

# Neckties get second chance at a useful life

DEAR ABBY: I read with interest the letter from the lady asking how to recycle her late husband's neckties. My daughter is a 16-year-old honor student who teaches Sunday school and volunteers at our children's hospital. She wears them as belts. — PROUD MOM, CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

DEAR PROUD MOM: Your daughter is an original thinker. When I printed that letter, I had no idea there



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were so many uses for old neckties. Hundreds of suggestions poured in! Read on for a sample:

"I have a friend who made her prom dress completely out of men's ties she bought from Goodwill. They were sewn together vertically. It was really cool." — JOY IN IRVINE, CALIF.

"She should cut the wide ends 18 inches to 20 inches long and sew them together at the long edges to

make a colorful apron. The tapers will give it a nice flair, and the ends can be used for the waistband at the top and the strings at the back." — CLARENCE B., CLEMSON, S.C.

"Two ladies in our church, St. Christopher Episcopal in League City, Texas, gathered old ties from the parish and made them into beautiful altar cloths for use during Father's Day services." — O.H. STELTER JR., HOUSTON

"Old ties can be woven into beautiful, one-of-a-kind area rugs or wall hangings. Incorporated into clothing, they can become wearable art." — JEANNE S., SOUTHERN SHORES, N.C.

"My aunt owned a gorgeous man-

darin-style jacket, which she informed me was made entirely from old silk neckties. They were laid side by side, sewn together, then finished off with embroidery over stitching." — DEBE, WILLOW GLEN, CALIF.

"She should use them to make a quilted Christmas wreath. It will become a family heirloom." — GINI M., OSHKOSH, WIS.

"One of the most precious gifts I ever received was a Christmas stocking made for my 6-month-old daughter when her grandfather died. A very special cousin made it from some of his ties for her first Christmas. It's a family treasure." — SHARON IN NEWBERRY PARK, CALIF.

"Here's an idea: With that many ties, she's bound to have a picture of Grandpa wearing some of them. Why not mount a picture of Grandpa wearing the tie in a frame along with the tie? It would make a wonderful keepsake." — DAYNAIN LONGVIEW, TEXAS

"Discarded neckties can be used to make pot holders, table runners, teddy bears, pocketbooks, tote bags and more." — HENNIE C., SPARTANBURG, S.C.

"How about using them to make Christmas tree skirts? Stitch them together in a circle with the points facing outward." — CAROL P., SPARTANBURG, S.C.

"I use my husband's cast-off ties to

make cases for my jewelry. Working with the wide ends, I cut them in 3-inch, 4-inch and 5-inch lengths and stitch them to form pouches. Then I fold the triangle tip down like the flap on an envelope and put a snap on the other side. Voila!" — ANNA MARIA S., SILVER SPRING, MD.

DEAR ANNA MARIA: AND THE HUNDREDS OF WONDERFUL PEOPLE WHO WROTE TO OFFER IDEAS: The dear lady who wrote asking for ideas is sure to be overwhelmed with your clever uses for ties. (I certainly was.) And if she isn't handy with a needle and thread, she can sell them on eBay or donate them to a thrift shop, or a homeless shelter.

