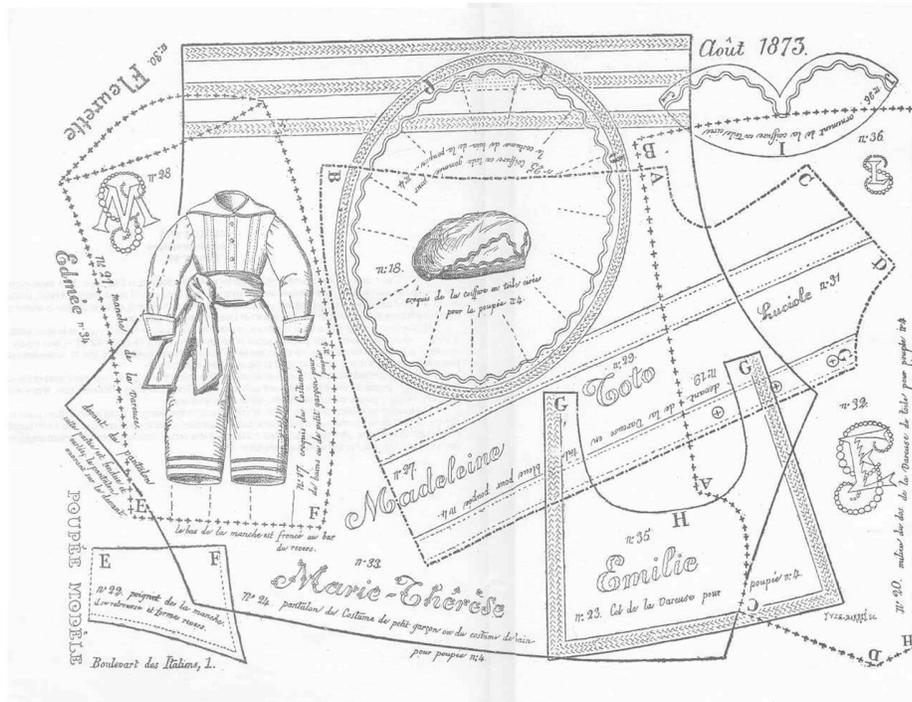


An Original Pattern Page



The illustration on the left is from a copy of *La Poupée Modèle* from the 1800s. As you can see the pattern pieces were all overlapped onto the same page. This was most likely done in the interest of saving space so the publisher could devote more time to advertising and articles. While it may have saved the publisher space and perhaps money, this method certainly makes it tougher on the consumer to separate, unscramble and use the pattern. Though from an artistic perspective the collage is intriguing, and it's fascinating from an historical point of view, we will continue to keep our patterns easier to access.

Tips and Tidbits

"For short pintucks I put a straight pin from the beginning of the tuck to the end and stitch enclosing the pin, then pull the pin out. For longer straight tucks I pull threads to make sure the rectangle (a petticoat for instance) is on the straight thread of the fabric and then pull a thread for the placement of each tuck. With these you can use a double pointed knitting needle of whatever size you want the same way as you use the pin. This makes life a lot easier!"
Agnes Sura

"I mark the placement first with an air dry marker, then pull threads, and pin. I think I will try Agnes' idea of a pin or knitting needle in place- it might make the tucks more even. Mine usually come out fairly even as I keep measuring them, and laying my needle along

the previous stitches as I take a stitch. This keeps a fairly straight line." Donna Neale

"Tucks? I look for old blouses or dresses that have tucks and use that material for Bleuette's blouse or dress. It worked really well for the First Communion Dress I made for Amilia. I was lucky to find a silk dress with tucks for \$3.00 at a garage sale!" Christine Bridy

"Place crochet thread where you want you tucks. Then sew the thread down using the double needle on the sewing machine. This works well for small tucks." Pam Wolf

Tips and Tidbits will be a regular column in the *Revue*. This Issue's grouping came (permission granted) from an online discussion in the Bleuette Sewing Group. Have you tips to share? Let us know!