18 and a fugitive color is also employed as indicated by heavy lines 19.

With this construction the curtain pattern may be supplied with a permanent design and subsequently embroidered, or the fugitive colors washed out as herefore mentioned.

It is of course to be understood that the designs of either form of the invention, as described, are definite and complete, in that embroidery is not necessary to accentuate or supply missing portions as in a case where patterns are supplied with outlines for embroidery stamped thereon. The embroidery pattern of the present invention simply provides means for facilitating the work of additional decoration whenever desired, and if such is not desired, the pattern is readily removed by washing the article in water and this without impairing the permanent design.

It is further to be noted that the present invention is usable in connection with patterns for flat articles other than those shown, and I reserve the right to such use with any flat article formed of fabric and which is susceptible of having a pattern together with a suitable design or designs indicated thereon.

It is still further to be noted that the invention may be changed in minor details and arrangements, and I reserve the right to employ such of these as come within the scope of the appended claims.

What I claim is:

1. A length of fabric material having printed thereon the outline of a pattern of a flat article, and further having printed upon a face thereof and within the outline of the pattern a design in permanent and fugitive contrasting colors.

2. A length of fabric material having printed thereon a pattern of a flat article, and further having printed on a face thereof and within the outline of the pattern a design partly in permanent and partly in fugitive contrasting colors.

3. A length of fabric material having printed thereon the outline of a pattern of a flat article, and further having on a face thereof and within the outline of the pattern a design, the said design being applied to the pattern by printing and composed of contrasting colors, one of said colors being permanent and insoluble in water and the other fugitive and soluble in water.

4. A length of textile material having printed thereon the outline of a pattern of an article, and further having applied to a face thereof and within the outline of the pattern a plurality of ornamental designs, certain of said designs being applied by printing the pattern with colored material adapted for permanently combining with the pattern other portions of said design being applied by printing the pattern with material adapted to be readily dissolved by water.

Signed at New York city, in the county of New York and State of New York, this 1st day of September, A. D. 1926.

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