

- 2 wool winter-weight suits
- 2 summer suits
- 1 sports jacket
- 2 pairs slacks
- jeans and casual slacks
- 2 sweaters
- 1 dozen socks
- 8 pairs shorts
- 2 pair pajamas
- 15 shirts—8 day, 4 sports, 3 dress
- 1 winter robe
- 1 summer robe
- slippers and shoes
- belts
- jewelry

If there's more money to spend, the couple should consider matched luggage. Matching will give them more flexibility when traveling together and individually. In addition to being strong, durable and lightweight, the pieces should be able to travel by plane, train, ship or car.

Both husband and wife should have an overnight case, weekender, and pullman case. Dress-and suit-carriers are also handy for hanging clothes without crushing.

The linen closet comes next. While the temptation is great to overbuy, care should be given because styles change and apartment-size linen closets don't hold much.

The experts recommend three complete changes of bed linen.

one electric blanket, one summer blanket, one mattress pad, and one bedspread for the bedroom.

For the bath, couples setting up housekeeping will need six bath towels, six face towels, six washcloths, six guest towels, a bath mat, shower curtain, and rug and cover set.

Moving into the kitchen, there should be one dozen kitchen towels, one dozen glass towels, one formal tablecloth and matching napkins, two sets of place mats and matching napkins, four potholders, and aprons.

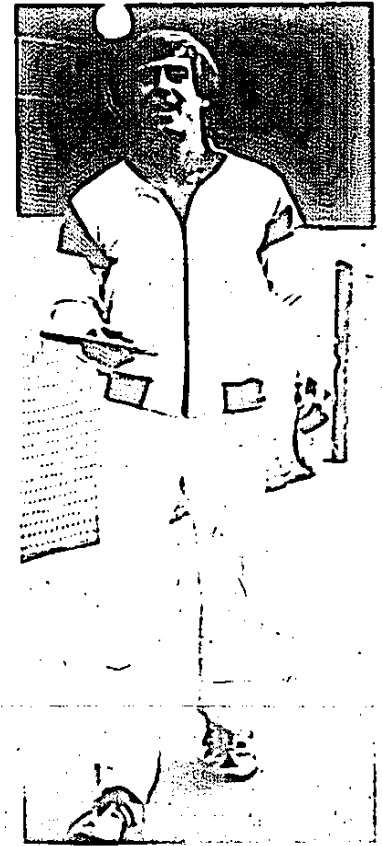
To set the table, homemakers need eight five-piece place settings each of casual and formal china, eight crystal settings of water goblet, champagne or sherbet glasses, and wine glasses; eight of each casual water and juice glasses; and eight five-piece place settings of both silverware and stainless.

The final additions to the trousseau include kitchen, laundry, cleaning and electrical utensils and equipment.

To wrap up the whole package and put the seal on it, many trousseau items may be monogrammed. Usually the first initial of the husband's last name is used on silverware, glasses and table linen. The bride's monogram—the initials of her first, maiden and married names—can also grace the top sheets and silverware.

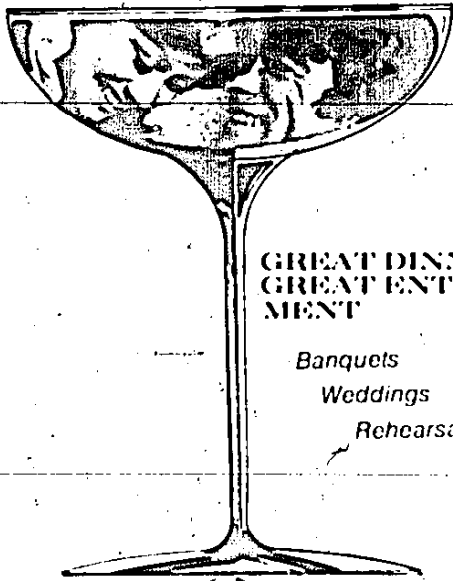


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