

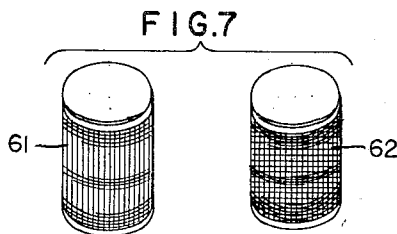
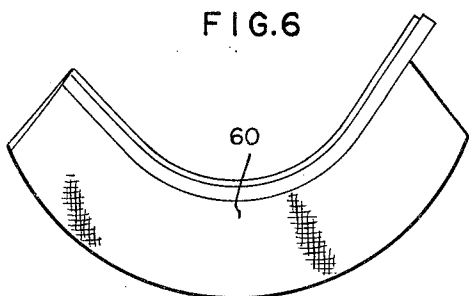
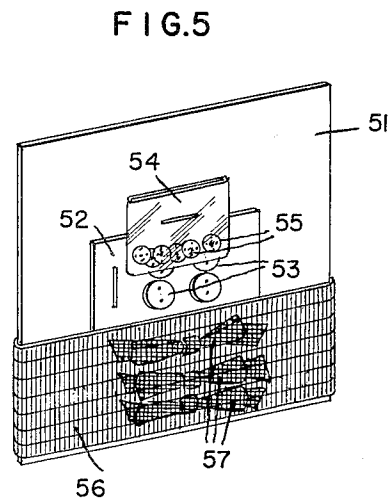
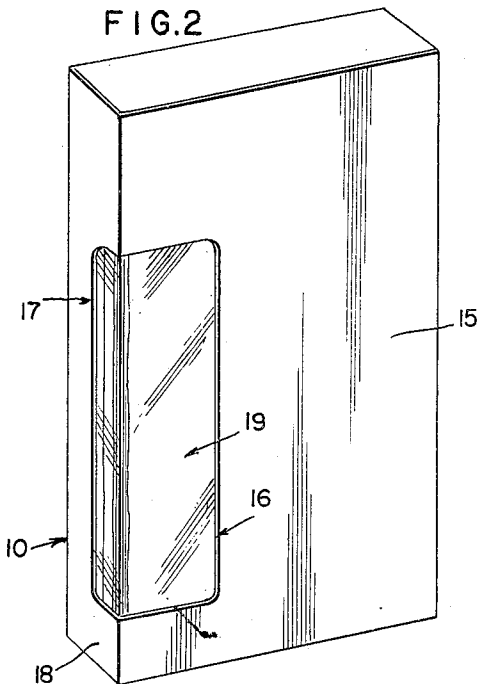
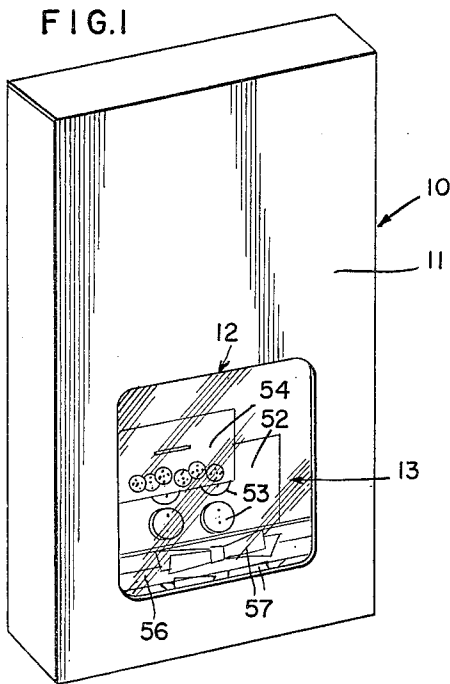
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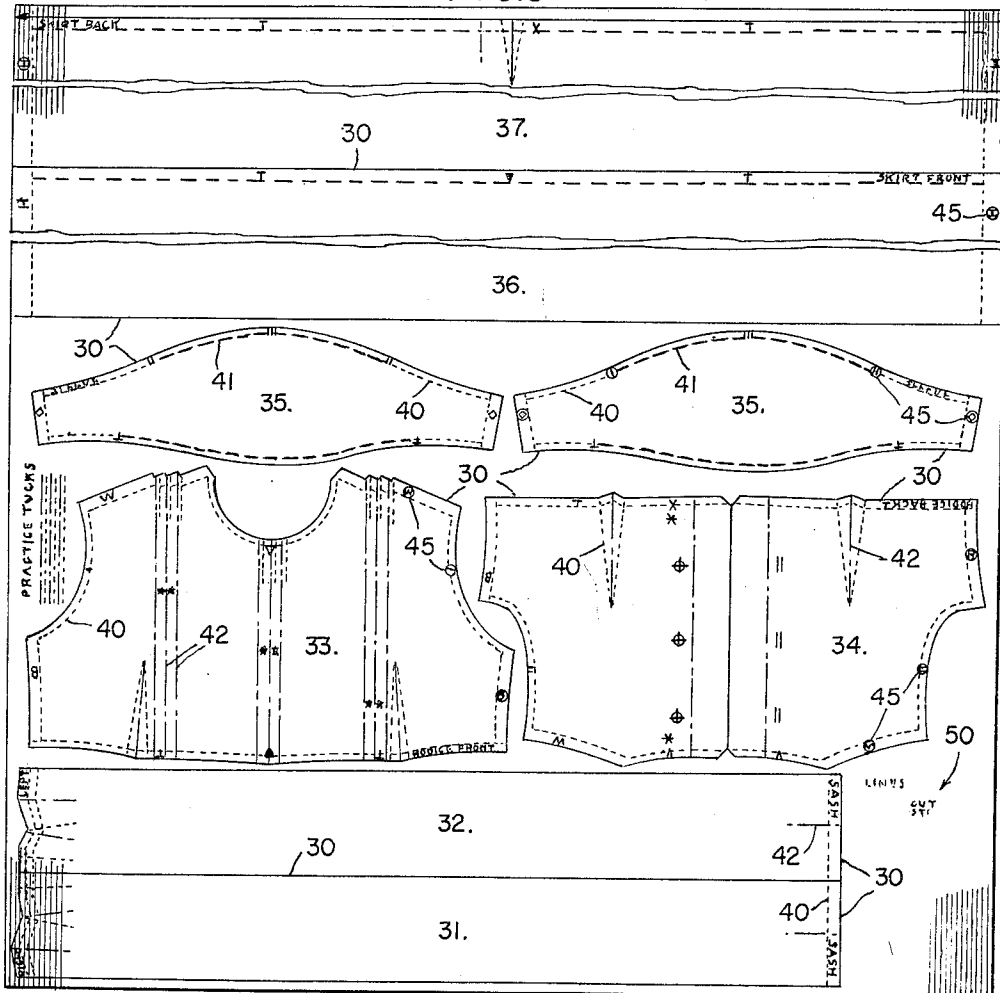
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FIG.3



