

Fake Fur Sewing Know-How

Fake fur and deep pile fabrics, designed to look like real or frankly faked, are important in the fashion field. These fabrics are usually of man-made fibers supported on either a knitted or woven backing of acrylic, modacrylic or cotton fiber.

FABRIC SELECTION AND PREPARATION: Buy the amount of yardage for "with nap" fabrics. If nap yardage is not given on pattern buy an additional 3/8 to 3/4 yard - or more, if a design must be matched. You should check label to see how to care for fabric and to see if fabric needs to be preshrunk. Preshrink if necessary.

PATTERN SELECTION: Simple patterns with a minimum of darts and seams in coats, jackets, or accessories, and sleeveless overblouse or weskit are best. If possible, or until greater skill in cutting and handling is developed, avoid collars and buttonholes. Avoid set-in sleeves.

LAYING PATTERN AND CUTTING: Lay all pattern pieces in one direction so that nap fabric runs down from shoulder to hem. Eliminate all unnecessary seams, such as center front and back seams. When constructing jackets or coats cut straight facings in one

with garment or from lighter weight matching lining fabric, if facings do not show. Pin pattern to wrong side of fabric. Cut only one layer at a time. To do less damage to pile, cut with a razor blade from wrong side.

MARKINGS: To transfer pattern markings to fabric use tailor's tacks or push a pin through fabric and mark with a soft lead pencil.

THREAD AND NEEDLE SELECTION: Use heavy duty mercerized cotton thread and a coarse, size 16, sewing machine needle.

SEWING TIPS: Make the following sewing machine adjustments: loose tension, light pressure on the presser foot and use 8-10 stitches per inch. Stitch seams in direction of pile whenever possible. After stitching, use a straight pin or hatpin to pull out the fur caught in the seams. This is done from the right side of the fabric. Reinforce points of strain with seam tape. Do not clip curved seams too deeply. Shear pile from seam allowance to reduce bulk. Cut darts open and press flat. Shear pile as on

Lumber Bridge

By PAM SUMNER

Visiting Miss Mildred Williford during Christmas and New Year's Holidays were her sisters and their families, the Rev. and Mrs. J.M. Smith of New Bern and son - in - law and daughter, the Rev. and Mrs. O.B. Sparks of Roanoke, Virginia and their son Jim Smith of St. Andrews College, Laurinburg. Mrs. Elizabeth Tolar of Lumberton and her son and daughter - in - law, the Rev. and Mrs. R.R. Tolar and children of Danville, Virginia. Her brothers and families, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Williford of Fayetteville and son - in - law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. John Cudd and daughter Julie of Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Williford of Columbus, Georgia, Mr. and Mrs. John Williford and children Chuck, Lynn and Timmy of Wilmington, Mr. and Mrs. Mac Lean Williford and daughter Barbara of Rocky Mount and daughter Jan of N.C. State University, Raleigh and Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Williford and daughters Pam and Jean of Siler City.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Gresham and children Steve, Lynn and Dana of Virginia Beach, Virginia spent from Thursday until Sunday with her father Ernest McGougan and her brother and sister - in - law Mr. and Mrs. Dan McGougan and sons Danny, Joe, Charles and Vance.

Walter Marley who has been a patient at Veteran's Hospital in Durham for several weeks returned home last Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Dunn and son Strother spent last week vacationing in Florida.

Miss Freda Cobb left Sunday to return to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She was accompanied to Chapel Hill by her parents Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Cobb. Miss Jean Cobb left Sunday to return to Charlotte where she teaches in the Charlotte Mecklenburg School System. Mrs. H.P. Johnson spent most of last week in Durham

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INTERFACINGS AND LININGS: Use lightweight hair canvas for interfacing coats and jackets. Use lining material of taffeta and satin for coats and jackets.

PRESSING: Do test sample before pressing garment. Some fake furs or deep pile fabrics of Verel Modacrylic and Dynel Modacrylic cannot be steam pressed. Use only tip of iron to prevent flattening of pile. Try finger pressing first. Place fabric, pile side down, on velvet board, turkish towel or piece of carpet. Use press cloth over backing. Steam lightly.

Next week we will be talking about Sewing on Deep Pile fabrics such as velvet, velveteen, velour and corduroy.

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SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS

WASHINGTON - A review of the 91st Congress - which is now a part of history - reveals some significant trends in the state of our nation.

In spite of many weeks of debate in the Senate about our involvement in Vietnam and Cambodia and how to extricate ourselves from that tragic situation, the Administration won support of its foreign policy in several major votes. This support was given, however, on the condition that our government make major efforts to accomplish a transition from war to peace in Southeast Asia, and this appears to be the cornerstone of the new American foreign policy.

At the same time that this foreign policy debate has been underway, Congress has made major reductions in defense spending to the lowest levels in years. Thus, the expected Vietnam "peace dividend" of lowered defense expenditures has already been largely used up if we are to retain our present defense commitments. This could be a matter of major significance in the up and coming battles over the budget in the 92nd Congress.

In the area of domestic concerns, Congress has wrestled with most of the nation's dissatisfactions about the budget, taxes, inflation, welfare, crime, the Post office, environmental pollution, women's rights, electoral college reform, individual privacy and consumer protection.

In the end, Congress compiled an impressive list of major legislative enactments: a postal reorganization act, which established a government-owned postal corporation to deliver the mail, a new railroad passenger corporation act to overhaul our rail passenger system, a new omnibus farm bill, two major anti-crime programs, a Congressional reform act to revise committee and floor procedures, and a new air pollution control act.

Much of my attention during the 91st Congress was focused on efforts to preserve individual privacy and constitutional rights. These efforts related to governmental and private surveillance of citizens and the collection,

storage and use of information about their personal lives. As Chairman of the Constitutional Rights Subcommittee, I have sought to call attention to the seriousness of this growing problem and to take appropriate committee actions to deal with these invasions of individual freedoms.

In the sphere of proposed constitutional amendments, I took an active role in the debates which the Senate engaged in over electoral college reform and women's rights. In each of these debates, I sought to make it clear that while I did not oppose reform in these areas of our law, I did oppose both the direct election amendment, which would have abolished the electoral college, and the House-passed equal rights amendment. Each of these proposed constitutional amendments, which, incidentally, did not pass during the 91st Congress, seem to me to have serious defects and I, therefore, offered my own amendments for the reform of the electoral college and for the protection of women's rights.

Another battle of the 91st Congress was over the Federal requirement that public school children be bused from their neighborhoods to a distant school to achieve racial balance. I sought with all the energy at my command to prevent this busing requirement by legislation. Moreover, on September 21, 1970, I submitted an amicus curiae brief to the Supreme Court in opposition to lower Federal Court rulings requiring the busing of Charlotte public school children. The case has yet to be decided by the U.S. Supreme Court.

These were some of the cross currents that worked in the 91st Congress.

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