MULTI-STYLE SUPERIMPOSED PATTERNS

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This invention relates generally to the art of dress making and garment designing and more particularly to a pattern assembly including a basic pattern and an auxiliary pattern superimposed thereon for dresses, blouses, skirts, suits, and the like.

Hereinafter a separate pattern of the size and style desired had to be provided for each garment. It is the principal object of the present invention to provide a basic pattern of the proper size and of a particular style together with a plurality of auxiliary fashion style patterns for converting the basic pattern style to any number of selected fashion styles. It is another object of the present invention to provide a basic pattern of proper size and suitable material as well as a plurality of transparent plastic material, the basic pattern and the auxiliary patterns being marked with complementary matching marks.

Another object of the invention is to provide a pattern assembly including a basic pattern and a plurality of auxiliary style patterns, the basic pattern having portions common to all styles. A further object in conjunction with the foregoing object is to provide a basic pattern in which whatever type of style is required, the basic pattern can be used to constitute a cohesive whole. For further comprehension of the invention and the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawings and to the appended claims in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawings forming a material part of the disclosure:

FIG. 1 is a top plan view of a pattern assembly embodying the invention.

FIG. 2 is a top plan view of the component parts of the pattern assembly in disassembled relationship.

FIG. 3 is a view similar to FIG. 1 showing the pattern assembly trimmed in an operative condition.

FIG. 4 is a top plan view showing the improved pattern assembly superimposed on a piece of fabric.

FIG. 5 is a fragmentary front elevational view of a dress with a blouse formed by means of the improved pattern assembly.

Referring in detail to the drawings, in FIG. 1 a pattern assembly embodying my invention is illustrated and designated generally by the reference numeral 10. The assembly comprises a basic pattern 12 and an auxiliary pattern 14. The basic pattern is formed of fabric, such as muslin, or paper or any suitable pattern material. The basic pattern 12 serves as a pattern for the front part of a blouse or the upper part of a dress. The pattern constitutes a basic pattern because no provision is made for any particular styling of the cutout portions constituting the neckline 16, shoulder line 18, the cutout portion constituting the armhole line 20 or front part line 22. A V-shaped dart 24 is printed on the bottom, and a V-shaped dart 26 is printed on the left hand side of the print adjacent the armhole line 20. Identifying indicia 28 is printed on the front at the top, and indicia 30 and an arrow 32 are printed on the right hand side for identifying the grain of the material of the pattern.

Letters 34 of the alphabet are printed on the pattern in predetermined spaced relationship. The letters illustrated are "A," "D" and "E."

In carrying out the invention, the auxiliary pattern 14 is shaped substantially similar to the basic pattern 12 having a rectangular body portion with the left hand corner cut away as indicated at 36. On the right hand side, there is printed a style design indicated at 38 consisting of vertical top and bottom double cutting lines 40 and 42, respectively, intermediate vertical double cutting lines 44 on a plane offset outwardly from the plane of the lines 40 and 42 and double horizontal cutting lines 46 intersecting the lines 44. Spaced horizontal cutting lines 48 are also printed representing buttonholes. The front of the pattern 14, as viewed in FIGS. 1 and 2, also has printed thereon letters 47 of the alphabet similar to the letters 34 of the basic pattern 12 and spaced in similar spacing relationship to match the spacing of the letters of basic pattern 12.

On the front of the auxiliary pattern 14, there is also printed a fragment of a dress 50 showing the front of a blouse 52 that is adapted to be made from the pattern style of the auxiliary pattern on which it is printed.

In practicing the invention, the auxiliary pattern 14 is superimposed on the basic pattern 12 with the letters 47 of the auxiliary pattern on top of and matching the letters 34 of the basic pattern 12 as seen in FIG. 1. When the patterns are thus arranged the bottom of the auxiliary pattern extends below the bottom of the basic pattern and the right hand side of the auxiliary pattern extends laterally of the right hand edge of the basic pattern, with the top and bottom vertical lines 40 and 42 of the design of the auxiliary pattern in line with the double line 22 representing the right hand edge of the basic pattern.

