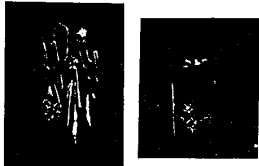


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Woman will have a new look this fall. She will appear taller and sleeker with padded shoulder blazers and straight skirts instead of the full, round look of the summer's peasant apparel. Men's looks are changing, too, becoming more tailored as temperatures cool.

Changing from one look to another doesn't mean spending a fortune to update a wardrobe. All it means, according to Janet Varner, Betty Baja and John Thawley, is using your imagination and some experimentation in front of your mirror.

"Clothes are loose and easier for men," said Thawley. "A man has to accessorize more subtly than a woman. The best-dressed man this fall will be the one who uses his own clothes as accessories, using one jacket with jeans as well as dress pants."

Thawley stressed that men should experiment with clothes they already have. Push up the sleeves of the sport coat; put up the collar in the back. Wear a small collared shirt over another shirt and show both collars. Hunt for pins in antique shops; or, use the method of the John Thawley Courier owner, buy a button from a gum machine for a casual look.

NO, WOMEN WON'T find it quite so easy to accessorize themselves. There are hats, pins, scarves, purses, bracelets, earrings and belts to be considered.

The thing to remember about fashion,

according to Janet Varner, is that you can make your own look.

She recommends trying to find World War II pins in the attic to wear to achieve the military look. Even if hubby can't fit into his World War II pea jacket or admiral's cape, you can and should. To emulate the Western look, top pants and skirts with vests, with or without a blouse underneath.

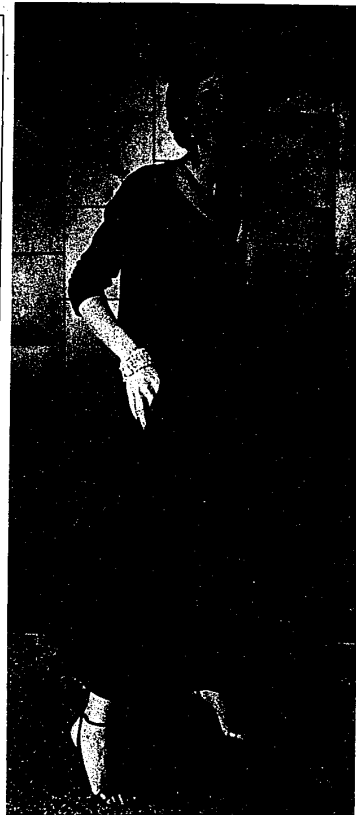
Add silk tassel cords to your accessory assortment, and wrap them around your waist, she said. Drape them over your hip or shoulder and tie them on the opposite side around your waist for a new look. Tassel chords are available, don't forget, at drapery shops as well as apparel shops like Janet Varner's Inc., Rochester.

Focusing on accessories will be more important this season since clothes will be understated. Betty Baja, co-owner of B.J.'s in Birmingham, recommends concentrating on accessories instead of spending all your money on clothes.

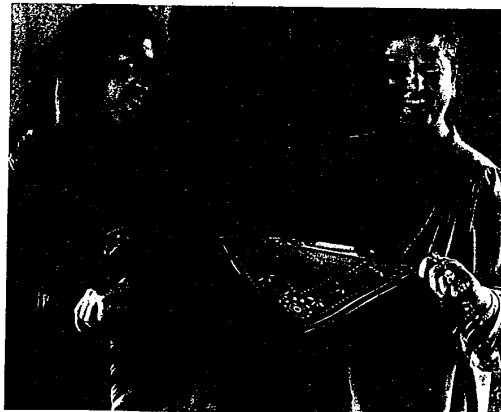
"You can be fat or skinny, but with accessories, you can help yourself look better," said Betty, who is a wizard at accessorization. "If you have a short neck, wrap a scarf around the lower part of your neck. If you're short, don't put a belt around your waist. Use it at your hip or above your waist. If you're hippy, put a belt high up to slim you. Wrap a belt around you following the way your blouse buttons to make you look thinner."

A non-stop source of accessory tricks, Ms. Baja recommends pasting rhinestones on safety pins to achieve a hot fashion look. "Rhinestones or any kind of fake diamond will be the look for fall," she stressed.

"You can paste rhinestones on any gold piece, too. Gold you can wear with anything; silver is only good with black or grey."



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Develop a knack for tying last year's scarves into exciting new ropes and ties. Betty Baja, right, gives partner Jill Friedman a lesson in mixing stripes, patterns and fabrics. Separates are by Emanuel Ungaro at B.J.'s Boutique, Birmingham.

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