

# Fun Fashions – by Pegge Blinco

## FUN FASHIONS Pegge Blinco March 2005

In my exuberance to assist our members with wearable Fun Fashions, I continue to look for and find ready made clothing that has “**the look**” of our wonderful era. The comfort of a good fit, stability of strong modern fabrics and the fun of wearing them without worry or stress is the purpose of Fun Fashions. The following illustrations show some styles from recent catalogs - all of which depict dresses of our era for your familiarization to study and to recognize, when you're shopping



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Currently available from <http://www.artandartifact.com> (800-231-6766) are dresses with the look of our era, Each of these are a good representation of the period with descriptions included.



### **Fox Trot Gown**

Inspired by those frothy confections of the 1930's, our apricot dancer is embellished with satiny soutache embroidery and a flurry of ruffles at the swirling hem. Plunging to a V-front and back. Sheer sleeves end in double points. 100% nylon netting over viscose lining. Dry clean. Imported.

Specify Size: S(4-6), M(8-10), L(12-14), XL(16), 1X(18-20), 2X(22-24)

PL4682 \$189.00

1X, 2X \$199.00



### **Twenties Rose Confection**

Garlands of beadwork accent this glorious drop-waist dress, inspired by the Roaring Twenties. Rose-pink sheer rayon is styled with a V-neckline, fluttering cap sleeves and sheer handkerchief hem. Fully lined. 100% rayon. Hand wash. Imported.

Specify Size: S(6-68), M(10), L(12), XL(14)  
PK8272 \$110



### **Black-and-Blush Evening Gown**

Sheer, filmy black georgette, satin finished pink lining, to slide down your curves and show you off to your best advantage. Reminiscent of 30's style evening dresses, richly embroidered at sweetheart neckline and hem. Sheer pouf sleeves, pin-tucked and ruffled. 100% rayon. Hand wash. Imported.

Specify Size: S(6-8), M(10), L(12), XL(14)

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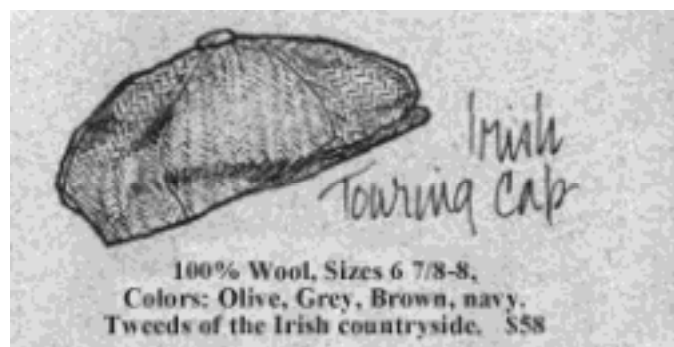
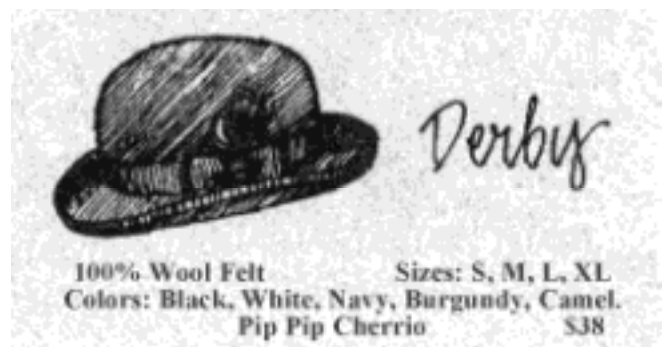
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Ladies would wear pants **only** for sportswear and occasionally knickers for golf, Today, knickers/plus fours (which are 4" below the knee) can be found at <http://www.tbarryknickers.com>, 800-634-9164 for both guys and gals, as well as for young lads, who were smaller versions of their dads. T. Barry has a fit for everyone as well as sox, sweaters and caps. Apparel can be ordered without their logo if desired.



