

# Serge and Silk Are Super-Fashionable Materials For Autumn



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Each season the women who want to keep posted regarding the latest word in materials and colors has to retrace her steps and start all over again, for there are new things to learn and new problems to solve. One clever authority on fashion is responsible for the statement that a knowledge of history and current events is the safest preliminary for a thorough acquaintance with the modes. With this as a background it is an easy matter to follow the evolution of fashions and adjust them to the requirements of well-groomed women.

There seems some basis for this belief, too, when one reads the list of the correct colors for fall and winter. Who, unversed on conditions in Europe, would appreciate the timeliness of Belgium-blue, Petrograd, Belgique gray, submarine, Mauberge, Italian brown, and Dunkirk gray? Along with these are shown shades more familiar in name, but more the less fashionable: African brown, Morocco, reseda, taupe, mait, Nile, white, robin, admiral and navy blue and crew black. Colors for afternoon and evening frocks include Delaware peach, Bordeaux red, ivory, castor, white, black and lust-

rous, shimmering greens.

Of course there is nothing so fashionable for general wear as blue serge. This, with silk, is the super-fashionable material for the development of Autumn frocks. Many of the smart new princess frocks are made of Joffre blue serge, and a particularly good model is trimmed with a vest of black velvet, above which appears a high, flare collar of white linen, tiny bands of fur and a stitching of narrow braid. For the woman with trim figure the princess modes are doubly welcome, but while the princess frock is back with a vengeance it is more than modified, and it hobnobs with the tight-fitted bodice, with coat-back effects and with a variety of other novel modes that are featured for early fall. In addition it takes on military lines which are emphasized by trimmings of flat silk braid and metal buttons. That the military influence still hangs on, like the war that started it, is evident in many clever, new costumes, both for street and house wear.

White serge is going to be worn until very late in the fall, and indeed, its continued vogue is predicted for the winter. Really stunning is a frock copied from one of the im-

ported frocks, the white serge forming an elegant background for bits of blue and gold embroidery. The skirt is close fitting over the hips, but shows a decided fullness at the sides where a stitched inverted pleat is released below a trimming of blue and gold buttons. The waist has a deep peplum stitched with bias folds of the same material and a vest and revers of white corded silk.

Vests and adjustable peplums are among the startling details of smart frocks. Black chiffon velvet is used principally for the vests, and in most instances they are surmounted by flare collars of gauze or metal cloth, the idea being to make the contrast as marked as possible. Peplums are circular in shape to correspond with the prevailing lines of smart skirts and frequently resemble modified tunics. Pointed and scalloped peplums, the scallops showing both round and square outlines, are extensively used on the waists of taffeta frocks.

Whipcord is one of the very popular materials for Autumn and in the new Belgique gray is charming for princess and semi-princess frocks. Trimmed with braid of simple design these models are appropriate for

afternoon wear and even for small dinners and theatre parties. Often the addition of a chiffon or crepe de Chine blouse enhances the dressy effect of these frocks.

Exceedingly smart dresses are also fashioned of chiffon poplin, which has a lustrous finish and smooth, round cord that make it admirable for service. Of the virtues of taffeta so much has been sung, however, that there remains little to be said. The princess frock with braid heading the circular blouse is carried out in green chiffon poplin, while the costume next to it with peplum blouse is fashioned of gray taffeta.

The wearing qualities of corduroy make it popular this season. The last illustration in the group is of a frock in Morocco brown corduroy, trimmed with brown velvet and silk braid. The waist shows another version of the peplum, as it appears on modish fall frocks.

The long semi-straight lines of the smartest serge frocks shown so far are really very graceful, and the simplicity of their detail adds to their effectiveness.

The two models might be described as fairly representative. One is in the dark blue serge, the other in

white, and each has its touch of black. The general silhouettes are similar, high collar line, close shoulder line, slightly curved normal waist-line, smoothly fitted hips softly flaring skirt bottoms. Both are cut high across the chest, and the dark frock fastens in the back. It is trimmed in rows of narrow black braid held at each end by a small bone button and cleverly applied, though in small quantity.

The white serge frock has not even braid for trimming, but its high collar, which can be turned back to leave the front of the throat free, one prefers to wear it so is faced with black velvet, and black silk arrows are embroidered as a tailored finish to the waist seams.

