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These Sewing Devices Will Make Even Pessimist Reach for Scissors



No. 1 shows a "twin sister" form, exact duplicate, made to order, of your own streamline. No. 2 is a stuffed tomato pin-cushion. Across the page, No. 3, rickrack braid trimming. No. 4—Tape measure in metal case. 5—Needle threader. 6—Seam ripper, protecting handle and razor blades. 7—Zippers in all lengths, in all colors, and two finishes. 8—Dressmaker's chalk in colors. 9—Wax-carrot for easy-to-snarl thread. 10—Hosiery darning, good for all kinds of mending problems. 11—Hooks and eyes sold by yard. Same idea comes in buttonholes and snaps. 12—An absolute necessity, pinking shears for that workmanlike finish. 13—Thread in silk, mercerized, and linen; comes by the spool or by the box. 14—Notched ruler for skirt lengths. 15—Strawberry emery bag. 16—Dress shields in colors and white. 17—Chromium hem gauge, good for knitting experts, too. 18—Elastic thread in a transparent tube, for making gathered skirts and waistbands. 19—Tracing wheel. 20—Hem marker. 21—Tape measure with stop slide for measuring knitted clothes in process of work. 22—Portable sewing machine complete with all latest aids for smooth sewing. 23—Pressing or steam iron for all currents. Fill lower part with water, wait until steam vapor is visible, and proceed without messy need for sponging.

The 1939 Notion Collections Are Bulging with Aids to Dressmaking

**S**EWING has been made so easy that even the pessimists shake their shoulders and reach for the scissors. Such ease is achieved with what used to be called, for some foggy reason, "the findings," that notions fill to overflowing these astonishing days a good section or department in the stores. When some one calmly tells you that a notion department holds thirty thousand different doodads or items you don't even blink an eyelid. Of course, some literal soul might insist that trick cellophane pot and bowl covers, gaudy knitted bed socks, cases for wardrobes, vanity pockets, and the like are not exactly notions to be sewed into a lady's dress, but the notion departments of the 1939 stores are something to write about. The average fashion sleuth, veteran of a weekly routine of shopping, loses all count of time when surrounded by the very newest first aids for housewife, home dressmaker, or the snootiest of designers.

Faced with the assortment, one has only one emotion left to register—that of dazed smugness over good old American ingenuity. No monotonous drudgery, this stunt of making or keeping clothes in smooth perfection. What you can find to make the task of dressmaking fun is almost

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beyond description or simple listing. Buttonholes, a dreaded ordeal for some, come by the yard, finished to a stitch, each a duplicate of the one preceding it.

Plush-lined shoulder strap loops, not just a fantastic dream, are paired on a card complete to a snap on each loop. All you have to do is to anchor them by tiny safety pins, or more permanently with needle and thread. The plush-lined numbers will not slip, nor will they dig into sensitive flesh. Ribbon tape made into shoulder loops comes in flesh, white, and black. Bias and straight tape in every imaginable color, in both lawn and silk, assures neat finishing in all dresses and costumes. Beltings, black and white in varying widths, with or without additional stiffeners inserted at regular intervals; horsehair braid in white and black, all widths, and all sorts of binding edges provide the method of fine inside finishing.

Among the most helpful finds are the pressing boards and trick brushes for materials with thick nap. Another special is the steam iron, a brand new pressing unit, used for dressmaking as well as countless other household tasks. Clothes do not need to be sprinkled before pressing with this iron. It's good for all materials and costs little to operate.

Nothing can match the perfect "twin sister" form for either the amateur dressmaker or the experienced designer. Costing under fifteen dollars, but requiring three weeks to make, these "twin sister" forms are exact duplicates of your own particular streamline. Exact measurements taken by experts assure a fitting base that is flawless.

One of the newest portable electric sewing machines is another "must" buy. The model weighs about eleven pounds, has all the newest devices for plain and fancy sewing, goes forward as well as backward, and has a detachable board to give wide space for the materials used. When not in use it can be put away in an exceptionally small closet space.

