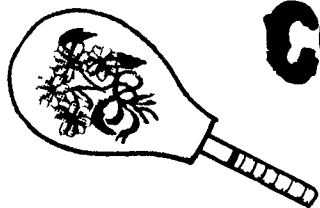


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turn into expensive-looking originals by adding stain ribbons and bows.

Almost anything is possible with ribbons and imagination. Here are some suggestions:

MATERIALS: Preshrunk 100 percent polyester ribbons in any color, pattern or width desired. C.M. Offray ribbons, which have virtually no shrinkage, are recommended.

TUXEDO LOOK: Suggestion: Use velvet ribbon on a flannel, tailored pantsuit. 1. Stitch ribbons along the seamlines, hem, collar and cuffs of the jacket. 2. Stitch ribbons along side seams of the trousers.

MATERIALS: Culottes or gaucho pants with full legs; sewing machine; matching thread; straight pins; tailor's chalk or felt-tip fabric marking pen; iron.

PREPARATION: 1. Rip crotch seam to about 9 inches below the waistline. If zipper is in center-

front or center-back, zip crotch seam to one-half inch below bottom of zipper. 2. Reinforce seam to keep it from coming unstitched. 3. Take out hem.

CREATING NEW SEAMS: 1. Try garment on, right side out. 2. To establish center-front seamline, overlap front pieces at center front, and pin together. 3. Establish center-back seamline by pinning together back pieces.

BASTING: 1. Take off skirt. Mark new seamlines with fabric marking pen or tailor's chalk. 2. Re-pin with right sides together. 3. Baste. 4. Trim away excess fabric, but leave generous seam allowances.

STITCHING: 1. Gently press seams open. 2. Try on skirt again; make adjustments if necessary. 3. Machine-stitch seams. 4. Trim seams to five-eighths inch, and overcast. 5. Hem skirt. 6. Press all seams open.



Give plain pants tuxedo look

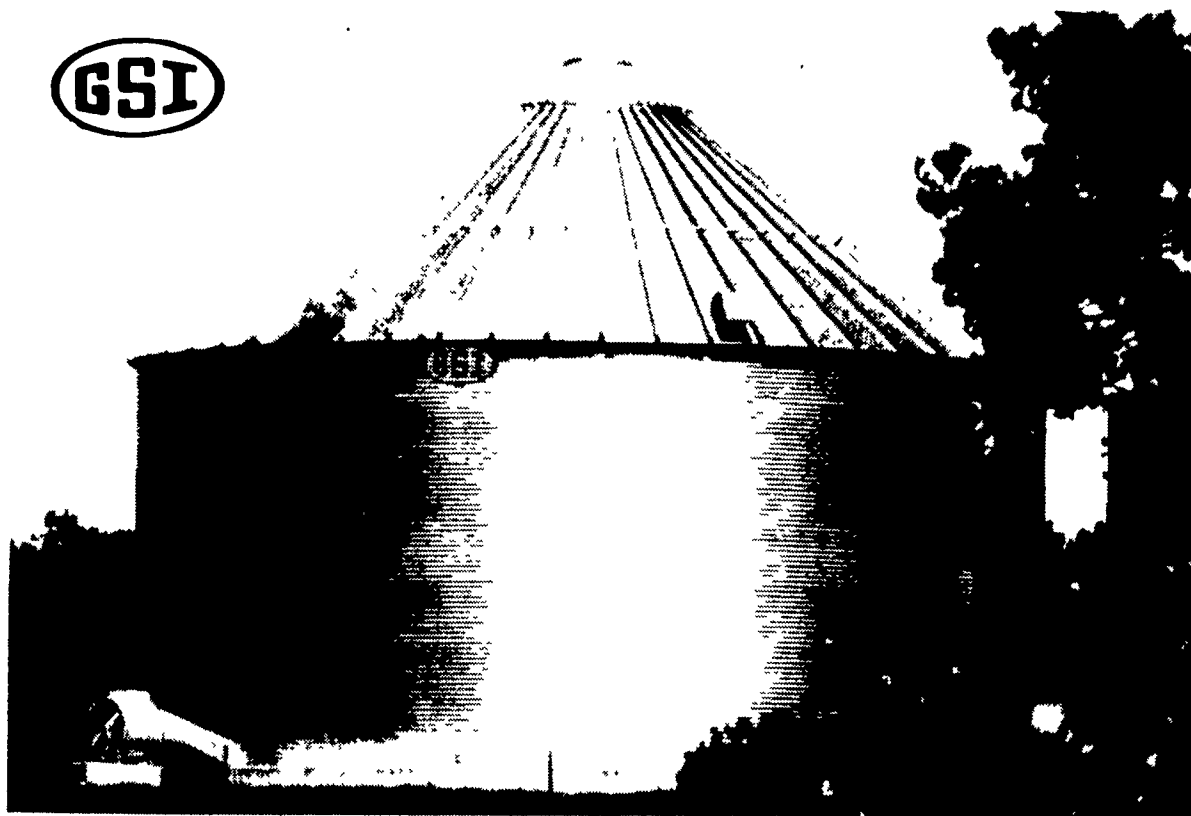
Keeping up with fashion doesn't always require large sums of money or long hours at a sewing machine. This year, one of the prettiest, easiest and least expensive ways to brighten up your wardrobe is with the addition of ribbons and trim.

