



HOME DRESSMAKING. THE CORRECT EVENING WEAR FOR YOUNG LADIES.

Some Plain and Simple Styles Which Will Be of Value. The Most Suitable Sleeve for a Pump Arm—Some Points About Silk.

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In making up the diaphanous material in a vest or evening dress for young ladies, the dressmaker has but to base it on the general rules given in this article and those already set forth as to the proper shape of the bodice of the foundation skirt and the fit of the waist lining, which is easily adapted to the making of low necked dresses, as will be seen from the accompanying diagrams, the dotted line showing how to cut away for a low necked dress. The inside lining can be of jaconet or floussie cambie, covered with straw or silver tulle, and the drapery with tulle or chiffon or the material of which the dress is made.

To make a pattern for a V shaped Spencer waist the lining should be cut like the model in every particular, only that it is cut off at the waist line, or the front and back brought to points. This is scarcely



DIAGRAM FOR CUTTING V SHAPE AND LOW WAIST.

Marked line shows where to cut out to shorten waist.

Useful, now that the pointed velvet belts are in style, and they are so pretty to be discarded soon. The fullness is all gathered at the bottom outside of the darts, and at the top there is no neck line cut, and the length is then carried to the top of the shoulder and gathered. The front lining should be sliced off at the neck and hemmed, and all the rest treated as usual.

The gathers should be sewn in under a belt, and this latter should have the lower edges turned in and the skirt gathered and sewn to that.

Where the skirt is to be quite full, a lining of silk or satin, of the prevailing color, is made and finished off and worn under. The breadths to the outer dress are cut straight, and the skirt should be quite five yards around a little longer in the back and simply hemmed. A pretty finish is to have a ruffle of the same silk goods, with a will narrower and fuller one under that, set on the under skirt. Ribbons can be added if desired.

The neck can be finished in any manner, but just now berthes of lace or chiffon or of the dress material are used, and these practically no limit to the variety of trimming one can use for light dresses. Tulle and crapes, small and large, are all made about alike. Jabots of lace are pretty, and are made by gathering lace very full, giving it a shake and then fastening it as it naturally falls. Never try to make it fall as you like, but fasten it where it falls itself, or you will lose the effect.

Persons and light effects are to be sought for in this material. The most suitable sleeve for a pump arm is a simple fall of lace or the dress material. For this one a long, straight, open, if liked, at intervals on the upper part of the arm, fastened with tiny knots of ribbon, or of flowers, can be a serious puff held in place by bracelet bands of ribbon.

Wash gowns should always be made with a full, or a thick, looking as well after wearing as before, and to that end the good dressmaker should aim. Cotton goods, whether seprays, creases, should be plain and neat, graceful in model and perfect in fit. All cottons, except satens, are pretty with tucks or blue bands. Satens require more elaborate trimming, such as cuffs, collars, etc., of velvet or of the dress material.

Silks require a different treatment from any other material, and it is possible to avoid it a look should never be put on silk. Black silks, the heavier and richer kinds, like armure, peau de soie, faille and grosgrain, should be made as plainly as possible, their richness showing better when little trimmed. Black silks, being all on both sides, cut to good advantage, but as it is apt to fray the seams should be further deep. The waist can be cut after the fashion of plain and after trimming of the skirt. Nothing is more suitable for evening than headed, puffed, or gathered skirts. A wide, or a deep, headband, or a narrow, avoid cutting up the silk into ruffles and broken bits. Let the skirt be plain, but simple. Black with velvet, and a fastened, and a narrow puff or rose plating around the bottom. Pay more attention to the fit and style than trimming. The richest gowns are made in plain and simple lines.

Silk waists should never be quite as tight as they could be, for thereafter the silk the worse in the habit it has of stretching at the seams. All the light colored dresses are made without these precautions, but even they will not stand stretching. To finish a handsome silk dress, properly required, the dressmaker should be detailed. The waist seams should be bound with the same silk, the heavier and richer kinds, like armure, peau de soie, faille and grosgrain, should be made as plainly as possible, their richness showing better when little trimmed. Black silks, being all on both sides, cut to good advantage, but as it is apt to fray the seams should be further deep. The waist can be cut after the fashion of plain and after trimming of the skirt. Nothing is more suitable for evening than headed, puffed, or gathered skirts. A wide, or a deep, headband, or a narrow, avoid cutting up the silk into ruffles and broken bits. Let the skirt be plain, but simple. Black with velvet, and a fastened, and a narrow puff or rose plating around the bottom. Pay more attention to the fit and style than trimming. The richest gowns are made in plain and simple lines.

The facing should be carefully made, as told before, and on the inside of that a new set two or three narrow pinked ruffles of lace silk, and beneath this again is a balayuse of black lace. When the lady prefers her dress trimmed, there is a silk undershirt cut on the model lines and about four inches shorter than the dress. This has one 10-inch ruffle on the under side, pinked, narrow plaited and hemmed on one edge of the skirt and two to five narrow pinked ones on the outside. Sometimes these are alternately Spanish legs.

Velvet is not so much worn for dresses as it was, yet there are many elderly ladies who like it better than any other material. The same rules that hold good in the making of fine silk gowns hold good in regard to velvet. But in making velvet gowns the seams should be pressed, and it is done in this way.

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