

IT SEAMS TO ME



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Everything you make can have a creative touch that marks it as your own. The designer, Valentino, often uses a V somewhere in his designs. You don't have to be that obvious, but you can find your own original mark.

For instance, you can make your own buttons — the possibilities are endless. A narrow, covered cord can be fashioned into a Chinese ball button or wound into a coil or some other design. One student ravelled threads from her fabric and crocheted a textured button to blend with her suit.

Ribbon can be rolled into a toggle type button or in other shapes. Fringe a bit of fabric and outline a self-covered button or roll it into a fuzzy ball. Rick-rack rosebuds can be used as buttons on a wash fabric. Once you start you will see possibilities all around you.

Bound buttonholes can be varied, too. Make them on a slant, or in one continuous strip in another color down the front of a dress. Make them in a triangular shape or any shape. Make them in a seam.

Belts are back in fashion and offer possibilities in multi-color effects and trims. Closures can be as varied as your imagination. Use a series of buttonholes and buttons in different colors, or eyelets and cord, or several parallel loops of fabric. Experiment with Velcro as a closure and apply a decorative touch to the belt itself.

If crewel embroidery is your hobby, add a touch of embroidery to your dress. You can buy decorative braids by the yard if embroidery is too slow for you.

Will your fabric make an attractive fringe? Place fringe edging on the collar, or the pocket or down the front. Is the wrong side of the fabric different enough to be used as a subtle trim? Maybe the selvage could be an attractive edging.

A word of caution when you are being creative. It's so much



STATE POULTRY QUEEN. One of the featured highlights of the Pennsylvania Poultry Festival held last week in Hershey was the crowning of the new state poultry queen. She is Gale Susanne Romesberg, 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Romesberg, Berlin R4.

Gale graduated from Berlin-Brothersvalley Joint High School in 1967 and is an Elementary Education Major at Shippensburg State College. She helps on the family poultry farm, retail egg route and is active in church groups, the Rainbow Girls and 4-H.

The Lancaster County entry sponsored by the local poultry association was Geni Hiestand, Marietta R1, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hiestand.

Runner-up in the state contest was Jo Ann Louise Prall, New Freedom, York County.

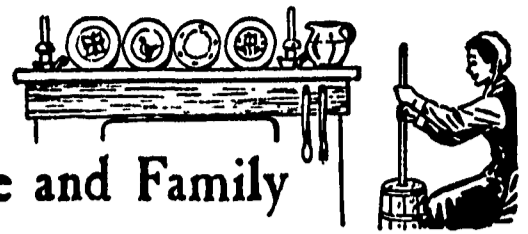
and end up with a homemade look. Decoration should be subtle and used one place on a garment for emphasis. Also, the decoration should be in harmony with the fabric. The fabric often suggests a decorative touch you will want to use.

fun that it's easy to go to far

Also, creative touches should come after you have mastered the basic skills of sewing. No matter how pretty the decoration, it doesn't add much to a poorly made garment.

Make your sewing a work of art signed with your own individuality.

For the Farm Wife and Family



Ladies, Have You Heard? . . .

By Doris Thomas, Extension Home Economist

Tips On Preserving Tomatoes

Tomatoes are one of the easiest of all vegetables to can at home.

You can preserve them whole or cut into pieces, packed hot or cold, and processed in a boiling water bath. You can also freeze tomato products.

Because tomatoes are easier to can than freeze, most people prefer to reserve freezer space for products which are easier to freeze than can.

You can make tomato juice, puree, chili sauce, and catsup.

Check your cookbooks or canning books for tasty tomato relish recipes.

About Cherry Tomatoes

Cherry tomatoes come mostly from Florida.

They vary in size from 3/4 to 1 1/4 inch in diameter.

Low in calories, these little tomatoes rate high in vitamins C and A.

They are usually ripe when you buy them so use the ripest ones first.

Keep them refrigerated.

They are colorful additions to salads and make bite-size tidbits for nibbling.

Ways to Improve Household Storage

Store things near where you use them first.

Store items at convenient heights.

Store together things you use together.

Store articles where they are easy to see.

Store items where they are easy to reach and grasp.

Build to fit storage needs. Keep storage flexible.

Discard seldom or never used items.

Serve Cucumbers Often

Use cucumbers in salads, or serve with sour cream.

Finely chopped cucumbers give a different touch to chicken or tuna sandwich spreads for fancy party sandwiches.

Combine cucumbers and fish by adding finely diced cucumbers to tartar sauce next time you serve fish, or use cucumber slices as a garnish.

Favorite Round Steak

Why not put a thin slice of round steak in a skillet with a lid and steam it long and slow for good flavor?

If you'd rather broil round steak, choose the top round rather than the bottom round. The top is more tender.

For boiling, choose high quality beef and be sure the top round is cut thick enough to retain the juices.



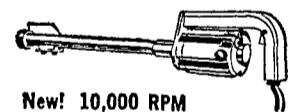
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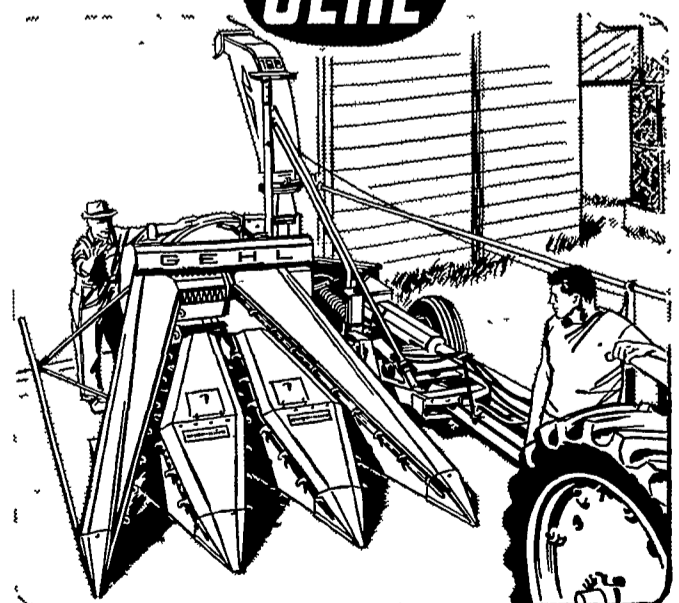
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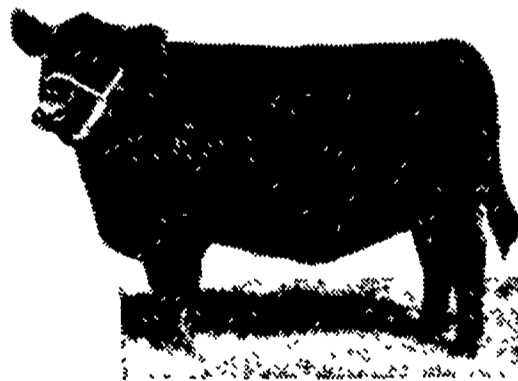


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