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# Now's time to make a splash



Joan Antos likes the classic simplicity of a separates pairing in denim. Underneath she's wearing a bathing suit. Liz Claiborne separates are from the Clothes Pin.



Proving that glamorous, look-pretty swim suits take to the water just as well as any others, Laura Abbott, left, and Pat Ghandchi took the plunge. Now

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Dressing for an "on again, off again" summer means looking for "on again, off again" clothing.

To begin with, you will need a bottom layer designed to keep you cool on sunny, sizzling days, and top layer just in case temperatures drop or you have errands to run.

There is no better time to be looking for seasonal clothing than right now. Just as our summer seems to have caught up with the calendar, the stores are filled with sale merchandise at prices often reduced by half.

There is an emphasis this season on fashionable clothing designed for the back yard, which is ideal since the energy crunch has forced us all to plan activities close to home.

Barbara Niederlander, owner of Under-it-All, a Franklin Village leisure boutique, explains, "Women are starting to dress up for their back yards this summer because they are doing a lot of entertaining at home."

For our area back yard fashion story, we decided to stick as close as possible to our own back yard. To locate what we needed we walked into the

heart of our hometown, Franklin Village, where fashionable boutiques flourish in historic buildings.

Once there we gathered four customers, lots of summer sale merchandise, and headed for a nearby back yard pool.

The site we chose was hidden behind a stunning wrought iron fence. Inside, we were awed by the sight of a sparkling free-form pool which seemed to spring naturally from a gardener's paradise. The flawless summer retreat had everything, including fountains and exotic plantings as well as a healthy, growing gaggle of children who love to splash around in the pool.

WHILE THE models dressed in their swim suits we plotted ways to dunk them in the pool. From then on, everything evolved naturally into terry wraps, cocktail cover ups and eventually back into street clothes for a shopping home with a stop for groceries on the way.

Our volunteer model-customers assure us that they all had a good time during our adventure in energy conservation. We found Pat Ghandchi of Birmingham and Laura Abbott of Franklin Village in the Under-it-All leisure wear boutique. Ms. Ghandchi had just

purchased a sleek black bathing suit and admitted to being delighted with the half-off price tag. Ms. Abbott, home for the summer from Michigan State University where she is majoring in psychology, was looking for a pool wrap.

At Dickens Boutique, we found Cindy Krainen of Southfield who arrived in layered clothing to shop for summer clothes. Under her jacket and skirt she wore a strapless bathing suit because she planned to go to the beach later in the day.

At the Clothes Pin we met Joan Antos of Beverly Hills who told us she loves the classic look of a navy denim jacket and skirt as a summer cover-up for playwear.

Incidentally, the same shops, Under-it-All and Dickens Boutique, also offered bargains in several other varieties of fashion wear.

Embroidered summer cotton lingerie, summer sleepwear and terry sportswear are attractively displayed at Under-it-All.

At Dickens Boutique sun dresses included simple cottons for day, and more sophisticated fabrics for night. Silk dresses and separates were also marked at half-off prices.



Refreshed from her swim Joan Antos chose cool summer separates from the Clothes Pin summer sale. She teams a blue crinkle cotton top with poly-sharkskin pants.



For glamorous back yard entertaining poolside Laura Abbott chose Ariel's petal strapless suit and an all cotton gauze wrap. Cindy Krainen selected an ensemble by Gottex, a boldly printed catan to cover her matching swim suit. And Pat Ghandchi decided on a sleek black swim suit topped by a madly printed skirt, also by Gottex.

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By JUDY SOLOMON

### Miracle workers

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House of Renew, 251 Merrillwood Mall, Birmingham, 642-0363 (closed Mondays.)

### Right angles

If you're a professional cook, the best way to sharpen your knives is by hand with one of those long dagger-like butcher steels. If you're not a pro, butcher steels are very tricky to use because it's difficult to get the correct angle. Therefore, you should know about the Chantry Knife Sharpener (\$27.50) which produces mechanically the movements used with the ordinary butcher's steel and ensures a correct edge angle. Made in England, the Chantry Knife Sharpener gives a sharp cutting edge to both stainless and ordinary steel knives.

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### Trash with Flash

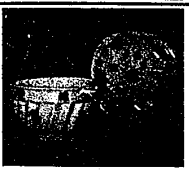
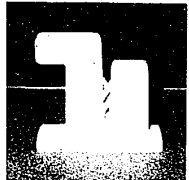
It was designed for children but rumor has it that a lot of adults also find the Oscar the Grouch Talking Alarm Clock to be irresistible. Priced at \$25, it's a grouchy Oscar sitting on a gray plastic garbage can. When it's time for the alarm to go off, Oscar announces loud and clear: "Ring, Ring! Hey get up there. This is Oscar the Grouch here and I say it's time for you to wake up. It's gonna be another grouchy day so get up and don't forget to wind the clock so I can wake you up again tomorrow."

Lee Specialty at Clair Pearone, Somerset Mall, Troy, 643-9318 and 4068 W. Maple, Birmingham, 644-3444.

### Berry nice

Along with the sun and the flowers, I consider fresh berries to be one of the supreme joys of summer, and this item provides a wonderful way to give them their due. It's a fluted white porcelain colander with holes for draining plus a draining plate (\$40). Both pieces are imprinted with bright red strawberries complete with green stems. Besides being pretty, it's practical too because you can use it for washing and storing as well as serving your berries.

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