

Sew what's new



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There's always something new to sew. A "new" fabric could be a passing fad, a revival of an old fabric, or a result of a technological discovery. Fur, vinyl, leather, quilted, lace, deep pile, and imitation suede have been examples of each of these.

The garment or accessory you sew for this project will be in a fabric that requires special sewing techniques or sewing machine adjustments. Some examples are:

- quilted hunting vest
- suede purse
- fur vest
- vinyl raincoat
- lingerie
- canvas backpack
- ski clothes
- snowmobile suits

Or, the garment can be one for a special occasion (or to wear once) such as:

- Halloween costume
- bridesmaid dress

You are not limited to these — they are just suggestions.

When you are selecting your fabric, find out all you can about it —

- what is the fiber content?
- what care and cleaning procedures are recommended?
- what is the price range?
- what are its limitations? its advantages?
- does it require certain attachments, equipment, or notions?

Many of these special fabrics are best made up in garments or accessories that have few pieces and seams. The seams in sheers, leather, suede, vinyl, and similar fabrics cannot be ripped out. The needle holes and imprints will show. Be sure before you stitch!

When transferring pattern markings, test on a scrap of the fabric first. You may have to invent your own method of marking.



REFERENCES FOR SEW WHAT'S NEW

Publications are available from your county extension office on sewing sheers and laces, lingerie, and fur-like fabrics.

Watch for free leaflets on sewing new fabrics available at places where sewing machines, fabrics, patterns, and notions are sold. Patterns may also include sewing helps. Most up-to-date sewing books have sections on handling special fabrics.

Here are some books you may wish to borrow or purchase:

Sewing With Leather, available for \$.50 from Tandy Leather Company

How to Sew Leather, Suede and Fur by Schwebke and Krohn

How to Sew Knits by The Singer Co.

Everything About Sewing. . . Swimwear

Lingerie and Loungewear
Knits
Special Fabrics
Fur and Fur-like Fabrics
Leather and Leather-like
Fabrics

all by Vogue Pattern Co. (look for others to be added)

Simplicity Sewing Book by Simplicity Pattern Co. (see sections that apply)

Singer Sewing Book by The Singer Co. (see sections that apply)

Coats & Clark's Sewing Book — Newest Methods From A to Z by Coats & Clark's, Inc.

Extension bulletins you may wish to use: Ext. HC 45 "Sewing the Newer Fabrics," Ext. Folder 282 "Making Snowmobile Suits" and Ext. Folder 305, "Sewing Today's Fabrics — Sweater Knits." Obtain these from your county extension office.

To plan and evaluate your Sew What's New project, use the 4-H self-determined project guide or your 4-H record.