Because of the wide variety of

ribbons available nowadays, you can find the right ribbon for any garment. Most variety stores carry ribbons in a multitude of colors, patterns and widths.

By stitching ribbon on a tailored pantsuit, for example, you'll create a fashionable tuxedo look. In the same way, plain sweaters

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Bradford Extension offers pattern alteration class

TOWANDA — Anyone can make patterns fit! Learn how at an Extension-sponsored workshop on Monday, Oct. 15 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Claverack Electric. Irene James, nationally known home economist instructor and author, will present her own fitting techniques in the four hour workshop, "Alterations By The Number."

Your fitting questions will be answered in detail in Irene's workshop as she handles many pattern alteration problems and pattern types. Everyone participates on 1/4 scale patterns and learns together. She shows "Fitting-by-the-Numbers" using the skills of any designer or pattern grader: Pivot and Slide. These techniques can be used on any pattern style.

Everyone in attendance will be measured for their correct pattern size, the first and most important "Number" in her fitting system.

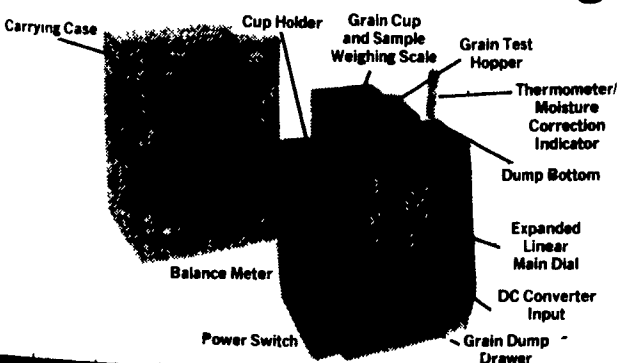
The other numbers Irene will explain completely are:

1. What are your own individual alteration changes?
2. How much ease is allowed in every pattern you make?
3. How do you place the guide numbers on your pattern?
4. How can you follow these numbers to alter for both length and width?

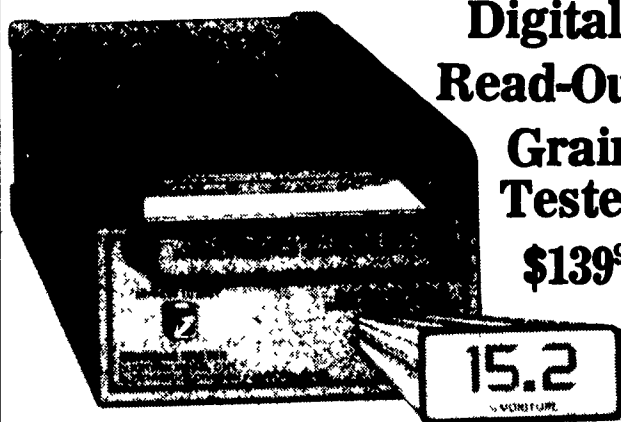
Using this system and participating in the workshop will allow anyone to have a closet full of clothes that fit them!

For more information and to register for the workshop, contact the Bradford County Extension Office, 701 South Fourth Street or call 265-2896.

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