TUESDAY EVENING										E=Eagle Cable S=S&T Telephone				FEB. 10, 2004			
E	S		6 p.m	6:30	7 p.m	7:30	8 p.m	8:30	9 p.m	9:30	10 p.m	10:30					
36	53	A&E	Biography: Sharon Tate		Cold Case Files A thief bears a unique tattoo. (N) [E]			Third Watch "Super-heroes" [E]		Biography: Sharon Tate							
4	6	ABC	8 Simple Rules (N)	I'm With Her (N) [E]	According to Jim (N)	Less Than Perfect (N)	NYPD Blue "You Da Bomb" (N) (PA) [E]	News [E]	(:35) Night-line [E]	(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) [E] [E]							
26	48	ANPL	Beastly Countdown "Horror" (N)		The Big Squeeze [E]		Miami Animal Police "Gator Sabotage"		Beastly Countdown "Horror"		The Big Squeeze [E]						
53	54	BRAVO	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy [E]		Keen Eddie "Eddie Loves Baseball" [E] [E]		Queer Eye for the Straight Guy [E]		The West Wing "Privaters" [E]		Queer Eye for the Straight Guy [E]						
7	11	CBS	Navy NCIS "One Shot, One Kill" (N) [E]		The Guardian "All Is Mended" (N) [E]		Judging Amy "Roadhouse Blues" (N) [E]		News [E]	(:35) Late Show Jack Hanna, Chris Noth. (N)	The Late Late Show						
24	50	DISC	Meet the Weasels [E]		Medical Mysteries: GIs [E]		Justice Files "Sexual Predators" [E]		New Detectives: Forensic Science		St. Valentine's Day Massacre (N)						
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible [E]	The Proud Family [E]	Even Stevens [E]	Sister, Sister [E] [E]	Sister, Sister [E] [E]	Lizzie McGuire	"The Swan Princess III and the Mystery of the Enchanted Treasure" "G"		Dave the Barbarian						
49	81	E!TV	Real World: The E! True		Hollywood Story [E]		Hilton Sisters		Howard S. [E]	Howard S. [E]	Celebrities Uncensored						
22	56	ESPN	College Basketball		College Basketball Michigan State at Illinois. [E]				SportsCenter (Live) [E]		Outside Gamenight						
54	57	ESPN2	College Basketball		NBA Fastbreak Tuesday (Live) [E]				Streetball Gonzaga		Fastbreak Interruption						
32	46	FAM	"This Time Around" (2003) Brian A. Green. [E]				Who? [E] Who? [E]		The 700 Club [E]		Funnies Home Videos						
59	-	FIT TV	Bodies In Shape		Workout		Fitness		Peak Performance [E]		Bodies In Shape						
35	31	FMC	(:01) Altman: On His Own Terms		(:31) ★★ ★★ "Zorba the Greek" (1964) Anthony Quinn. [E]						(:01) "High Anxiety"						
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live Chocolate; cocktail.		Roker on the Road		Roker on the Road		Food Finds Amer. Festivals		Unwrapped "Fudge"						
13	7	FOX	American Idol Eight semi-finalists compete.		24 "Day 3: 1:00AM - 2:00AM" (N) [E]		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith [E]		Cagney & Lacey "Waste Deep" [E]		Kojak "Kojak's Days" (Part 1 of 2)						
40	38	FX	Buffy Vampire		Married... Married...		Cops [E] Cops [E]		★ "Under Siege 2: Dark Territory" (1995)								
30	55	FXSP	NASCAR Rocky Mt.		Avalanche		NHL Hockey New York Islanders at Colorado Avalanche. (Live)		Rocky Mt. Rocky Mt.								
5	14	HBO	(5:00) "Trojan War"		★★ "The Scout" (1994) Albert Brooks. [E] PG-13 [E]		(:15) ★★ "Like Mike" (2002, Fantasy) Lil' Bow Wow, Morris Chestnut. [E] PG [E]		★★ "Daredevil" (2003) Ben Affleck. [E] PG-13 [E]								
52	67	HGTV	Outer Sensible		Decorating Design		Designers' Designers'		Home Design		Outer Sensible						
58	52	HIST	Deep Sea Detectives "B-29" [E]		Tactical to Practical [E]		Modern Marvels [E]		Perfect Crimes? "John List/Green River Killer"		Deep Sea Detectives "B-29" [E]						
25	35	IND	★★★ "The Score" (2001, Suspense) Robert De Niro, Edward Norton. A veteran safecracker is lured into a final heist. [E]		(:40) ★★ ★★ "The Rookie" (1990) (PA) Clint Eastwood. A young detective teams up with a two-fisted veteran cop. [E]												
18	63	LIFE	The Nanny [E]		The Nanny [E]		★★ "When the Bough Breaks" (1993) [E]		The Golden Girls [E]		The Nanny [E]						
23	77	MTV	TRL (iTV) [E]		Talldaters [E]		Carmen [E]		Direct Effect [E]		TRL (iTV) [E]						
3	9	NBC	News [E]		Ent. Tonight [E]		Friends [E]		(:40) Will & Grace Will's client falls for Jack. (N)		(:20) Scrubs (N)						
8	8	NBC	Friends [E]		(:40) Will & Grace Will's client falls for Jack. (N)		(:20) Scrubs (N)		(7:59) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N)		News [E]						
34	43	NICK	Oddparents Sabrina		Full House [E]		Full House [E]		Cosby [E]		Cosby [E]						
2	2	PBS	Nova "Descent Into the Ice" (N) [E] (DVS)		Innovation "Building to Extremes" (N) [E]		Now With Bill Moyers (N) [E]		As Time Goes By [E]		That's My Boy [E]						
38	83	SCIFI	Beyond Belief		★★★ "Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within" (2001)				"Deathlands: Homeward Bound" (2003) [E]								
51	41	SPK	Real TV [E]		Real TV [E]		Real TV [E]		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Star Trek: Next Gener.						
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out [E]		Clean Sweep Disagreement. [E]		In a Fix "Don't Go Chasing Waterfalls"		In a Fix An urban oasis is created. (N)		Rides "Heavy Metal" (N)						
28	37	TNT	NBA Basketball: Pistons at Nets				NBA Basketball Toronto		Raptors at Phoenix Suns. (Live) [E]		Inside NBA [E]						
51	86	TRAV	Food Crazy [E]		Made [E]		Made [E]		Kings of the Road [E]		Food Crazy [E]						
21	82	TVLND	Hap Days [E]		Hap Days [E]		Hap Days [E]		Hap Days [E]		Hap Days [E]						
50	89	UNIV	Velo de Novia [E]		Te Amaré en Silencio [E]		Casos de la Vida Real [E]		Impacto [E]		Noticiero [E]						
20	34	USA	Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show "Closing Night" (Live) [E]						Law & Order [E]		News [E]						
12	3	WB	Friends [E]		Everybody-Raymond [E]				One Tree Hill "Hanging by a Moment" (N) [E]		Friends [E]						
39	36	WGN	★★ "Kojak: Fatal Flaw" (1989) Telly Savalas. [E]						Becker [E]		Becker [E]						

