

# Sewing Circles

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Today's Sewing Circles is for you teenagers and young women who are just beginning to sew.



If you're in the process of making something, right now, look around where you've been working.

Are there bits of thread and snips of material lying all over the floor? Is the work area beside the machine piled above your eyebrows? Now how in the heck do you expect to make a nice garment in a mess like that?

The reason I'm not hollering at you gals who have been sewing for a long time is that your sewing habits are established.

If they are not good ones, you are probably spending a fortune for pins, never have a tape measure handy, and have a stack of unfinished garments.

If they are good, you know exactly what you have on hand,—whether you'll need to buy a zipper for that skirt you're thinking of making, or already have one on hand. If you were going to make a shirtwaister blouse this afternoon, would you have to go out and buy some white bias binding tape?

Jellybean occasionally makes a raid on my sewing area and this is one thing that makes an otherwise doling Mama sore enough to spank.

It's not the danger,—I put those sharp things out of reach,—but the disorder that grays my locks.

Like many people who seem to accomplish a lot, I do it by insisting that things be orderly, and thereby save time and upset.

Besides my sewing machine, there is always a wastebasket, and I have found it useful to develop the habit of turning sideways and doing my cutting over it, so that the pieces fall in.

Binding tapes and lace are kept in one box, zippers and piping cord, along with elastic, in another, thread in a third box, buttons in a fourth and remnants of innerlining material easily available in another.

I have nice pieces of white material for collars and cuffs on little blouses and dresses (they make them so clean and crisp) and know exactly where to find them when they're wanted.

I'm not a terribly tidy person, I'm a terribly lazy and impatient person! I hate to clean up messes, and I hate to waste time looking for things.

So I clean up as I go and keep things where they belong. There is an old ice cream carton on my sewing table, and in it are all the unfinished things and mending I haven't gotten to.

When I have time, I'll take the zipper out of that old pair of pants or replace the buttons of Jellybeans blouse.

But when I get ready to do it, I'll need only the time required for the job, because I am sure where I can find the scissors, the right color of thread or a matched set of buttons.

Make sense? Then start now to develop the right habits, and see whether you don't accom-

plish more with your sewing than your friends who have to hunt. You will be awfully glad you did.

## Mission Circle Chairmen Honored

The Misses Kathryn and Felice Shaughnessy, world mission chairmen of Court St. Catherine No. 1378, Catholic Daughters of America, were guests of honor at a luncheon meeting of the Catholic Mission Doctors Auxiliary held recently at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Richard Lesco presented the honored guests and described their work with the local mission group.

Packages of bandages, hospital gowns and clothing are sent by the mission circle to Dr. and Mrs. N. I. Sorenson, formally of Torrance, who now have a Mission Hospital in Africa.

Samples of their work was on display. The group attended mass at St. Paul's Church preceding luncheon.

## Torrance Man Promoted

James R. Smith, 20821 Amie, Torrance, has been promoted to the position of title officer by Title Insurance and Trust Company, according to an announcement made today by that firm.

An employee of the title and trust company since May of 1961, he began as a basic searcher and prior to his promotion served as an intermediate searcher. Before joining TI, he was with a realty company in Columbus, O., where he served in the capacity of closing and office sales manager, as well as coordinating the advertising activities for that firm.

A native of Toledo, O., he was reared and educated in Columbus. Following high school graduation, he attended Ohio State University, where he was a member of Pershing Rifles, the honorary society of ROTC.

Married, he and his wife, Joyce, have two children, Jack and Jill. Mr. Smith is active in YMCA activities and lists basketball, hunting, fishing and hiking as his chief leisure interests.

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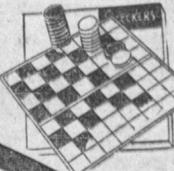
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