

IDEAS FOR MAJOR CHANGES

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Some clothes that can't be worn may have good fabric in them. You can often make something new from the fabric. Here are some ideas for things that can be made:

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## From a Dress

- 1. A different dress for yourself or a child
- 2. A blouse for yourself or a child
- 3. A child's jumper or short set
- 4. A boy's shirt
- 5. A pair of shorts for yourself
- 6. A top to wear with pants

## From a Skirt

- 1. A child's dress
- 2. A child's skirt or play suit
- 3. A child's coat or jacket if the skirt is heavy fabric
- 4. A blouse or vest for yourself

## From a Man's Suit

- 1. A skirt for yourself
- 2. A boy's or girl's suit
- 3. A jumper for yourself or a child
- 4. A child's coat or jacket

From a Coat

- 1. A jacket for yourself
- 2. A child's coat or jacket
- 3. A jumper for yourself or a child
- 4. A suit or two-piece dress for yourself

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- 1. A child's skirt or blouse
- 2. A smock or apron
- 3. A blouse for yourself

When you plan to make a new garment from an old one, be careful to select a pattern that will fit on the pieces of fabric from the old garment. The picture at the left shows how a child's jumper can be made from an adult's dress.

You may be able to use some of the parts of the old garment just as they are. This will save time. The idea shown here is to use the buttons, buttonholes and hem of an old coat in a new cape. The pocket seams will be made into darts.

You can sometimes combine fabric from two garments to make one new outfit.

Patchwork is another way to use leftover fabric or fabric from a garment. Patchwork is fashionable for skirts, pants, vests, tops and coats. It may be used for decoration, too, by making yokes, cuffs or pockets of patchwork like the dress shown here.

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