

For Christmas

Betty Aldrich describes
bring holiday sparkle to



VICKY will usher in the holiday season with a flattering wardrobe in spite of the curtailment of her wartime clothes budget. Christmas presents which add to Vicky's wardrobe will be especially welcome this year—particularly if they are convertible clothes which can be the foundation of numerous smart, though inexpensive outfits.

Vicky would be happy to find a double-purpose wool suit under the tree Christmas morning. For an afternoon at the football game, she would wear it with a jersey blouse, but for dinner with that cadet home on furlough she could surprise him with a sophisticated sequin blouse under the jacket.

For a dashing date outfit, Vicky would be delighted with a brief-sleeved kelly velveteen. With a long sleeved white jersey blouse, it becomes a "go-any-place" dress.

Freezing temperatures this winter will lead Vicky to thoughts of warmth in her clothes, following the trend of the uniforms of our men in the service. Out of the cockpit straight to the college campus comes a new fashion inspired by our flying heroes. Sheeplined boots with heavy soles that slip over Vicky's shoes to keep her warm during sub-zero weather would be a welcome Christmas gift for many college coeds.

Aviators also have inspired the fashionable leather, fingertip jacket with slash pockets and quilted rayon lining. From the Navy come those sailor pea-jackets, which are tailored in heavy wool fleece for long-time wear. Another new all-time fashion is the swashbuckling officer's coat with its dramatic bravado emphasized in the upswept collar and wide revers.

Vicky's shoes are designed for daily wear and conservation. Limited transportation facilities have made a pair of

low-heeled comfortable shoes the most popular. But for dress, the opera pump is still the hit of the coupon No. 18 era and would be an ideal Christmas present.

Gone are the days when Vicky bought the first thing that looked pretty, regardless of quality. A duration sensation in her wardrobe is a dress of flame cashmere wool. Its dash is carried out in such details as the buttoned patch pockets and the handsome leather belt.

Vicky will be making her own new skirts from yards of Harris tweeds, hound's tooth check and pin-striped wool flannel which were given to her for Christmas by practical friends. She'll be sewing pique blouses, frothed with ruffles to go with those new gay skirts.

Home is where the heart is and that's where many college coeds, even Vicky, will be spending their week-end nights this winter. Vicky will spend the evening profitably by knitting some socks or mittens to match her popular cable-knit sweater.

Anticipating a drop in temperature Vicky will be ready to face Jack Frost in her new pair of checked wool slacks, with handpicked seams—another practical Christmas gift.

For cold nights when that bull session is likely to last for hours, Vicky longs for boy's flannel pajamas. Their popularity comes with the roominess found in the long sleeves, the extra-wide blouse, and the soft, smooth quality of flannel. She'll guard her health by wearing a wrap-around coat over the pajamas. It's quilted and interlined with cotton for extra warmth.

In spite of the trend toward styles taken from our men in uniform and the demand for boy's pajamas and sweaters, Vicky would be delighted with other fashions to emphasize her femininity.

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*Christmas gifts that will
Vicky's winter wardrobe*

She would like quilted slippers made from left-over cotton or wool materials or bedtime booties spun from fleecy cotton chenille to keep her warm on these fuel-less nights. A starched white organdie dicky with a procession of organdie and pique bows down its middle would give a new thrill to her fall suit. Large rhinestone clips would add dignity to the simple lines of her smart black outfit, while a Peter Pan collar and dainty rufflings make last year's date dress look like new.

Vicky has re-styled her hair in compliance with the new hats. She braids, swirls or rolls her hair neatly so that she can wear those tiny head huggers, or the snug helmets that pull down over her ears and hair. Ribbon bandeaus are popular for short dinner dresses and suits and would make original Christmas gifts. Made of black velvet with flat half-bows at the ears and a tiny lace veil, they are especially designed for the modern neat coiffures.

Accessories this winter are durable and smart. Gloves will stop where the hand stops, at the wrist. They're short, stubby and sturdy, with a soft, glaze finish.

For a morale-builder, Vicky would be especially happy with a drawstring bag; they'll all be without metal frames for the duration. Bags of broadcloth, felt or fur to match her costume will relieve the leather shortage.

Alligning itself with the "give something useful" policy is the new Victorian tidbit, and Vicky's hopes are high that one of these will be hers for Christmas. It's a small rotound drawstring reticule and it actually accommodates enough to carry all the necessary impediments of a college girl. The shape of the bag, which is made of rayon corde, is so adaptable that it can double for an evening purse if a jewel is pinned on it.

A soft note in Vicky's list for Santa is a pearl-buttoned bed jacket, pretty and feminine. Of quilted sheer rayon crepe in bon-bon colors, it's tucked at the choir-boy neck and waist.

Vicky will cherish a package of stylishness and comfort in the form of soft, rope-soled shoes. Made of rayon faille and covered with seraglio embroidery they'll turn any dirndl or old pair of slacks into a clever costume.

With some of the Christmas money she'll be getting this year, Vicky is planning to splurge on a pure silk shantung scarf with life-size flowers printed in fiesta colors. They're to be worn on sophisticated dress occasion and are decidedly dramatic with furs.

A two-piece outfit for skaters and skiers is just what Vicky needs for her winter sports togs. It is composed of a fiery red underpinning with socks attached and topped with a crew-neck.

This year Vicky has her heart set on a white Christmas, carried out in her raincoat. A white coat has always been a swoon-over item and it's practical, coming in tackle twill with a wool lining for warmth.

Vicky isn't expecting to get all her wishes and wants fulfilled this Christmas. So during the holidays she'll have fun easing the strain on consumer goods. With Mother's permission, she'll uncover an old damask table cloth and dye it in bright colors for the shimmery, wonderful texture; then turn it into a dirndl skirt. Out of her old tweed skirt, she will make a hat and a warm fringed scarf to match. Following the government's advice, she'll unravel her old moth-ridden sweater to knit new socks, mittens and a cap. She'll also be folding another apron into her hope chest—an apron made from one of Dad's older shirts cheered with rickrack.