When the material of the auxiliary pattern 14 is cut along the double line 54 defining the bottom edge of basic pattern 12, along the top and bottom ends only of the line 22 representing the front edge of the basic pattern and along the vertical lines 44, a pattern for a stylist front part 56 of a blouse is provided as shown in FIG. 5.

In cutting, the front part of a blouse, the pattern assembly shown in FIG. 3 is placed on top of a piece of fabric 58 as shown in FIG. 4. The assembly is fastened to the fabric by means of pins 60 or other suitable fastening elements. The fabric is cut along the outline of the pattern assembly and along the horizontal lines 46 and horizontal lines 48. This produces a blouse front part with a serrated edge 62 as shown on the segment of dress 50 appearing on the auxiliary pattern 14 and as seen on the blouse 52 of FIG. 5.

The auxiliary pattern 14 is composed of transparent plastic sheet material which is relatively heavier than tissue paper heretofore used and which is tough and resistant to tearing. The surface of the sheet material is glossy and smooth so that there is little friction between the auxiliary pattern and the basic pattern whereby tearing and wrinkling of the auxiliary pattern is minimized, the weight and texture thereof being relied upon to hold the same firmly against the basic pattern for cutting and marking during operation. The lettering on the basic pattern and auxiliary pattern can readily be matched and any instruction on the basic pattern are readily visible through the auxiliary pattern. Furthermore, the grain of the basic pattern is clearly visible to the operator through the superimposed auxiliary pattern so that cutting along the proper grain and accurate cutting and matching of markings is a simple matter.

The pattern assembly herein described and illustrated may be used in the conventional manner of prior patterns and the various pieces of the pattern assembly may be packaged or assembled in the various manners heretofore.

The invention thus ensures that an unlimited number of different styles and size of garments can be made with
one basic pattern by replacing one auxiliary plastic style pattern with another.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiment of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise construction herein disclosed and that various changes and modifications may be made within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent is:

1. A pattern assembly for the upper part of a dress or the like comprising in combination, a basic fabric pattern having cutout portions and lines to provide a pattern of the upper part of a dress including the free edge of a front part of the blouse portion of a dress, and a separate auxiliary pattern including a substantially rectangular transparent planar plastic sheet, lines on said plastic sheet indicating a variety of style for the front portions of a blouse of a dress, certain of said lines registering with the free edge of the front portion of the blouse indicated on the basic pattern when said plastic sheet is superimposed on said basic pattern.

2. A pattern assembly for the upper part of a dress or the like comprising in combination, a basic fabric pattern having cutout portions and lines to provide a pattern of the upper part of a dress including the free edge of a front part of the blouse portion of a dress, and a separate auxiliary pattern including a substantially rectangular transparent planar plastic sheet, lines on said plastic sheet indicating a variety of style for the front portions of a blouse of a dress, certain of said lines registering with the free edge of the front portion of the blouse indicated on the basic pattern when said plastic sheet is superimposed on said basic pattern.

3. A pattern assembly for the upper part of a dress or the like comprising in combination, a basic fabric pattern having cutout portions and lines to provide a pattern of the upper part of a dress including the free edge of a front part of the blouse portion of a dress, and a separate auxiliary pattern including a substantially rectangular transparent planar plastic sheet, lines on said plastic sheet indicating a variety of style for the front portions of a blouse of a dress, certain of said lines registering with the free edge of the front portion of the blouse indicated on the basic pattern when said plastic sheet is superimposed on said basic pattern.

4. A pattern assembly for a garment comprising, in combination, a substantially rectangular fabric sheet shaped to constitute the front portion of a blouse, said sheet having cutout portions for neck contour and sleeve contour and having lines for a shoulder, said sheet having spaced guide markings in the form of letters of the alphabet, said sheet having cutting lines as guide for forming darts in the blouse, and a substantially similar shaped transparent plastic sheet, said transparent plastic sheet having an extension alone one long margin thereof, said extension having horizontal cutting lines serving as guides for forming serrations along said margin, said extension having horizontal spaced cutting lines serving as guides for forming button holes, said plastic sheet having spaced guide markings in the form of letters of the alphabet matching the guide letters on the fabric sheet.

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