

## 24. READYMADE GARMENTS

Rapid and fast growth in the textile industry has taken place as compared to any other industry. In the field of textile science, selection and the purchase of goods are more important than the sewing of the object. Cloth is not meant only covering the human body but it also needed for comfort. The sewing of clothes was in the house in ancient times. Necessary and basic clothes were stitched at home by house wife. Invention of the sewing machine gradually increased. Some clothes like, underwear, pajama, undershirt, petticoat, simple frock, and kurta were stitched at home, but special some clothes which was wear by men like, shirt, jacket and coat and the special items for women such as blouse, fancy frock, designer salwar, suits etc. were stitched by tailor. The requirements of the family's costume were fulfilled but for making above costume, spends lots of time, power, and also wastage of money.

Time changed, readymades garments were available in the market. Garments technology development and industrialization increased the demands of readymade garments and their availability. Present time people likes to wear readymade garments. The trend of readymade garments has increased so much that varied companies and brands are available in the market. This change has come for many reasons, like the dress not prepared on time by tailor, working of both men and women fashion, design which saved time, labour. The biggest reason behind readymade garment is its availability in each and every size, shape and physique. All this reasons have given recognition to readymade garments.

Simple and easy language readymade garments are those garments which we get in less time, with available money, proper measurements, easy to care immediate fulfill our requirement, comfortable and according to person's personality.

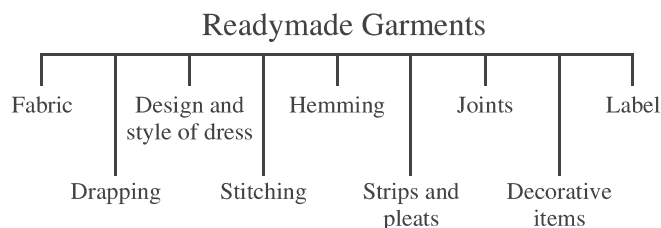
### **Basis for selection and buying of readymade garments :**

- (i) **Age :** Readymade garments are available in the market according to the measurement of the body as well as according to the age. When buying a readymade dress, it is necessary to know the exact age of the child, otherwise the costume of children will small or large, which increases the exercise of change or return, for this both time and energy will be wasted.
- (ii) **Physical measurements :** Right age and body measurement of the person, child is necessary to know before buying, because two children of same age can have different physical measurement, such as length, chest, back, shoulder, waist and so on. While going to buy readymade dress, it is necessary to take measurements of the body, such as for purchasing child's shirt and jacket, measurement of shirt, chest, length, length of arm, shoulder etc (measurement of shoulder) should be taken. For measurement of jacket, length and back should be taken. With exact measurement of a child it will become easy to choose the appropriate dress for the child.

### **Points for checking ready made garments :**

In addition to the above two important base, there are

many points which should be check before buying dress.



**Fig. 24.1 : Readymade Garments**

(i) **Fabric** : Characteristics of weaving, coloring, printing, etc. are known process and you are capable of identifying the fibers. So on the basis of all these characteristics, check the following properties in the fabric :

- (a) Fiber of the clothes.
- (b) Design of the clothes
- (c) Fastness of colour.
- (d) Decoration, strength and stability of the clothes
- (e) Vertical cutting of the clothes
- (f) Demand of clothes according to fashion, print and colour.

(ii) **Draping** : Dresses shopped from shops or showrooms should have trial rooms, so that we can know about the dress whether the clothe, color, fitting, style suits you or not. Take opinion of your mother or friends, so that they can help you to choose your dress. If trial room is not available then just put the dress on yourself and see it.

(iii) **Design and style of a dress** : Dresses available in the market are in many color, print, design, style. In that case it will become difficult to select the dress. Along with the demanding fashion & our interest we should take special care of our physique in selecting the dress; so that we can get satisfaction, otherwise instead of looking attractive it looks ugly.

(iv) **Stitching** : The stitches of readymade dress is check from the back side. For example :

- (a) The color of the thread should be according to the garment.

- (b) The color of the thread should be fast and strong.
- (c) Stitches should be strong, equal and neat.
- (d) The type of stitches should be used properly and it would be adjusant to each other.
- (e) Yarn is interlocked from the edges.
- (f) Adequate amount of cloth should be left so that alteration of length & width of the dress can be done.
- (g) Stitches for decoration should be neat & clean because they are visible in the garment very clearly.

(v) **Hemming** : Hemming is a important stitches in readymade garment. These stitches should be checked wheather they are at equal and uniform distance and should be precise and graceful. Stitches are closely tied. The thread of hemming should be fast and stable so that hemming of a garment do not open quickly. 2-3” spun is left in the dress, so that it can be opened when required.

(vi) **Strips and pleats** : Pleats, strips & button are important in readymade dress. Strips of neck, arm, back, front of shirt button should be checked carefully. Pleats should be in adequate amount and attached with cleanliness. Stitches should be graceful, straight, equal and on uniform distance. Up and down both strips are in proper length.

