

Two-in-One Dresses

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When you are looking through catalogs while doing research, you may find unexpected information. This ad from the 1931 Spring & Summer Lane Bryant catalog shows their new, versatile dress designed with the thrifty as well as stylish woman in mind.

The ad says that the sleeves are included. It does not say if they are attached with snaps or to be basted in the dress. The dresses I have seen with removable sleeves were basted in. At first glance, I thought the sleeveless dress would have been worn in the daytime, until I read the "May be worn" description.

The insight into what was appropriate in 1931, as opposed to what we expect in today's current styles, is the unexpected information. Note that the daytime dress is worn with a hat and the evening is shown with a decoration in the hairstyle.



Fashion's New Two-in-One Dresses

May be worn:

with sleeves
for afternoon
without sleeves
for evening



Ultra-Chic and New

3 S 322—Here is one of Fashion's new Two-in-One Dresses, skilfully designed for wear in the evening without the sleeves or for afternoon with sleeves, which are included. (See small view pictured above.)

The dress is made of excellent quality All-Silk Flat Crepe and features a new and very charming use of embroidered net. The entire yoke, front and back, which is faced with tan all-silk flat crepe, is of embroidered ecru net set in in scallops on a diagonal line that is very becoming indeed. Stunning flowers of self material droop from one shoulder.

The body of the dress is exquisitely cut, especially in the skirt, where curved seams produce beautiful lines both front and back. The entire skirt is gracefully flared, a feature which is distinctly flattering to the stout figure. There is an all-around belt with a Rhinestone buckle.

COLORS: Black or navy blue, each with ecru yoke. SIZES: 38 to 58 bust. Length about 49 inches. Our low price —and We Pay Postage. **\$14.95**