

Elaine Baro demonstrates tricks with scarves during a workshop on creating several different looks using a basic garment. She is wearing a bungee scarf and is arranging a pretied scarf that can easily be made in different lengths.

Making 'Cents' Out Of Fashion

LOU ANN GOOD Lancaster Farming Staff LEESPORT (Berks Co.) Elaine Baro creates a whole wardrobe from a few basic

The secret, she reveals, is in selecting a neutral color and accessorizing it with scarves, jewelry, or harmonizing pieces to give it a whole new look.

During a recent workshop at the Berks County Ag Center, Baro worked her magic by mixing and matching by using a black dress, jacket, pants, print skirt, and solid-color shirts.

"I'm a big fan of vests," Baro said. Vests provide other options to give a different look to pants, skirts, and dresses. Other choices to update a black outfit are a polka-dot shirt or one in a leopard print.

Denim can also be combined with black to make it more sporty. Baro showed how an oversized denim shirt embroidered with a touch of black and other colors coordinated with black pants.

Baro is a big proponent of scarves that can dress up, slim down, and enhance a dress, suit, or top. Scarves need not be expensive purchases. Baro demonstrated how to make many different styles using sheer fabrics and serging edges or by hiding the seam.

One of her most popular versions is the bungee scarf. To make it, select a sheer, nonwrinkable fabric. Cut a 121/2 by 45-inch piece of fabric.

Cut a 21-inch piece of 1/4-inch elastic. Center elastic ends in the middle of fabric ends and stitch in place. Turn fabric to right side and stitch shut the opening. Ends will resemble a rosette; handstitch in place. When ready

121/2"

Fold

fabric in half lengthwise with right sides together.

Sew along the long edge of fabric, but leave a 34-inch opening in the middle to turn. Sew each end.

to wear, simply overlap ends of scarf one time to hold in place.

Although separates can be made to coordinate by stitching a print on plain material and vice versa, "Plain colors give more opportunity for mix and

matching," Baro said.

"Don't discard an item with a food stain," Baro said.

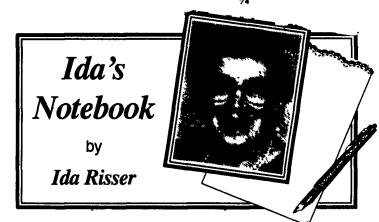
She showed how the stain can be incorporated into a design through block printing using acrylic paints or by applique with a coordinating fabric.

For more information on classes or scarf instructions by Elaine Baro, contact the Berks County Extension office at (610) 378-1327.

Cumberland County to see a tree, but it was dead. This was a particular chestnut tree that had sprouted after the blight killed it. People are working on developing an American chestnut that is blight resistant. The day was not a complete loss as we stopped in a churchyard to eat the lunch that I had packed and then visited his brother in another county. He gave me a recipe for "India Fry Bread." He had just made some and it is similar to a fastnacht.

The next day my husband and his brother decided to visit another brother in a veteran's home in Blair County. They were gone 12 hours and finally got home blaming the long day on a flat tire. That may have been part of the very long day.

The next day I had the privilege of going along to a 65th reunion of his high school class. It is surprising to see how many are still able to attend. Many of the attendees were not willing to eat the big meal that was served, and so many "doggy bags" were required. The program was presented by a class member who is a world traveler. And, he has another trip planned for the fall.



So far this year we've had plenty of rain and so the strawberry crop and the sugar pea crop have been plentiful. Thus we've shared both with friends and relatives. Seldom do people say "no" when you bring

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