

Keep it neat

Cluttered closets hang-up wardrobe versatility

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Getting the most from your clothing investment is one big mix-and-match game, say Saks Fifth Avenue fashion coordinators who recently staged a show for working women to explain how to play the game.

There aren't any rules to the game because the goal is creative accessorizing and individualizing.

But the essential ingredient is closet organization.

Without that, say the experts, you will not get a full dollar's worth out of anything you own.

THE ORGANIZATION starts with the proper grouping of clothes, or, better, re-grouping, because women are prone to hang suits in the closet as units.

When you take these units apart and hang all the shirts together as a group, all the pants together, all the jackets together and such, you are on your way to better

all-year-around mixing and matching. The fashion coordinators say we see as fixed in our heads with the this-jacket-goes-with-this-dress idea that we are likely to discard an entire unit, while the dress alone may have been a good piece to use for an entirely new ensemble.

The theory goes that when you have re-grouped your closet according to category, you will think of yourself putting vests over dresses, or changing color combinations, or pairing a bathing suit cover-up over pants, all with a new eye and a new perspective.

You become qualified for the musical clothes game when you start thinking of dresses as coats or looking for new layered combinations.

SCARVES REMAIN the single biggest smart accessory a woman can have this year, and the experts had a few things to say about them.

First, have a large collection of them, in any and every color combination and

shape. Second, hang them, according to color, on hangers with clips.

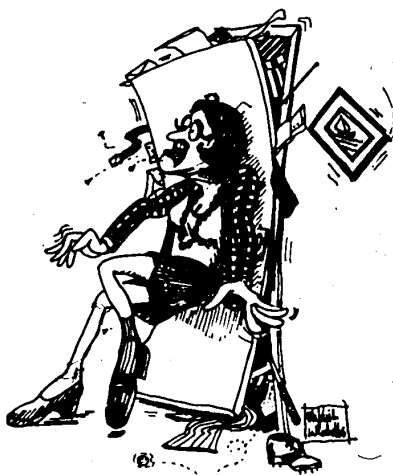
The system keeps the scarf from becoming rumpled and keeps you from having to rummage through drawers for them. And you can easily use what's available while you are playing the mix-and-match game.

A must for the well-organized closet is a peg board, or a cork board fixed with nails. Or you can use a stretcher-type hat rack that can be bought in any dime store for \$1.98.

The Saks coordinators call it your "accessory board."

It is to be used for long chains and ropes of beads to prevent them from becoming knotted into big balls. Belts, bracelets, sun glasses, pendants, or anything else that is easily mislaid goes up on the accessory board.

Making belts and jewelry visible at a glance, is one more edge you've got in playing the game that makes the most of your original clothing investment.



Fashion calendar

June 7-8-Beth Hubbard, home economist and fashion consultant of Burda Patterns will be at Hudson's, Northland for consultations on home sewing.

June 8-13-Detroit's Automotive Designers will be saluted by Saks Fifth Avenue in a week of activities at the Detroit store including exhibits of car designs, past present and future, a fashion show of swimwear and a special collection of jewelry inspired by automotive parts designed by Brenda Rosenberg and Lynn Walsh.

June 16-Alice Blaine will make a personal appearance with her collection at Saks, Detroit.

LUNCHEON SHOWS

Tuesdays-Informal modeling by Alvin's at Cooper's Arms Restaurant, Rochester.

Thursdays-Informal modeling by Boulevard Fashion Salon at the Atrium, Telegraph north of Twelve Mile Road.

Wednesdays-Informal modeling by Alvin's at the Troy Hilton Haymarket, Troy.

Fridays-Informal modeling by Alvin's at Bedell's, Bloomfield Hills.

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For spring, the choices are many: Mini-flowering prints, small polka dots, cubes, petites fleurs, the thinnest stripes and small-scale spatters in bright and seasonless tones cover 16, 27- or 32-inch squares of cotton or silk.

At top left, a 22-inch pure silk floral square is tied around a straw hat for a casual look. Dress up the look by twisting the scarf and tucking in the ends. Another dressed up look can be achieved by wrapping the scarf around your head and then putting on the hat, ends in for sophistication, out for casual.

On the right two prints combine for one look. Reverse prints work well together, here achieving a spectacular look. Other prints will work together too, providing the colors are complementary and the patterns don't overpower each other.

If your bored by head wraps and neck ties, a 27-inch scarf can become a bandeau. The scarf folds into an oblong shape, knots in the middle and ties in the back. Wear it under shirts, or if you dare, by itself.

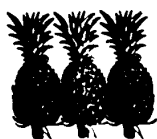
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