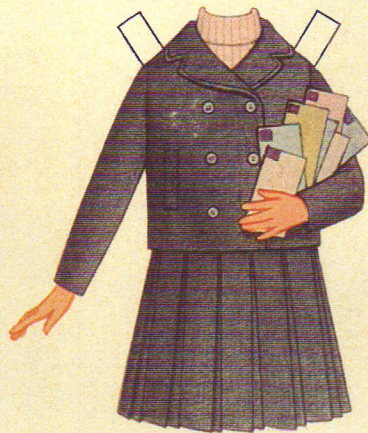
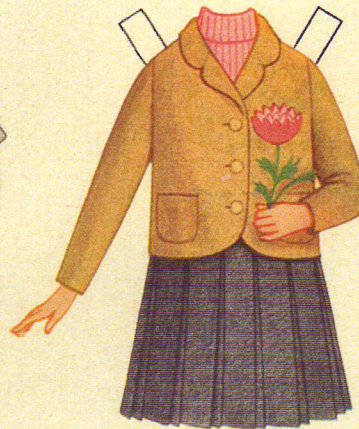


## Betsy McCall and the Big News

The big news around here is the **BIGGEST** news of my whole *life*. Mommy is going to have a **BABY** about the beginning of February! I don't know *how* I can wait that long; but Mommy says there are ever so many things to do till that time. The painters and the carpenters and the people who sell baby furniture have been coming to see Mommy with pictures and colors and things like that. And guess what my job will be! Choosing the name! I have been going through name books and our Bible. I started my list with old favorites—*Jane, Mary, Susan*; then flower names—*Poppy, Rose, Lily, Violet*. Daddy teased me about them: "How about *Sweet Pea*?" he suggested. "Or those flowers on Mommy's hat—*Artificial*? We could call her *Fishy* for short." Mommy laughed. "What makes you so sure we'll have a girl? She could be a **HE**, you know." That was true! So I started all over again, with names for boys. And then I suddenly thought: What if it's twins? Two girls or two boys? Or one of each? You see, it's not quite as easy as it sounds. Anyway, when we do decide, you'll be the first to know!



Gray wool is so nice for fall. Betsy wears a pink cotton turtleneck with a gray jumper



Her gray pleated skirt is neat with a gray jacket or with her new camel wool blazer