

Do You Have This McCall's Pattern?

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I get many questions about whether specific patterns are available for sale or where to buy the patterns. I don't mind these questions and point folks to the links inside each listing. If it is a popular pattern, though, it's sold and no longer available from the contributor. If the pattern has sold, I start emailing my contributors and running a few searches. The questions give me an excuse to go surf the web and look through boxes of patterns.

But today, I was thinking that there might be a more efficient way. Perhaps we can get sellers to come to the buyers. Starting today, I'll be writing blog articles which will appear on the front page of Patterns of History whenever someone requests a pattern.

Lately one of the most sought patterns is this McCall's pattern from 1957: McCall's 4045.

Chic & lovely cocktail evening dress. This simple yet sophisticated dress, designed by James Galanos, features a fitted bodice with deep V front & back necklines, full skirt & waistline belt accented by a bow. Pattern includes a petticoat. What a beautiful dress! A statement on the envelope notes that this pattern is "designed exclusively for McCall's by GALANOS".

When I get requests for patterns, I start emailing the folks that contribute to the Patterns of History database. Sometimes we link up a buyer with a pattern. Sometimes we start looking for alternative patterns. In the case of this pattern, it's very much in demand. Several buyers would like to use it for a wedding dress. It would make a gorgeous wedding dress.

So as unlikely as it may seem, if you've decided to sell your copy of this rare pattern, please post a link to your listing in the comments section or send me an email. There are people who are interested in purchasing this pattern, if you can bear to let it leave your collection.

And as a reminder, I do not set or suggest prices for patterns. It's a fluctuating market governed by supply, demand, and desirability. At the most, I will point to a listing with a price but I'm only pointing out the listings returned by the search engine and garnering a price from there. The value of a pattern is simply what buyer is willing to pay. Some buyers are willing to pay more than others. Sometimes buyers aren't willing to buy a pattern no matter how low the price.

If you are simply a spammer wishing to post your "work at home" link, don't even bother. I'm just going to delete it.