Both frocks have an unbroken princess line in the middle front, and this feature is repeated in so many of the smartest looking new models of this class that the item seems significant. Still, girdles, bodices ending at the waist-line or a little below and belts, narrow or broad, are all in evidence.

If you are looking for an ultra smart hat for the early Fall days select one of purple velvet and embroidered it with white or some light col-

ored wool, so that there will be a contrast between hat and trimming. There is much black velvet in the new millinery, of course. It is used for all types of hats from the small toque to the big mushroom or wide brimmed shape and is, as always, becoming and adaptable, so it makes a good first Fall hat.

A very little narrow brim sailor of black velvet with a wreath of gay embroidered flowers in many colors running flatly around the crown is one of the clever things shown, and another good small black velvet model has heavily embroidered bead ornaments applied to the crown in front and back with two fine lines of beading running around the crown on the edges of a cross pleated band of black satin.

Feather breasts encircle many small hats, with or without brain, and are the only trimmings, save for little "feelers" curling out and up from among the feathers or wings made in one with the breast trimming.

Felt is the super-fashionable material for early fall headgear. Not only sport hats are of felt, but also smart sailors and turbans for tailor-made street suits.

### Guide To Patterns.

The fashions shown on this page are Pictorial Review designs. Numbers and sizes, with appropriate braiding and embroidery designs, are as follows:

Costume No. 6409. Sizes 32 to 44 inches bust. Braiding No. 11515. Waist No. 6407. Sizes 32 to 46 inches bust.

Skirt No. 6185. Sizes 22 to 34 inches waist. (Shown twice.) Embroidery No. 11643.

Princess Costume No. 6417. Sizes 32 to 42 inches bust. Embroidery No. 12073.

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A new walking stick can be quickly transformed into a camera tripod. Experiments in France have shown that sulphur is valuable as a soil fertilizer.

An attachment has been invented for holding a wrist watch on the straps of a hand bag.

Natives of Columbia use an oil obtained from alligator fat to cure pulmonary diseases.

A mechanical blotter has been invented that dries the ink on a large surface instantly.

A new German blowpipe uses a mixture of air and vapor from benzol, petroleum or alcohol.

An Oklahoma inventor's nut cracker is formed like a human head, the jaws doing the work.

Coffee first was used in Europe at Venice shortly before the end of the sixteenth century.

A spring gun has been invented to cast a fisherman's line farther than can be done by hand.

English chemists have succeeded in producing substitutes for hard rubber and leather from seaweed.

A flexible metal awning patented by two Texans can be lowered over a window to protect it from fire.

Paper is spun into thread and woven into a substitute for jute tex-

tiles by a process invented in Bohemia.

A bottle patented by an Indiana inventor has four springs projecting from the top to hold a cap in place.

Venezuela has formally adopted the metric system and made it compulsory in its courts and public offices.

Adding a teaspoonful of glycerine to a gill of water makes a cement useful for many purposes about a household.

Deposits of potash have been found in two Spanish provinces that promise to yield large returns when developed.

With all the features of the high chairs a new holder for a baby can be hung from the back of any ordinary chair.

A factory in Europe that uses ordinary tar as a basis is turning out about 300 tons of artificial rubber a day.

The salt production of the United States last year was the greatest on record, amounting to 4,872,856 short tons.

To meet tidal variations a German car ferry has a deck that can be raised with six loaded freight cars more than sixteen feet.

A capstan is built into a new block

and tackle with which one man can handle loads of 1,000 pounds and two men 4,000 pounds.

An electric machine for cleaning steamship boilers, working somewhat like a drill, has been patented by two Swedish inventors.

By cutting notches in the shank

of a hammer head, under the claws an inventor has brought out a tool that will serve as a wrench.

Australia maintains a training school for boys who desire to become expert farmers, but lack the means to pay for proper instruction.

Indiana increased its production

of petroleum last year for the first time in ten years, the state's output being 1,335,456 barrels.

An electric storage battery locomotive, automatic in its operations, is giving excellent results in many ways in a German coal mine.

In a new odorless garbage can re-

fuse is placed on a shelf and scraped into the receptacle by turning a handle without removing the lid.

A completely carpenter shop, including machinery driven by a piano engine, has been mounted on wheels by a builder in an Indiana town so that it can be taken where-

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