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E	S		6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30	
36	53	A&E	Cold Case Files [E]		Who Killed Laci Peterson? [E]		With Malice Double murder investigation. (N)		Third Watch "Thicker Than Water" [E]		Cold Case Files [E]		
4	6	ABC	Extreme Makeover (N) [E]		Extreme Makeover (N) [E]		Primetime Thursday [E]		News [E]	(:35) Night-line [E]	(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) [E]		
26	48	ANPL	The Jeff Corwin Experience		Most Extreme "Daredevils"		Miami Animal Police "Gator Love Bite"		The Jeff Corwin Experience		Most Extreme "Daredevils"		
63	54	BRAVO	★★★★ "Five Easy Pieces" (1970, Drama) Jack Nicholson, Karen Black. [E]				Queer Eye for the Straight Guy [E]		The West Wing [E]		★★★★ "Five Easy Pieces" (1970) [E]		
7	11	CBS	Survivor: All-Stars Third castaway leaves. (N) [E]		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (N) [E] (DVS)		Without a Trace "Wannabe" (N) [E]		News [E]	(:35) Late Show Jude Law; Kylie Minogue. (N)	The Late Late Show		
24	50	DISC	The Great Croc Trail [E]		Silent Warriors: Druglord Manhunt [E]		New Detectives: Forensic Science		Dirty Jobs [E]		Jack the Ripper: An On-Going Mystery [E]		
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible [E]	The Proud Family [E]	Even Stevens [E]	Sister, Sister [E]	Sister, Sister [E]	Lizzie McGuire	★★ "Full-Court Miracle" (2003) Alex D. Linz. An NBA hopeful coaches a team of winless students.				
49	81	E!TV	Lisa Marie: The E! True	Hollywood Story [E]			Mark Wahlberg: Story		Howard S. [E]	Howard S. [E]	Celebrities Uncensored		
22	56	ESPN	NHL Hockey: Regional Coverage				The Season (N) [E]		SportsCenter (Live) [E]		Rome Is Burning (N)		
54	57	ESPN2	College Basketball		College Basketball Louisville at Charlotte. [E]				College Basketball Gonzaga at San Francisco. [E]				
32	46	FAM	"I Want to Marry Ryan Banks" (2004) [E]				Whose? [E]	Whose? [E]	The 700 Club [E]		Funniest Home Videos		
59	-	FIT TV	Bodies In Shape		Workout [E]	Fitness	Peak Performance (N)		Bodies In Shape		Workout [E]	Fitness	
35	31	FMC	(:01) ★★ "Best of the Best II" (1993, Drama)				Cult Culture		Making the Connection "French Connec."				
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live		Food Finds [E]	Top 5	The Best Of Chocolate indulgences.		Unwrapped [E]	Good Eats [E]	Emeril Live		
13	7	FOX	Tru Calling "Valentine" [E]		My Big Fat Obnoxious Fiance [E]		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith [E]		Cagney & Lacey "Ahead of the Game" [E]		Kojak "Monkey on a String" [E]		
40	38	FX	Buffy Vampire		Married... Married...		Cops [E]	Cops [E]	★★★★ "The Insider" (1999, Drama) Al Pacino.				
30	55	FXSP	College Basketball Western Kentucky at Denver. [E]				NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Portland Trail Blazers. [E]				Rocky Mt. [E]		
