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How To Sew Fun Fur Coat

Got that early winter yearning for a warm, cuddly fur coat? Why not sew one yourself — out of deep pile fun fur. Fun furs are warm, comfortable and attractive. On the practical side, they wear better than many real furs.

The most important step in sewing a fun fur coat is selecting the fabric, pattern and notions.

But before you start selecting, know what you're going to do with the fabric. Decide if you want to make a long coat, a jacket, or use the fabric as a lining for a cloth coat. In all cases, select good quality. Fun furs come in all prices. To get an idea of quality, look at the backing. Coarsely knitted or coarsely woven backing will stretch and lose its shape quickly. Look for tight knits or weaves. You may prefer the knit backing since it has more give and is easier to "ease" in seams.

Next, check the fiber content. If you're buying a short pile, select an acrylic. In longer piles, make sure the fabric is a flame resistant modacrylic. Highly flammable fabrics are illegal, but some which are not fire

resistant keep finding their way onto the market. For your own safety check on the fiber content.

Look for linings that are durable, wrinkle-resistant, stain resistant and have some give. Polyester crepe is a good choice if you aren't concerned about the lining not absorbing moisture. If you want extra warmth, select a fabric which is satin acetate on one side and has a modacrylic short nap on the other. The nap is strong enough to take the rubbing of the somewhat rough bulky seams, where a one-layer lining tends to wear out quickly.

When you look for a pattern, get the simplest one you can find. Fun furs are difficult to assemble and the fewer pieces you have in the garment the easier it will be. Buy notions at the same time you buy the fabric and pattern. That way you're sure of getting the right amount and color. Polyester core cotton wrap or 100 percent polyester thread are good choices for fun furs. They're both strong and elastic enough to take the heavy wear that a coat gets.

Interfacings, used to stabilize most garments, may be too bulky for fun furs. Instead use a one-

fourth or one-half inch cotton twill tape. Stitch it into strategic seams such as shoulders and neck lines. It will give strength without bulk.

Winter Care for Furnishings

Have you ever sat down in front of a cozy winter fire and felt as if the chair was going to give out? Or heard it squeak as if it would fall apart? Strange as it may seem, the problem is dry air. The central heating system which keeps your home nice and warm also dries out the wood in your furniture.

All wood pieces suffer from dry air. Furniture joints become loose. Some varnished or lacquered finished pieces may even crack. You can prevent this damage, by adding moisture to the air. A lot of well watered plants may help. But if your home is quite dry, you may need to buy a humidifier. Even a small one will help your furniture. But be careful not to overdo it. If windows steam up or frost, there's too much humidity.

Another winter enemy of furniture is strong light. Although the sun is stronger during the summer, trees and awnings shade your home and keep out much of the light. In the winter there is no such protection.

You probably find it pleasant to see as much light as possible on those short winter days so you usually leave your curtains and

Farm Women Calendar

Saturday, November 17

2 p.m. — Farm Women Society 8 meeting, Mount Joy Lutheran Church.

7:45 p.m. — Farm Women Society 27 bowling night, Clearview Bowling Lanes.

Farm Women Society 3 meeting, Salem Lutheran Church, Ephrata.

Farm Women Society 18 meeting, home of Mrs. David E. Buckwalter.

Monday, November 19

7 p.m. — Farm Women Society 30 Christmas Workshop,

Stauffer's of Kissel Hill, Litz.
7:30 p.m. — Farm Women Society 29, home of Marian Breneman.
7:30 p.m. — Farm Women Society 31, Harriet Spayd, hostess.
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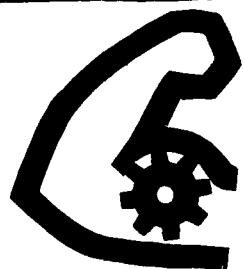
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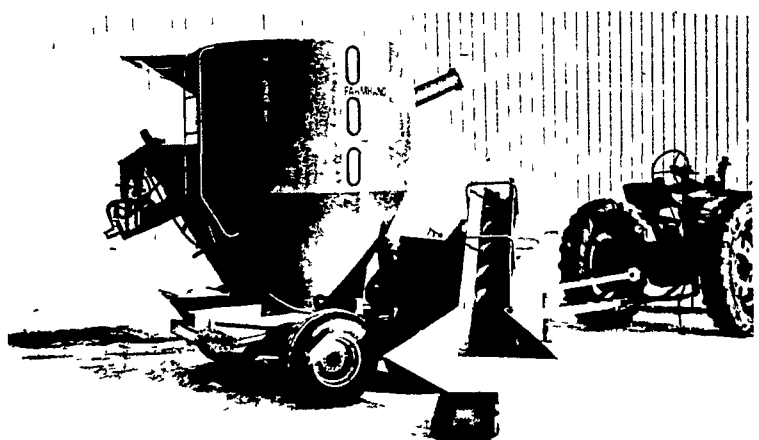
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