LINES AND SYMBOLS

- cut on heavy line
- - - - - stitch on dotted line
- - - - - stitch for gathers
- - - - - fold line

MATCH SYMBOLS AND MARKS FOR ALL SEAMS
EACH SEAM HAS ITS OWN MARK, DIFFERENT
FOR RIGHT AND LEFT SIDE OF GARMENT.

- ▽ center front neckline
- ▼ center front waistline
- ∇ center back neckline
- X center back waistline
- ||| sleeve mark to meet shoulder seam
- ★ mark for trimming and applique
- T mark for spacing gathers
- = button hole
- ⊕ button
- * snap

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FIG.4

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The present invention relates to a new and novel apparel apparatus, and more particularly to an apparel kit including all of the components required to assemble a completely finished garment.

While the present invention relates to apparel in general, it is most particularly directed to garments for dolls or little girls in the age range of approximately 2 to 6 years. It is common practice for home sewers to make such garments for little girls at home in order to reduce the cost of such clothing. Such home made garments are usually made by employing separate paper patterns which are selected by the sewer in conjunction with some particular piece of material. These paper patterns are pinned or sewed to the fabric material and the individual pieces of garment are cut out as indicated by the paper patterns.

The home sewer also usually separately purchases various findings and trimmings in accordance with the coloring and pattern of the fabric, and the particular style of the garment. The resulting garment is usually satisfactory, if the sewer is experienced and has the ability to select the proper findings and trimmings for the garment. If, however, the sewer is inexperienced and does not have the knowledge of the latest styles and the proper findings and trimmings, the resulting garment does not often prove to be satisfactory.