5	14	HBO	★★ "The First \$20 Million Is Always the Hardest" (2002) [E] PG-13 [E]		(:45) ★★ ★★ "The Fugitive" (1993) Harrison Ford. An innocent man must evade the law as he pursues a killer. [E] PG-13 [E]				★★★ "Trapped" (2002) Charles Theron.				
62	67	HGTV	Weekend Landscap	Design	Designers' Design		House [E]	House [E]	House [E]	ExtrmHms [E]	Weekend Landscap		
58	52	HIST	Rumrunners, Moonshiners and Bootleggers Prohibition is a boon for smugglers. [E]				Modern Marvels "Gangster Guns" [E]		Devil's Island: Hell on Earth [E]		Rumrunners, Moonshiners and Bootleggers [E]		
25	35	IND	★★★ "Random Hearts" (1999) Harrison Ford. A cop and a congresswoman learn their spouses had an affair. [E] (DVS)		(:40) ★★ ★★ "The Bridges of Madison County" (1995, Drama) Clint Eastwood, Meryl Streep. [E]								
18	63	LIFE	The Nanny [E]	The Nanny [E]	★★ "Her Perfect Spouse" (2004) Tracy Nelson. [E]				Golden [E]	Golden [E]	The Nanny [E]	The Nanny [E]	
23	77	MTV	TRL (iTV) [E]		Talldaters [E]	MTV Cribs [E]	Direct Effect [E]		TRL (iTV) [E]		Warning [E]	Osbourne [E]	
3	9	NBC	News [E]	Ent. Tonight [E]	Friends (N) [E]	(:42) The Apprentice Teams compete to raise money at a celebrity auction.		(8:59) ER "Impulse Control" (N) [E]		News [E]	The Tonight Show [E]	The Tonight Show [E]	
8	8	NBC	Friends (N) [E]	(:42) The Apprentice Teams compete to raise money at a celebrity auction.			(7:59) ER "Impulse Control" (N) [E]		News [E]	(:35) The Tonight Show (N) [E]	(:37) Late Night (N)		
34	43	NICK	Oddparents Robot	Neutron [E]	ChalkZone [E]	Cosby [E]	Cosby [E]	Roseanne [E]	Cosby [E]				
2	2	PBS	Washington Week	Wall Street-Fortune [E]	Market to Market [E]			As Time Goes By [E]	Keeping Up [E]	Charlie Rose (N) [E]			
38	83	SCFI	(5:00) ★★ "DNA" [E]		"Alien Lockdown" (2004) [E]		John Savage. [E]		★ "Alien Fury: Countdown to Invasion" (2000) [E]				
61	41	SPK	Real TV [E]	Real TV [E]	Real TV [E]	Real TV [E]	Star Trek: Next Generation		Star Trek: Next Generation		Strippereella Strippereella		
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out [E]		Clean Sweep "Teachers Learn a Lesson" [E]		In a Fix A couple creates a mansion. (N)		City Cops "Off the Vegas Strip" (N)		Sex, Dice & Vegas "Law and Order"		
28	37	TNT	Law & Order [E] (DVS)		Law & Order "Savages" [E]		Law & Order [E] (DVS)		Law & Order [E] (DVS)		The X-Files [E]	Sanford	
51	86	TRAV	NASCAR Road		Race Week [E]		Ultimate NASCAR [E]		NASCAR Road [E]		Race Week [E]		
21	82	TVLND	Burnett [E]	All-Family [E]	Sanford [E]	Bewitched [E]	Griffith [E]	Leave [E]	Family Ties Cheers [E]		Cheers [E]	Sanford	
60	89	UNIV	Velo de Novia [E]		Te Amaré en Silencio [E]		Aquí y Ahora [E]		Impacto [E]	Noticiero [E]	En las Mejores Familias [E]		
20	34	USA	★ "Billy Madison" (1995) Adam Sandler. [E]				★★ "Never Been Kissed" (1999, Comedy) [E]				Law & Order [E]		
12	3	WB	Friends [E]	Everybody-Ramond [E]	Steve Harvey [E]	All-Andersons [E]	The Surreal Life Seeing another side of Tammy. [E]		News [E]		Friends [E]	Will & Grace [E]	