

## Holiday gift ideas illustrated for ladies

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LANCASTER — Christmas in October was the theme last week when ladies from all over the Lancaster County area converged at the Farm and Home Center in Lancaster to gather ideas for the holidays ahead. There they were presented with gift, food, and decorating ideas to help them with their Christmas season approaching.

Virginia's Boutique was the first presentation on Tuesday's program, with Virginia M. Kloss showing and telling of gift ideas which can be made on the sewing machine.

She recommended that the ladies look in pattern books for ideas, and told them that they can be economical in their gift giving with the use of their sewing machine.

One of the items she showed was a casserole hot pad, which she related was made from 1/2 yard of quilted fabric. With that same piece of fabric she also made a hot pad and eyeglass cover, using all her material scraps.

Christmas is a time for children, she stated, and proceeded to show some "stuffedies" that she had made on her machine, including stuffed dolls and stuffed animals, including a stuffed frog and rat. The rat, which was very realistic looking, was made from fake fur. She told that all her stuffedies were filled with fiberfill.

For a new baby, she showed a gift idea of a gingham pin cushion with the baby's name embroidered on it.

For the younger children, there was what she called an education pillow. Made for tots, it featured different shapes and colors for them to relate to and learn.

Another idea for children, was a child's duffel bag, constructed of quilted fabric. She made hers waterproof by lining it.

A lot of the ideas from the sewing machine, she noted, are good for stocking stuffers.

She showed neckties and belts for the men, and showed the ladies how scarves could be easily made from big-squared fabrics with hand-rolled hems. She also illustrated different ways that scarves could be worn for a pleasing effect, stating that a scarf "gives life to an outfit".

Another gift idea was jar bonnets, which were simple circles of material, with rickrack sewed around the edges. Tied with a red bow and placed on top of the jar lid, they added a festive look to a gift of homemade canned goods.

For yourself for the Christmas season, she told the ladies to make themselves a blouse, something out of the ordinary, maybe of silver or gold.

Or make a vest, she told, using knit fabrics. Vests are very popular this year, she noted, and it is easy to make

a reversible vest, putting the button holes on one side of the outfit and double buttons on the other side.

For an unusual gift idea, that is appreciated, she told of taking fake fir, and making a throw cover out of it, perhaps for over the back of a sofa. She said to get something rather loose and fluid looking, and line the inside of it with a lightweight corduroy or flannel. To dress it up, she recommended putting trim around the edges, and then you have a very nice covering that looks nice draped over the back of a couch.

Something that the children could get involved in, she continued, was, the making Christmas ornaments from plastic foam balls. They can be decorated with fabric, ribbons, odds and ends which are fastened on with glue.

Lastly, she showed one of



Virginia Kloss holds up the tablecloth she made on her sewing machine, stating that the entire cost to make the items was about \$10. She also made cloth napkins to match her tablecloth, telling that the gift idea was easy to make as well as inexpensive.

her favorite creations, a table cloth cover and eight cloth napkins which she made for about \$10. The tablecloth was 60 x 72 inches long and she used 3 1/2 yards of a light drip-dry fabric that was easy to handle along with 16 yards of lace.

First she washed the

material and lace and then cut pieces of material 16 x 18 inches wide. The pieces were put together with the lace border sewn around the pieces. The napkins made were 12 inches square. She cautioned her audience to buy a firm lace, one without give.

## Schuylkill County honors 4-H Club leaders

FRIEDENSBURG - Schuylkill County 4-H Adult and Teen Leaders were recognized for their service this past year at a banquet in their honor held at St. John's United Church of Christ in Friedensburg.

Miss Chris Balmer, teen leader, of the Hegins Valley Trailriders Club, spoke to the group about her experiences this past July at 4-H Citizenship Short Course in Washington, D.C. This is an annual event held to educate older teens about their federal government and encourage good citizenship and local community involvement.

Mr. Thomas Terry, chief juvenile probation officer in Schuylkill County, spoke to the group about the juvenile justice system in Pennsylvania and how it is implemented in the County.

County leaders who attended and were recognized for service were: First year leaders - Mrs. Albert Brensinger and Ms. Doris Moyer of the Friedensburg Flying Fingers; Mrs. Nancy Thomas of Greenbriar Horse and Pony Club; and Carla Shadle of the Weishample Cloverettes.

Second year leaders - Mrs. Alice Hill of Saint Clair Eager Beavers; Mrs. Dolores Beibleheimer, Mr. Russell Miller, Ms. Judy Troxell, and Ms. Norma Troxell of West Penn Area Community Club; and Miss Sherry Miller of the West Penn Horse and Pony Club.

Fourth year leaders - Mrs. Faye Lehman of Friedensburg Flying Fingers; Mrs. Joan Adams and Mrs. Nancy Adams of the Greenbriar Horse and Pony Club; and Mrs. Darlene Lodato of the Mustangs.

Fifth year leaders - Mrs. Ardith Moyer of Friedensburg Flying Fingers; Mrs. Sue Blain of the Mustangs; Mrs. Trudy Hupka of Saint Clair Eager Beavers; and Mrs. Zita Harner of Weishample Cloverettes.

Sixth year leaders - Mr. Larry Lodato of the Mustangs. Seventh year leaders - Mrs. Wilma Klinger of Weishample Cloverettes; and Mrs. Kathryn Troxell of West Penn Kanine Masters. Eighth year leaders - Mrs. Arlene Felty of the Lewistown Valley 4-H Club. Ninth year leaders - Mrs. Sandy Balmer of Hegins Valley Trailriders; and Mrs. Sandy Trabosh of Saint Clair Eager Beavers.

Twelfth year leader - Mrs. Linda Roberts of the Lewistown Valley 4-H Club. Thirteenth year leader - Mrs. Rita Babyar of Mahanoy City 4-H Club. Fourteenth year leader - Mrs. George Maurer of Weishample Cloverettes. Sixteenth year leader - Mrs. Marion Miller of Nuremberg 4-H Club. Twenty-first year leader - Mrs. Lillie Kauffman of Auburn Cheerful Workers.

4-H Teen Leaders present and recognized were: Jack Kauffman of the Auburn Cheerful Workers; Chris Balmer of the Hegins Valley Trailriders; Elayne Hupka of Saint Clair Eager Beavers; and Gail Header of the Weishample Cloverettes.

### Compensation sought for predator losses

PARK RIDGE, Ill. - Farm Bureau legal counsel will explore the feasibility of securing compensation for livestock owners who sustain severe losses to predators.

This move followed a request by the American Farm Bureau Federation board of directors after it had studied and accepted a recommendation by its sheep advisory committee.

"The U.S. sheep industry is in trouble," says Al Keating, livestock specialist in AFBF's Commodity Division. "Sheep and lamb numbers have decreased 44 per cent in the last 10 years, primarily because of coyote predation."

Keating points out that many Western sheep ranchers have been forced out of business because of ex-

cessive lamb losses to coyotes. The problem has been compounded by government regulations prohibiting the use of the most effective coyote control measures.



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