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Ladies, Have You Heard? . . .



Crushed Patent Sewing Tips

Crushed patent is a great looking rainwear and sportswear fabric this spring. It is now available by the yard for home sewing.

The techniques for sewing on crushed patent are basically the same as those used on vinyl fabrics.

When you choose a pattern, try to find one with just a few seams. It will be much easier to work with. Raglan or kimono sleeves cause fewer problems than set-in sleeves.

Some of the crushed patents are soft and pliable enough, however, to set in a sleeve without difficulty.

Be sure to make all your pattern alterations before cutting the fabric. It is impossible to let out seams without damaging the crushed patent. When you attach the pattern to the fabric, place the pins in the seam allowances or use tape so you won't damage the garment. Always

the fabric when marking darts and other details. It is possible

to mark on the right side of the fabric with sharp shears. It is a good idea to use chalk or pencil on the wrong side of



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fabric with a grease pencil, since this will wipe off easily.

Use a medium-sized needle and 10 to 12 stitches per inch for machine sewing. By placing a piece of tissue paper between the right side of the crushed patent and the machine feed dog, you will prevent damage in stitching. The tissue wears away easily when you are finished sewing.

It is best to finger press seams and darts, unless it states on the fabric bolt that you may press with a warm iron.

Use a centered application in applying zippers. Bound buttonholes or machine buttonholes both work well on crushed patent.

Hems can be slip stitched to the fabric backing or top stitched for a decorative effect.

Follow the fabric manufacturers' care recommendations. Some crushed patents can be hand washed, others may be wiped with a clean cloth.

Are Your Meals A Bore?

If you're stretching your food dollar—and who isn't these days?—meals can sometimes become a bore to both you and your family.

But they don't have to be. Here are some pointers on making meals more interesting.

—Avoid monotony in flavors and colors. For example, don't serve apple salad and apple pie at the same meal. Or red beets and red cabbage. Or a white meat, white potatoes, and a white vegetable, such as cauliflower.

—Don't serve too many strong flavors at one meal. One way to ruin everyone's appetite is to serve a combination of garlic, onions, and cabbage.

—Don't overcook foods; this robs food of eating quality and nutrients. Remember, too, that quick-cook foods should not be started until after everyone gets home.

—Serve each food at its best serving temperature. For instance, mashed potatoes are delicious when hot but pretty sad when cold. Ice cream served at zero, right from the freezer, is too cold. Take it out of the freezer and refrigerate it a short time to let the flavor bloom before serving.

—Remember that tart foods sharpen appetites, sweet foods dull them.

—Crunchy or crisp foods add a contrast in texture that, in turn, adds interest. That's why hard rolls go with soups or stews; crisp toast with creamed dishes.

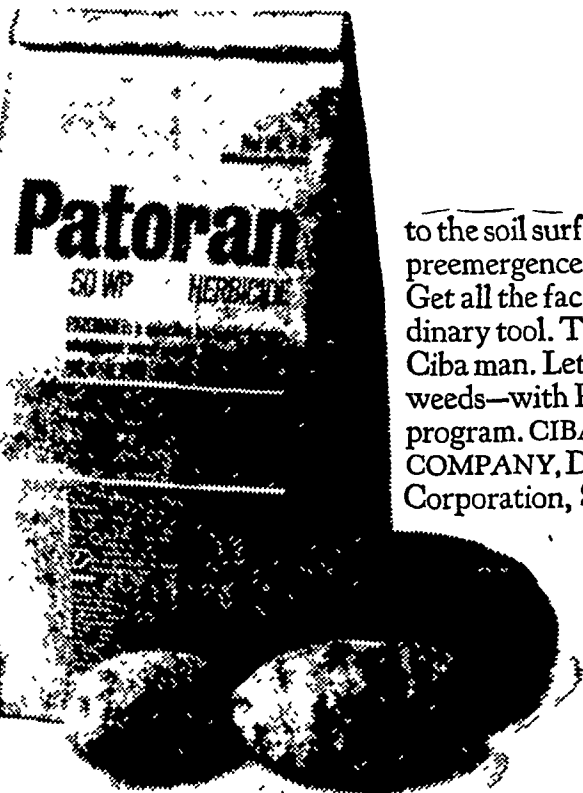
A routine meal can even be brightened by a simple colorful centerpiece.

So even when you're stretching your food dollar, mealtime doesn't have to be a bore.

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