The present invention provides garment apparatus whereby garments for little girls may be assembled incorporating the finest fabrics and newest fashions at a minimum cost to the home sewer. An apparel kit according to the present invention includes all the necessary components for completely assembling the finished garment, and is adapted for sale as a unit. The invention kit includes a single container having transparent portions disposed on opposite sides thereof. When the body of the garment is made of one fabric, a single sheet of fabric is folded and disposed within the container adjacent one of the transparent portions thereof such that the fabric is clearly visible through the transparent portion. If the garment is a two-piece garment, made from two different fabrics, the two pieces of material are folded and disposed within the container adjacent one of the transparent portions thereof such that both pieces of fabric are clearly visible through the transparent portion. All the findings and trimmings and prefabricated parts required for the garment are also disposed within the container adjacent the other transparent portion such that the findings and trimmings are also clearly visible through the second transparent portion of the container. The findings and trimmings included in the apparel kit are especially matched in coloring and style with the fabric included in the kit.

The sheet of fabric according to the present invention has printed on its wrong side exterior lines defining the outlines of the pieces to be joined together to form the garment. These lines are printed in a suitable ink which is completely washable and disappears after the first washing of the completed garment. The home sewer cuts out the individual pieces along the exterior lines printed on the fabric.

Each of the individual pieces as delineated by the exterior lines also has printed thereon interior lines of different characteristics from those of the exterior lines. For example, the exterior lines may be solid, whereas the interior lines may be dotted lines, dashed lines, or of other suitable well known types. The interior lines printed on

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the various pieces indicate stitching lines, lines of gathers, and fold lines. These lines as printed on the individual pieces clearly indicate the manner in which the stitching, gathering and folding operations are to be carried out while making the garment.

Each of the individual pieces delineated on the fabric are also provided with suitable guide markings which clearly indicate the manner in which the various pieces are matched with one another. The lines and guide markings are explained by means of a suitable legend printed in one corner of the fabric such that there can be no confusion as to the exact significance of each of the lines and markings. In this manner apparel apparatus is provided wherein a completely inexperienced person can quickly and easily assemble a garment incorporating the latest fashions with a minimum expenditure of time and money.

An object of the present invention is to provide new and novel apparel apparatus with which an inexperienced person can assemble a garment in a simple and expeditious manner.

Another object is to provide an apparel kit with which garments having the newest fashions for little girls can be made with a minimum cost and effort.

A further object of the invention is the provision of an apparel kit which contains all the components required to assemble a completely finished garment and wherein the findings and trimmings are especially matched to the fabric of the garment.

Other objects and many attendant advantages of the invention will become more apparent when considered in connection with the accompanying specification and drawings wherein:

FIG. 1 illustrates a perspective view of the container of the present invention,

FIG. 2 illustrates a perspective view of the opposite side of the container shown in FIG. 1,

FIG. 3 illustrates a sheet of fabric wrong side up according to the present invention and incorporated in the apparel kit,

FIG. 4 is an enlarged view of the legend printed at the lower right hand corner of the sheet of fabric shown in FIG. 3,

FIG. 5 illustrates a card upon which some of the findings and trimmings of the apparel kit are mounted,

FIG. 6 illustrates a prefabricated collar of the garment, ready to sew on, and

FIG. 7 illustrates spools of thread included in the apparel kit.

Referring now to the drawings wherein like reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, there is shown in FIGS. 1 and 2 the container 10 of the apparel kit according to the present invention, the container being substantially rectangular in configuration. As seen in FIG. 1, one side 11 of the container is provided with an opening 12 which is covered with a suitable transparent material such as cellophane or the like. Disposed within the container closely adjacent the opening 12 are some of the findings and trimmings of the apparel kit indicated generally by reference numeral 13 and being clearly visible through the cellophane covering the opening 12.

As seen in FIG. 2, the side 15 directly opposite side 11 is also provided with an opening 16 which meets an opening 17 provided in end wall 18 of the container. Openings 16 and 17 are covered by transparent material such as cellophane or the like, and a sheet of fabric 19 is folded and disposed within the container closely adjacent openings 16 and 17 such that the coloring and pattern incorporated in the fabric is clearly visible through the cellophane covered openings 16 and 17.