Pleats are used to give fullness or volume to the garments. Pleats are used in frock, skirt, lengha etc to make it beautiful. Palette are carefully stitched on equal & uniform distance should be checked. Enough clothes towards stitching side should be left so that equal pleats can be made. Equal, Uniform distance & graceful pleats make the garment attractive.

(vii) **Joints** : Button strips should be checked for appropriate joints in a dress. Because these joints are used to attach two sides of the garments.

- Button and buttonhole on the dress should be check properly like color of the button according to the dress; buttonhole is

neither too large or small. Extra button is attached with the garment or not. So that required same button can be stitched.

- Hook and thread loop of the dress, is matched with the dress color. Hook and thread loop is stitched strongly and gracefully on uniform distance and it would not be up and down.
- Jeans, pants, jackets, special kurt etc dress is attached with the zip. Zip should be checked by opening and closing more than two times. The width of the zip is matched with the dress color and firmly armed.

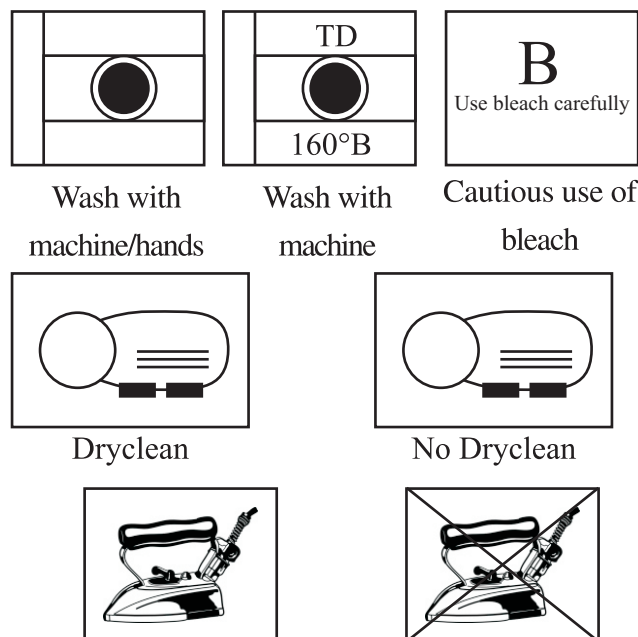
**(viii) Decorative items/ornamental :** In order to make these costumes attractive and beautiful, some decoration can be done, like stripped, embroidery, striped muslin (doriya), thicket (jhalar) etc.

- Striped, lace, striped muslin color must be fast.
- It is attached with the dress gracefully and properly.
- Decoration is according to dress, that is on cotton clothes cotton lace, on the clothes of nylon, nylon lace is stitched.
- Striped on the garment should be gracefully cut and stitched elegantly.
- Embroidery on the dress should be attractive and harmonious. Colour of thread should be deep and fast.

**(ix) Label :** Readymade garment have label. On that label important information is there, on that basis we can take care of garment. Like measure, number, price tag and direction to use care. It must be read carefully before buying the dress.

In this way on the basis of above mentioned points one can purchase good quality ready made garments.

Till now you studied information related to clothes, selection of clothes, sewing & readymade garments.



**Fig. : 24.1 Direction on Cloth**

### Important points :

- (1) Buying readymade garments save time and energy.
- (2) Readymade garments must have proper measurement, easy to care, fulfill the requirement, according to personality and along with that it should be comfortable too.
- (3) Selection of the dress on the basis of personality and age.
- (4) These points should be kept in mind while buying readymade garments like clothes, design, style, sewing , hemming, button striped, joints, decoration and label.
- (5) Label on garment give instructions like measure, number, type of yarn, price and care of clothes.

### Questions :

1. Choose the correct answer for the following questions :
  - (i) Quality to check the readymade garment :
    - (a) Yarn
    - (b) Design
    - (c) Deep color
    - (d) All of the above
  - (ii) Children of the same age their measure can be:
    - (a) Same
    - (b) different
    - (c) approximately same
    - (d) none of the above

- (iii) To check the stitch of the garment :  
(a) Opposite (b) Triad  
(c) Straight (d) All of the above
  - (iv) Readymade garment should be :  
(a) Comfortable (b) Attractive  
(c) Difficult to care  
(d) According to personality
  - (v) Readymade garment save the  
(a) Income (b) Time  
(c) Labored (d) Time and energy
2. Fill in the blanks :
- (i) Before buying the dress for individual it is necessary to know ..... and .....
  - (ii) ..... is there for the general information of the new costume.
  - (iii) Keeping in mind ..... select the design of the garment.
  - (iv) Readymade garment industry give a ..... shape
3. What is the purpose of the readymade garments?
  4. Explain why the trend of ready dress is increasing ?
  5. How to check the fitting of ready dress ?
  6. What points to be considered while selecting the dress ?
  7. Which points should be kept in mind while buying shirts for the father or brother and how?
  8. Explain the qualities of appropriate and good readymade garments.
  9. While selecting the dress for children which points should be kept in mind.
- Answers :**
1. (i) d (ii) b (iii) a (iv) a (v) d
  2. (i) Age and body measurements  
(ii) Labels  
(iii) Popular Fashion  
(iv) Business