

PROPER PLACING of pattern on material is a big part of skillful sewing.

handling the knit materials that now dominate the fabric scene.

Hudson's also offers a tailoring course for those who want to add the couture touch to their wardrobes. Then there is Pants Perfection, which goes into all the hows and whys of making well-fitted pants, and a special class in which women can tailor a sport coat for the man in their life.

Men aren't forgotten by Hudsons, either. There's a special course to teach them the sewing basics. This one is available at Northland.

Fabric-Go-Round, Inc., which came on the Observerland scene a few years ago, and is operated by Irv Lichtman of Farmington, now has stores at 24077 Orchard Lake Road, in the Bel-Aire shopping center in Farmington, at 27448 Joy in Livonia and at Sheldon and Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

Regular sewing classes are held in the Farmington and Plymouth stores. This store also specializes in teaching women how to make custom draperies.

Singer Stores in both Wonderland and the Livonia Mall also are learn-to-sew places. Besides offering a series of lessons with the purchase of each new machine, the Singer Sewing Centers have classes in Dressmaking 1 and 2 and Knits 1 and 2.

Singer also has an extensive program of teen classes during the summer, with fashion shows and judging of completed garments in a nationwide Singer competition.

Sewing and designer courses also are underway in Crowley's Livonia Mall sewing workshop. Mrs. Barbara Tucker, sewing and fashion authority, is the teacher.

The basic course includes correct measurement, pattern size, seams, finishes, sleeves and collar settings, and the designer classes go into advanced techniques of marking, underlining, and use of hair canvas.

At S-T-R-E-T-C-H & Sew Fabrics, 33441 Plymouth Road in Livonia's Shelden Shopping Center, there are 28 different classes going each week with 20 students in each one.

The store, representing a departure from conventional methods because it deals exclusively in knit fabrics and has its own patterns, offers an eight-week basic class

Included in that series is introduction of the stretch method of sewing knits and the making of T-shirts, pants, skirts, sweaters, tab front and tank tops, suit jackets and bathing suits.

A special one-time, threehour class teaches women to make men's pants, and there also are special classes for making lingerie, learning neckline variations, and making children's knits.

There also are classes for teens, taught by a teen and with a policy of no-adults-allowed.

We think sewing should be fun," says Sherry Thomet, manager of the store.

And women flocking to her store and other sewing centers all over Observerland leave little doubt that they agree.