Referring now more particularly to FIG. 3, a sheet of

fabric according to the present invention is illustrated, the sheet being shown in flattened position wrong side up. The various pieces of the garment are indicated by exterior printed lines 30, printed on the wrong side of the fabric, which are solid and indicate the lines along which the various pieces are to be cut out. Exterior cutting lines 30 define two sash pieces 31 and 32, a bodice front 33, a bodice back 34, two sleeve pieces 35, a skirt front 36 and a skirt back 37. Each of these pieces is provided with suitable printing thereon which identifies the pieces by name as described above.

The pieces are also provided with interior lines of different characteristics. The dotted lines 40 indicate lines along which stitches are made, and the dashed lines 41 indicate the lines along which gathers are made. The dot and dash lines 42 indicate fold lines. The interior lines clearly indicate, even to the most inexperienced sewer, exactly where the material must be stitched, folded and gathered, thereby enabling the sewer to expeditiously sew and assemble the garment with a minimum of effort and also substantially eliminating the possibility of any errors being made.

Each of the pieces is also provided with suitable guide markings indicated by reference numerals 45 which clearly indicate the manner in which the various pieces are matched to one another. For example, considering the bodice front and bodice back members 33 and 34, the bodice front piece 33 has the letter B printed at one side seam. The back bodice piece 34 is provided with a similar letter B printed on one side seam. These edge portions of pieces 33 and 34 are matched together when assembling the bodice of the garment, and the similar letters B clearly indicate to the sewer that these portions are to be disposed adjacent one another. The bodice front piece 33 has the letter B enclosed by a circle printed at the other side seam. The back bodice piece 34 is provided with a similar letter B enclosed by a circle printed at the other side seam. These edge portions of pieces 33 and 34 are matched together when assembling the bodice of the garment, and the similar letters B enclosed by circles clearly indicate to the sewer that these portions are to be disposed adjacent one another. It is apparent that the right and left sides of the garment are provided with differing symbols such as the letter B imprinted on one side of the bodice and the letter B enclosed by a circle printed on the opposite side of the bodice. Similar guide markings are provided on the various edges of the pieces for indicating the manner in which they are to be matched to one another. For example, the left hand sleeve piece 35 has, as seen in FIG. 3, small square shaped guide markings at opposite ends thereof which indicate that the opposite ends of the sleeve member are to be matched with one another and sewed along the dotted lines adjacent thereto. In a like manner the opposite ends of the right hand sleeve piece 35 have small squares enclosed by circles printed thereon indicating that the opposite ends thereof are to be sewn together. The opposite sides of each of the skirt front and skirt back pieces 36 and 37 are provided with letters H and encircled letters H, respectively, thereby indicating that the side portions of the skirt front and skirt back having the letter H are to be matched to one another and the side portion of the skirt front and skirt back having the encircled letter H are to be connected to one another.

Other guide markings are also provided on the various pieces for indicating where trimming is to be mounted, or the position at which buttons or snaps are to be attached to the fabric, or indicating the position at which a button hole or the like is to be formed. These guide marks also include certain marks for indicating the center front and back neck lines and waist lines, and for indicating the position at which certain portions of the sleeves meet the shoulder seams. These guide marks also include certain marks for indicating the spacing of gathers. By matching guide marks along a gathered line to guide marks along a line not gathered, the spacing of the gathering is auto-

matically indicated. For example, the special T mark for spacing gathers along the gather lines of skirt front 36 when matched to the T mark for spacing gathers of bodice front 33 automatically spaces the gathers. The significance of each of the lines and guide markings provided on the various pieces imprinted on the fabric is indicated by a suitable legend and accompanying printed matter describing the lines and markings, this legend being illustrated generally by reference numeral 50 on FIG. 3 of the drawings and shown in the enlarged view thereof illustrated in FIG. 4. As seen in FIG. 4 each of the lines and symbols or guide markings on each of the pieces imprinted on the fabric are illustrated, and printing is provided for explaining the significance of the lines and guide markings. A printed explanation is also provided for explaining that the symbols and markings for all seams must be matched and each seam has its own mark which is different for the right and left side of the garment. The legend and explanation are also imprinted upon the fabric in a washable substance such that when the garment is laundered, all of the printing will disappear from the fabric. All of the printed matter shown in FIG. 4 and indicated by reference numeral 50 on FIG. 3 is also printed on a separate step-by-step instruction sheet.

As seen in FIG. 3, a small intermediate portion of the left hand side of the fabric is utilized as an area in which practice tucks may be made prior to forming the tucks in the individual pieces.

