

Here's How You Can Sew Well-Fitted Pants

The new pant look is solving a multitude of problems for multi-shaped women.

But it creates a few problems too.

Pant suits are appearing in many places where they wouldn't have been seen a few years ago. They go to shopping centers on ladies who want to combine comfort and style. They show up at smart luncheons, worn by those not quite ready to approve the mid and boot costume.

Now approved by school administrators and retail store executives, pants and coordinated tops are becoming a uniform for students and saleswomen.

BUT WOMEN are learning that perfect fit, a quality to be desired in any outfit, is an absolute must with pants.

And the home dressmaker who had little difficulty whipping up a smart shift now finds she needs more specialized know-how to make a pair of pants just right for her.

That's the reason for the Pants Perfection class, being offered by the J.L. Hudson Co. for the first time in its Westland store, beginning the week of Jan. 11.

Pants Perfection will give those who attend two-hour sessions at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, and Friday, Jan. 15, instructions on pattern adjustment to make a well-fitted pair of slacks. The cost is \$5.



FITTING MEASUREMENT—Mrs. Louise Martin, (left), Hudson's sewing director, shows Mrs. Helan Kramer of the Westland sales staff how to make a crotch measurement to assure perfect fit in home-sewn pants. (Observer photo)

IT IS only one of a complete line of sewing courses coming to Westland for the first time.

Also beginning the week of Jan. 11 will be four six-week classes in fashion sewing.

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designed for any home dressmaker from the beginner to the woman interested in learning tailoring, two courses in making fashion lingerie, sewing and knitting courses for mothers and daughters and a men's sewing class.

"Hudson's sewing program was developed to fill the need for education created by the home-sewing boom," said Mrs. Louise Martin, Redford Township resident and Hudson's sewing director.

"Indications are that sew-

ing education is here to stay, due to high cost, poor fit and often poor quality of ready-to-wear clothing.

"In this tense, progressively more automated world, there is a need for creativity and individuality. Sewing and related arts may well be the answer."

THE PANTS Perfection class, like others offered, will be taught by certified teachers. Mrs. Martin said. Classes are kept small, so pre-registration and advance payment are requested.

Registrations are being taken in the pattern department of the Westland store or by calling the store, 425-4242, extension 517. Further information on hours and costs of the other courses also is available by calling that number.

Women who register for the Pants Perfection class will make patterns of muslin or any other firm fabric for future use in making slacks tailored to their own figures.

"The idea is to experiment with pattern adjustment to get a perfect pattern," Mrs. Martin said.

Important measurements that must be included in making a pair of pants fit correctly include waistline, hip and abdomen and the crotch length, made by measuring from the waist to a flat surface when seated.

ADJUSTMENTS also need to be made for varying leg width, large abdomen, sway back or derriere differences.

Mrs. Martin said.

The women will get specific instructions on adjustments on how to choose a pattern (usually by hip measurement because it's easier to adjust the waist), and how to make adjustments (by drawing lines in the pattern and opening or closing darts).

There also will be advice on choosing the best of slacks styles now popular to match specific figure types.



EN GARDE—Elizabeth Howie and her brother, Dennis, cross foils during a workout of the Northwest YMCA Fencing Club. Standing behind them are their father, Jerry (left), Mrs. Shirley Papp, Madard Heilmann and Carl Kasza. (Observer photo by Harry Mauth)

Northwest YMCA Fencing Club Boasts Champ, Opens New Term

New registration opens Monday, Jan. 4, for the fencing program that has enjoyed five years of popularity at the Northwest YMCA, Grand River at Beech, Redford Township.

The Y Fencing Club that meets each Tuesday following beginners' instruction has produced at least one champion and many enthusiastic members.

Mrs. Kathy Sears, who comes from St. Clair Shores each week to practice with the Northwest Fencing Club, now has won two first place awards in meets sponsored by the Amateur Fencing Leagues of America in St. Bernard's Monastery, Dearborn.

Mrs. Sears is one of more than 30 fencers who gather Tuesday evenings for beginners classes from 7 to 8 p.m.

and the club session from 8 to 10:30 p.m.

NICK PAPP of Detroit coaches the club and his wife, Shirley, is teacher of the beginners' class.

Mrs. Sears took her first in the AFLA meet in October fencing against 13 others in the women's division. In the same meet, Carl Kasza of Southfield took a second and Jerry Howie of Farmington a third.

Howie, his wife, Pat, and children, seven-year-old Elizabeth, and eight-year-old Dennis, find fencing a most satisfactory family sport.

Dennis began fencing three years ago in the YMCA Saturday recreation program at Ford High School and Elizabeth now is a member of that class. Their mother is the instructor.

MEMBERS of the club say fencing is great for improving reflexes and coordination as well as providing good exercise.

A recent innovation they have enjoyed is the use of electric foils, which simplify judging and improve the aim of the participants.

Another Boy

Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Barnes Jr. of Burroughs Street, Plymouth, announce the birth of a son, Matthew Blake, Thursday, Dec. 10. Matthew has a brother, Fisher of Plymouth.

Michael, who is three. The baby's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barnes of Ecorse. The baby is also a grandson of the late Blake W. Fisher of Plymouth.

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Winter Term Registration Starts

Registration for the winter term of classes at the YWCA, 25940 Grand River, will open on Jan. 4 for classes that begin the week of Jan. 19.

A wide selection of activities for men, women and children will be offered daytime and evenings.

The evening schedule includes many classes which are of equal interest to men and women such as ballroom dance, Yoga, bridge, painting, guitar, ceramics, fencing, astrology, woodcarving, driver training and aircraft ground school.

Adult daytime programs are scheduled around women's interest which include various levels of sewing,

knitting, decoupage, Yoga, physical fitness, all levels of bridge, ballet, car mechanics, needlecraft, folk art, marime, beauty clinic, art, guitar, bowling and parent education.

A NURSERY SCHOOL is available for women with pre-school children and a special package rate is offered on "Ladies Day Out" Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

YWCA Youth and Teen program is also geared to both boys and girls and activities are held after school and at Ford High School on Saturdays.

Branch classes include teen art, driver training, sewing, crafts, crocheting and knitting, guitar, youth self-defense for girls, babysitting, and ballet.

The Saturday Ford program is geared to sub-teens and includes a morning's activities with a choice of skill classes in swimming, fencing, creative dance, baton, gym, and crafts.

REGISTRATIONS for all programs will be taken at the YWCA building, 25940 Grand River, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. till 7 p.m. beginning Jan. 4.

For more information, call the Northwest YWCA at KE 7-8500. The YWCA is a Torch Fund Agency.

St. Mary Refresher

A new refresher course for inactive registered nurses interested in returning to work will be offered beginning March 1 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia.

Nurses wishing to take it should call the hospital to make arrangements for an interview.

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