

Babies' Crawlers

Dear Aunt Daisy,

In reply to "M.P." Kaiapoi, about clothing crawling babies in the winter, this is what I did for my little girl, now just over 2. I unpicked 2 old cardigans, a green and a brown, and made 2 pairs of legginettes with feet, one of each colour. Then I collected odd scraps of wool and made 2 striped jumpers, one with green as the main colour and the other brown. I did the stripes in garter stitch, and the main colour in stocking stitch, which made the stripes stand out, and they looked very bright and pretty. The legginettes had elastic at the tops and braces of wide tape threaded through the elastic holes at the front. The ends were passed over the shoulders and threaded through the holes at the back and then tied. This prevents the legginettes slipping down when the baby crawls. A pair of socks or booties under the legginettes will keep the feet warm. I found that slippers just wouldn't stay on.

"Mrs. J.C.," St. Alban's.

The Faded Chesterfield

Dear Aunt Daisy,

About the woman who enquired about "unfading" her suite—perhaps my experience might help her. I did a very large chesterfield suite quite successfully. I sponged it over with the pile (genoa velvet), not saturating the base of the fabric. After leaving it in a good draught for a day till quite dry, I took a towel, just barely moist, and wiped it all over till no trace of tint showed on the white towel. Very little came off, anyway. That must be 6 years ago, and the chesterfield is still in use. It could do with another lick now where the sun catches the top of the back in the sunny window recess where it is placed. I can offer no opinion about doing it with the spray gun, but had I possessed one at that time I would certainly have tried it. If not a success it would be time enough to think about the other suggestions—taking the covers right off, or having loose covers made. I consider it worth trying, perhaps after some experiment with an old sheet or blanket to see if evenness of colouring could be obtained; or, failing that, if a regular mottle pattern could be achieved.

"Mrs. M.C."



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