A local merchant, John Helmer Haberdasher, established in 1921 is the largest hat and cap supplier in the Pacific Northwest. They carry everything from Driving/Touring caps, Derbies, Homburgs, Panamas, and Straws to Top Hats and Berets. Find them at <http://www.johnhelmer.com>, FAX 503-223-.8451 or phone 503-223-4976. Below are some samples of their men's hats:





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Knitting has resurfaced as a popular hobby today, just as it was in 1928-1931. The needlework Editor of the 1931 ladies home Journal can't help us with directions of the three-piece suit but the picture may help with style selection. Boucle was the popular yarn of the day and is also shown in the two-piece 1928 over-blouse dress. The 1930 one-piece dress of Shetland floss includes the directions, if you're inspired.



# Fascinating Summer Knitting

By MERLE MUNN

HERE we have it—something new for everyday, something very new and charmingly youthful for all kinds of sport wear—a one-piece knitted dress which has adopted the short, puffy sleeves and the fitted normal waistline. Its newness and smartness are not the only features that stamp it up-to-the-minute, it is comfortable and practical as well; then, too, time and cost are two subjects much under discussion, and this model works up as if by fairy magic and only requires ten one-ounce balls of Shetland floss and one pair each of No. 9 and No. 4½ bone needles.

The directions given are for sizes 14 and 16 and, although the stitches are loose and lacy, the dress holds its shape perfectly. Four stitches on the No. 9 needles measure 1 inch when stretched a little and 4 rows equal 1 inch. It is well to have this gauge because everyone knits differently, and then, too, with its assistance it will be easy to adjust the directions to fit just the required size.

The floss comes in practically all colors, and while the model shown was made up in a delicate blue, green or shades of rose will be equally charming and effective with either tan or white accessories.

To start the dress, cast on 112 sts. on the No. 9 needles. Then k. 2 sts., p. 2 sts. across row and repeat for 22 inches, or desired length for skirt. To measure this work lay on flat surface with one-half the stitches on each needle holding out ribbing on width. Change to No. 4½ needles, \*k. 1, then k. 2 sts. together for 6 times on the next 12 sts.; repeat from \* across row until there are 64 sts. Mark the side you held toward you when working this decrease row as the right side. Work fine ribbing for waistline: K. 1 st., p. 1 st.

across row and repeat for 5 inches. Change to large needles, holding right side toward you, k. 2, p. 2 across row, working every 7th and 8th sts. together—56 sts. Continue to k. 2, p. 2, for 8¾ inches; bind off 4 sts. each side for underarm. \*Work 3 rows, next row decrease 1 st. each side, repeat from \* once, being careful to carry out pattern stitch (44 sts.). Work 5½ inches from underarm, change to fine needle, work 14 sts., slip on holder, with large needle bind off 16 sts., with fine needles work remaining 14 sts. in k. 2, p. 2 for 12 rows, increasing 1 st. at neck edge every 4th row 3 times, work 4 more rows. Change to large needles, increase 1 st. at neck and repeat every 2nd row 3 times, then increase 1 st. at armhole, continuing to increase every 2d row at neck until there are 32 sts. on needle. Repeat increase on

armhole side on 4th row, work 4 more rows; cast on 4 sts. for underarm. Work other side in the same way, join. With 64 sts. work to waistline, change to fine needles, holding right side toward you, k. 1 st., p. 1 st. adding 1 st. after every 8th st. until there are 72 ribbed sts. Work ribbing for 5 inches, then continuing with fine needle knit 1 row as follows:

\*Increase 1 st. in every 2d st. 4 times, increase 1 st. in each of the next 3 sts.; repeat from \* across row until there are 116 sts. Change to large needles, finish front same as back.

**SLEEVE.** With fine needles, holding right side toward you, pick up 44 sts. around armhole. With large needles k. 2, p. 2, for 29 rows. With right side toward you, k. 1 row, working every 5th and 6th sts. together across bind off. With right side toward you, s. c. around edge of sleeve, ch. 1, turn, s. c. 1 row in opposite direction. Repeat s. c. around neck edge, starting at shoulder and decreasing 1 st. at center front.

*Gentlewoman  
Jingles*  
**IT ONLY** takes  
*A little while  
To knit a dress  
In this year's style.*  
—J. B.

June, 1930

There is a lot of fashion interest today returning to our vintage of the 1930's. The old is new again – recognize it and enjoy it!

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