

Activity 37

Fabric Makes the Difference

Fabrics come in many different colors, textures, designs, and finishes. How do you know which one to choose for a sewing project?

Part I Directions: Learn more about fabrics by answering the following questions.

1. When looking at fabrics in a store, where will you find the fiber content and care instructions?

2. What should you look for when examining the crosswise threads? _____

3. What should you look for when examining the pattern on the fabric? _____

4. How can you judge the weave? _____

5. What should you look for when examining the color? _____

6. How can you judge the finish? _____

7. What four questions should you ask yourself when choosing fabric for a sewing project?

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8. What kinds of fabrics are difficult to sew? Why?

Part II Directions: Choose two fabric swatches and paste them in the boxes below. On the lines below each box, describe the swatch. Include information on the weave, color, texture, pattern, finish, and anything else that you think is important about the fabric.
