

## To Ladies Using Paper Patterns.

LADIES WHO USE PAPER PATTERNS will find it to their advantage to attend to the following points when selecting:—

1st.—Be sure the pattern you select is of a reliable make. This is particularly important where the material you intend to use is costly, as the loss from a misfit is in proportion to the value of the goods cut up.

2nd.—It is always safer to purchase a pattern on which no seam-allowance is made. The quality and texture of the material to be used must always decide the width of your seams. No pattern can be cut with a seam-allowance and be reliable, unless it is designed for a special grade of goods. The seam-allowance on paper patterns manufactured for the general trade is, therefore, an imposition on the public, designed to cover up the imperfections in the system of grading employed. No intelligent dressmaker can be deceived by this trick, although many amateurs are made to believe that it is really an advantage. Buy a pattern designed and graded to fit exactly the perfect form, and use your own judgment as to width of seams. No lady fit to make a dress is so ignorant as not to know what size of seam her material will require.

3rd.—See that the proper measurement of the party to be fitted is taken, and that your pattern corresponds with that measurement. Be specially careful in selecting for children to order for the age corresponding with their measure, not their actual age. (See instructions about measuring.)

### Mc'Call's Glove-Fitting Patterns do not Allow for Seams

But they may be implicitly relied on to fit the properly proportioned form. Where there is any deformity the dressmaker must make due allowance for same. The FRENCH SYSTEM gives full instructions how to do this.

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