



# TIMES UNION

## ON THE EDGE

### From windows to the world

Schenectady resident Mary Jane Adamson, 81, was browsing through Good Housekeeping magazine when a particular item in a fashion spread caught her eye. It was a fall jacket, made from the same type of crewel fabric that had hung on her windows as drapes for 30 years and then sat in her attic for another 15.

An avid sewer who says she loves the creative challenge it offers, Adamson broke out the material and washed it. Using a Vogue pattern she'd had for years, she made herself a coat similar to the one she'd seen modeled in the magazine. "My mother made all of my clothes and I got used to having a custom fit. I'm very tall and slender and when I tried store-bought clothing, I didn't like the way it looked, so I make my own as often as I can," says Adamson.

Thrilled with the outcome and finding herself with more than enough material, she also made jackets for her daughter and daughter-in-law and matching purses for all three. She wrote a letter to Good Housekeeping detailing her project and at their request mailed the coat in to be photographed. An excerpt from her letter and a picture of her creation appeared in the letters to the editor section of the magazine this month.

### Clear view

Shaving and washing your face are more effective when done in the shower because the warmth and humidity promote healthier, less irritated skin. This can be difficult without a mirror that doesn't



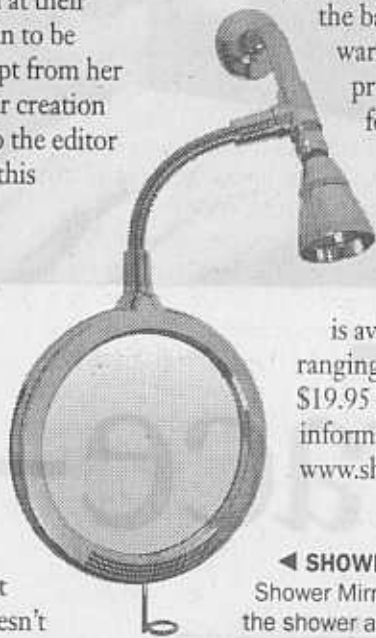
**MARY JANE ADAMSON'S** crewel jacket, made from leftover fabric from drapes, was inspired by a fashion spread in Good Housekeeping magazine.

fog up as soon as it comes in contact with steam. ShowerTek's Fog Free Shower Mirror vows to solve the problem. The mirror is installed between your shower plumbing and existing shower head. A trickle of water is diverted from the shower

plumbing and sprayed onto the back of the mirror, warming it enough to prevent fog from forming on the front.

The mirror is easy to install, requiring no special knowledge or skill for maintenance. It

is available in five models ranging in price from \$19.95 to \$149.95. For information visit <http://www.showertek.com>.



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