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PERPLEXING PLAIDS

1. An even plaid is: Exactly the same on both sides of dominant bar both directions.
2. An uneven plaid is: Varies on both sides of the dominant bar either direction.
3. To match plaids, like numbered notches are matched: (mark one)
 - A. On the cutting line
 - B.* On the seam line
 - C. At the point of the notch
4. Uneven plaids are usually cut with the fabric:
 - A. Folded crosswise
 - B. Folded lengthwise
 - C.* Single thickness
5. When purchasing plaid fabrics, you will need to buy:
 - A. Less yardage than usual
 - B. The normal amount of yardage
 - C.* More yardage than usual
6. Pattern choices for plaid fabrics should be geared toward:
 - A.* Simple lines
 - B. Fancy designs
 - C. Lots of pattern pieces

General Guidelines for Matching Plaids:

1. Try to place the crossbars of the plaids at the notches.
2. Match the plaid on the collar at the center back seam.
3. Match sleeves at the front notch. Try to match back notch if possible.
4. Try to place a main plaid bar in the center front and center back.
5. Try to avoid having a main plaid bar across the bustline, abdominal area, and the fullest part of the hips.
6. Pin the main bars of the plaids together along the seam line before stitching.
7. Match your thread, zipper, etc., to the dominant color of the plaid.

Directions: On the following page are two sets of pattern pieces. Cut out these pieces and then place them correctly on the plaid sheets. (One set of pattern pieces goes on each page.) One sheet is an even plaid, and the other one is an uneven plaid. Fold the plaids as needed to match the plaids, and pin the pieces on accordingly.

For extra credit, you can cut out an extra set of pattern pieces. Take a plain piece of paper and pretend it is a "napped" fabric, and lay out the pieces in an appropriate manner. Staple all of these papers together before turning them in.