

LADIES HAVE YOU HEARD?



By Doris Thomas, Extension Home Economist

How to Select a Pattern For Diagonal Fabric

The return of suits and other classic styles has renewed interest in diagonal weaves and prints. Many people remember twill weaves, such as flannel, gabardine and serge, with ridges running from either the lower left corner to the upper right, or from lower right to upper left of the fabric.

The twill's distinctive ridges are greater if heavier yarns are used or if more than one color is used in the fabric. Home sewers should be sure to handle these distinctive twills carefully. Select a pattern design carefully. Before you buy a pattern, check the envelope for the warning: "Obvious diagonal fabrics are not suitable." Designs with slim skirts, few seams, straight underarm darts and set-in sleeves are best.

Avoid certain features, including collars and lapels cut on the fold, which have the diagonal stripes or weave running in different directions on the right or left sides. On one side of a V-neckline the diagonals will be parallel to the neckline and on the other side, they'll be perpendicular. Bias-cut seams also won't match.

Avoid long bias darts, such

as the French dart, because on one side the diagonal will be sewn into the dart and on the other side the diagonal will be broken and mismatched.

A kimono, dolman or other sleeve cut-in-one with the bodice also is a poor choice for a diagonal fabric. On one sleeve the lines will run horizontally and on the other side they will run vertically.

Diagonal weave fabrics have returned to the fashion spotlight. But be sure you select both patterns and ready-to-wear carefully.

Watch for Errors on Credit Billing

With credit so easy to use today, the possibility of a billing error increases greatly. When an error occurs, a consumer may have difficulty locating the cause of error and the right person to correct it.

Use the following steps to help correct an error should one occur.

Notify the store immediately, informing them of the error.

Obtain the name of the person contacted, making a note of it, and the date contacted. This information is helpful in case of necessary future contacts.

If contact is made in writing, don't send it with the

bill—and don't write on the bill itself. Keep a copy of the letter for future reference.

Send a registered letter to the credit manager or company president if you experience difficulty obtaining adjustments on legitimate complaints. In the letter, explain complaint in complete detail and give facts in a courteous manner. Also request that the post office furnish the signature of the person receiving the letter.

If still unable to settle a complaint, write to the local Consumer Protection Bureau. Provide details and copies of bills, receipts, cancelled checks or other evidence that prove your point. Also send a carbon copy of this contact to the merchant involved.

Usually, with accurate records and a business-like manner, consumers can correct billing errors. Legitimate businesses are anxious to retain the consumer's good will and keep him as a customer.

Here are several things you can do to help prevent billing errors in the first place:

Use a credit card when charging merchandise.

Examine sales slips to insure all spaces are correctly filled in and no unnecessary marks included.

Before signing a bill, make sure the total price is correct and in the right place.

Save duplicate sales slips and check bills against them. Know when billing dates are and make or mail payments in time to arrive before deadlines.

Return the correction portion of a bill with remittance.

Check bills for errors as soon as you receive them.

Farm Women Convene

Members of the Farm Women Society of Lancaster County attended an executive board meeting Tuesday at the home of Ann Diller, 2112 South View Drive.

Announcement was made by Barbara Long that membership in the 31 groups of Farm Women in Lancaster County has grown to 1,025 members.

Notes of appreciation were read from various groups which received financial and material aid from the group in 1973. These included the Extension Service on behalf of the nutrition aides for mittens donated to their youth Christmas party; the Tuberculosis and Health Society for assistance given in folding and stuffing Christmas seals.

The annual Spring Rally of Farm Women will be held at Memorial Hall of the York Fair Grounds on May 8. Reservations for the event to be hosted by York County Farm Women is April 15. Those wishing to attend should send a stamped, self-addressed envelope with their request and check to Mrs. Edward Brothers, Manchester RD2, Pa., 17345. Cost per ticket is \$5. Members of the executive board voted down a proposal to use bus transportation for the event.

The County convention will be held Nov. 2 at Lancaster Bible College. Connie Rutt was selected as chairman of the program committee. Assisting her will be Arlene Eshleman, Ida Jane Zercher, Gertrude Habecker and Marie Bucher.

Mrs. Johnson urged the membership to sponsor safety programs during the coming year within their respective groups. The county group received a certificate of merit from the state organization for 100 per cent participation in the project last year.

Next executive board meeting will be April 2 at the home of Ann Nolt.

State civil service examinations are not always written tests. Some examinations consist of an evaluation of the applicant's training and experience; others may be a combination of written, oral, and performance tests.

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Wednesday, February 13
Farm Women Society 14 meeting at the home of Mrs. Everett Newswanger, 1733 Lincoln Highway East.

Saturday, February 16
Farm Women Society 18 will entertain Society 3 at the Farm and Home Center, Lancaster.

Canadian Costs Rise

The Canadian pulp and paper industry has spent about \$200 million and needs to spend about \$750 million more for water pollution abatement. This amounts to \$4 per ton of product, according to H. David Paavila, environmental services director, Canadian Pulp and Paper Association. Air purification will cost the mills another \$250 million, he estimates.

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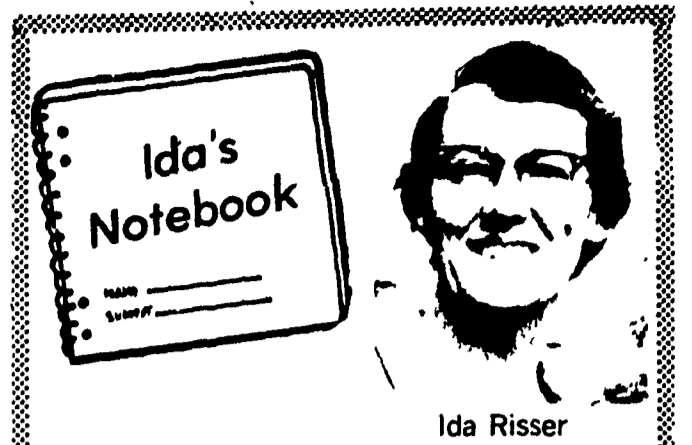
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Ida Risser

This is the ground hog's month! So, I'll tell you a ground hog story. Not so many years ago, we had two pre-teen boys who spied a baby ground hog in the middle of the meadow. In their minds, there was only one thing to do, and that was to catch it. They chased it up the nearest tree.

Now what was the next thing to do? Why, climb that tree, of course. When the small animal was held upside down by his tail, he did not react as expected. An old, heavy animal might not have been able to swing itself up and bite the hand that held it, but this one could, and did.

When I took one look at that bloody hand, I knew the doctor would have to stitch it. I'm sure the boy with the bandaged hand was a bit wiser as he sat down to eat supper that night.

During the winter months our kitchen turns into a bakery. Judy keeps us supplied with a wide variety of cookies and breads.

Due to the price of boxed breakfast cereals, I often bake something for our morning meal. Among the items my family finds on the table are cornbread, bran gems, muffins or biscuits.

Also considered nutritious and money saving are tapioca, egg custard, vanilla or chocolate pudding and graham cracker pudding. Each one uses a quart of milk plus several eggs.

There is one other group of food which I use to fill them up in the morning and that is fruit from the freezer. We choose from strawberries, applesauce, sliced peaches, raspberries or wineberries. All of the berries are picked on our farm and therefore we think they taste better.

Old sayings surely prove themselves to be true around here. My husband certainly gets "warmed twice" by the wood he chops for the fireplace. And, to keep the "home fires burning" can be a full time job as one log must replace another on the hearth.

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