

Making Her First Dress

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Anne O'Brien:

Well today is November 7th and I'm over to see Aunt Julie Ryland in ah..... L'Anse au Loup. So she's gonna tell me the story now about the first dress that she made. Okay Aunt Julie...

Julie Ryland:

Well I was down to Mary's Harbor and the doctor give me some cotton and when I came home, I wanted a dress made and I said to mom. I said "mom you got to make some dress for me now" and she said "no" she said "you make your dress yourself."

Now how was I gonna make 'em. So now I said when she went.... she said she was going berry picking and I said when she went berry picking, I got the catalogue, and I hunted for a dress that I liked and I said, I got the dress and I looked at the dress and I put the material down on the table and I looked at the old dress, I had there.

"So" I said, "I 'spose I got to start 'em". So I double the dress up in four pieces the tail part, and that's the way I cut 'em out. Cut him out four pieces, four pieces, four gores and ah... I sewed it together.

"Now", I said, "the body". "How's I gonna get the body?"

So I looked at the dress and seen how the sleeves were put in and how he was cut and I cut that out, and I sewed him together. And now I said the collar. The collar is the worst. So I got the piece of stuff, the piece of paper and I cut... I cut out the collar out. I sat down, I put 'em all together and when mom came home, I had 'em made.

She said..... I said "I got me dress made." "Yes" she said, "I bet you, you got your dress made". I said "yes, I got 'em made, I'll show 'em to ya." Brought him out and showed her. All I had to do then was hem.. 'em up. "Well" she said, "next one now, you'll know how to do it because, you'll cut him out by that one". Laughs

Anne O'Brien:
Hmmm..

Julie May Ryland:
So I made my dress and I wore him. I had him when I got married.

Anne O'Brien:

Gosh, that's a beautiful Beautiful story.

Julie May Ryland:

Yeah. I made dresses after I was married for Genevieve when she got married. I made the bridegirl dresses and that was stuff that was... that was right silky on one side and ruff on the other, but I made four, cut them out down on the floor. Spread the stuff out on the floor, cut them out and made them. Got married in them and then wore them out after.

Anne O'Brien:

What a beautiful story.

Julie May Ryland:

Yes my dear. Yup. Yup.

Anne O'Brien:

Well thank you very much ...

Julie May Ryland:

Yes my dear. Yup. Yup.

Anne O'Brien:

This is this is beautiful.

Julie May Ryland:

Sometime another I'll tell you another story.