

Organizing a new house-hold today is actually a study logistics. Today's bride must know the answers to a score of modern homemaking questions that her mother was never really aware of What colors or design should I choose in towels, shower curtains, bedspreads and blankets? How many pillowcases will I need. How should the pattern of my sheets coordinate with the rest of my

The "linen trousseau" question most often asked by brides-to-be were recently researched by the makers of the Fieldcrest bed and bath linens, and here are some of the answers, pointers that are important to every new homemaker.

Did you know, for example, that you should stock 3 pillowcases per pillow? And four of each size towel--bath and hand-plus four wash-cloths are considered a minimum per person. A halffingertip towels are basic for guest use. You should plan on having 6 sheets and 2 mattress pads per bed. Each bed ought to have a minimum of one bedspread for summer and one for winter.

When decorators finally realized that people spend one-third of their lives in their bedrooms and baths, suddenly these rooms began to reflect the fashion tastes and personalities of the occupants. The bed took on kingand-queen-size elegance, and so did the bedding. Bath linens have been transformed from the all-white of Grandma's hope chest days to opulent decorator items in bright patterns and accent colors. For the bride-to-be this means that stocking the linen closet also requires a lot more knowledge of color values

For example, we all know that red goes with white, but a third color, like a deep verdian green can create a striking accent that adds a new sophistication. Similarly, might try combining black and brown shades with either the palest lemon yellow or a desert pink. Another



important factor is the cool vs. the warm colors. Get to know them, say the decorating experts, as they can psychologically affect your rooms. Pinks and oranges can create a warm bedroom; blue and green towels can help give a cool look to the bathroom. With the enormous color selection available in bed and bath furnishings today-in both solids and patterns-you can match them up right at the counter to suit your own artistic imagination.

And here's an ingenious suggestion for providing an easy way to recognize the sheet size you need when it's folded in the linen closet. Fieldcrest calls it "colorcoding" your linens. If you

single top sheets, one glance will tell which sheet belongs where. Today, of course, you can get all these different patterns in coordinated colors that insure decorator matched sets.

Now here are some tips to the bride on the care of her linens. All deep tone sheets should be laundered separately the first six times or until all the excess dye has been eliminated. That loss of dye does not mean that your linens are fading. An excess of dye is unavoidable in the dyeing process. Another pointer: when fabric softeners are used excessively, they tend to make towels incapable of absorption. For best results, use softeners occasionally, but not every time you launder. And terry towels are made to be fluffdried, not ironed.

When bleaching, be sure to use as directed. Over-bleaching will weaken the fabric and dull the colors. When you launder permanent press sheets, enzyme pre-soaking can help remove difficult stains. Then just launder, using the wash-and-wear cycle of your automatic washer.

For that elegant and ultrapersonal touch, the bride-tobe might like to have her linens monogrammed. To the question, "Which initials shall use and in what order?' Fieldcrest reports: use the bride's first, middle and maiden-name initials or her first, middle and marriedname initials. The marriedname initial should be the largest of the three, or should appear in the center of the design. However, if the initials happen to spell a three-letter word, Fieldcrest, suggests you choose a monogram design that will rearrange them.

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