Although the printing on the sheet of fabric clearly indicates the manner in which the pieces of the garment are to be cut out, sewed and joined to one another to assemble the complete garment, as well as indicating the manner in which the findings and trimmings are secured thereto, it is considered desirable to provide the apparel kit with suitable step-by-step instructions which may be printed on a piece of paper or the like.

The pattern lines and markings on the sheet of fabric, as seen in FIG. 3, wrong side up, is printed in an ink that washes out the first time it is laundered. This ink is a contrasting color most easily detectable against the coloring of the fabric itself to facilitate reading for cutting and sewing. It is also apparent that the skirt front and skirt back pieces have been broken away in order to illustrate the remaining pieces on as large a scale as possible, it being apparent that the skirt front and skirt back pieces would be considerably larger in proportion to the other pieces than as shown on the drawing.

Referring now to FIG. 5, some of the findings and trimmings and prefabricated parts are mounted for convenience upon a card 51 such that they may be held in proper display position adjacent opening 12 of the container as shown in FIG. 1. Card 51 may be of stiff cardboard or the like, for example, and a suitable second card 52 is stapled thereto and has mounted thereon a plurality of buttons 53. A small plastic bag 54 is also stapled to card 51 and contains a plurality of conventional snap fasteners 55. A length of bias binding 56 is wrapped around the card and is preferably of the same material as the fabric sheet 19, whereby the bias binding will perfectly match the fabric of the completed garment. Small preformed velvet bows or the like 57 are pinned to the bias binding, such that they will also be clearly visible through the opening 12 in the container.

As seen in FIG. 6, a prefabricated collar 60 for the completed garment is provided of a suitable material such as linen or velvet, and is also disposed within the container 10 of the apparel kit. A plurality of spools of thread, shown as being two in number and indicated by reference numerals 61 and 62, are also disposed within the container of the apparel kit. The colors of the spools of thread are such that they match the colors of the sheet of fabric 19. It is apparent that any number of spools of thread may be incorporated in accordance with the number of different colors required.

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The findings and trimmings, as illustrated in FIGS. 5, 6 and 7 of the drawings, are all that are required to assemble a completely finished garment, and it is especially important to note that the coloring and style of each of the findings and trimmings is matched to that of the fabric such that when the various components are assembled, an attractive and stylish garment such as a little girl's dress or the like is provided.

It is apparent from the foregoing that there is provided a new and novel apparel apparatus which enables even an inexperienced person to assemble a garment in a simple and expeditious manner. The apparel kit according to the present invention is completely self-contained and it is not necessarily for a home sewer to pick out and purchase individually a piece of fabric, a suitable pattern and matching trimmings for the garment. When the apparel kit according to the present invention is employed, the average home sewer can obtain the newest fashions at a minimum cost, it being apparent that the pieces are so laid out on the sheet of fabric that the waste of fabric is reduced to a minimum. The apparel apparatus according to the present invention provides a means whereby a very attractive garment may be made with the least expenditure of time and effort.

As this invention may be embodied in several forms without departing from the spirit or essential characteristics thereof, the present embodiment is therefore illustrative and not restrictive, and since the scope of the invention is defined by the appended claim, all changes that fall within the metes and bounds of the claim or that form their functional as well as conjointly cooperative equivalents are therefore intended to be embraced by the claim.

I claim:

An apparel kit including in combination, a container of substantially rectangular configuration having opposite side walls connected by opposite end walls, one of said side walls having an opening formed therein covered with transparent material and defining a first transparent portion, the opposite side wall of said container also having an opening formed therein, one of said end walls having

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an opening meeting said last-mentioned opening, said last two openings being covered by transparent material to define a second transparent portion, a sheet of fabric disposed within said container and having delineated thereon by cutting lines the separate individual component portions of a garment of selected coloring, style and pattern, all the findings and trimmings required to assemble a completely finished garment also being disposed within said container, said findings and trimmings including colored thread matching the coloring of said fabric and bias binding of the same material and pattern as said sheet of fabric, the remaining findings and trimmings being especially matched with the coloring and style of the garment, said remaining findings and trimmings including a prefabricated collar portion, buttons and ornaments for the garment, said sheet of fabric being positioned in said container adjacent said second transparent portion such that the pattern if said sheet of fabric is clearly visible, said findings and trimmings being positioned in said container adjacent said first transparent portion such that the findings and trimmings are clearly visible.

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