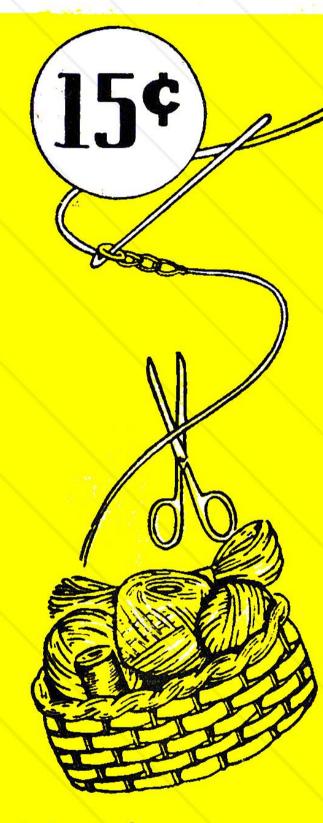
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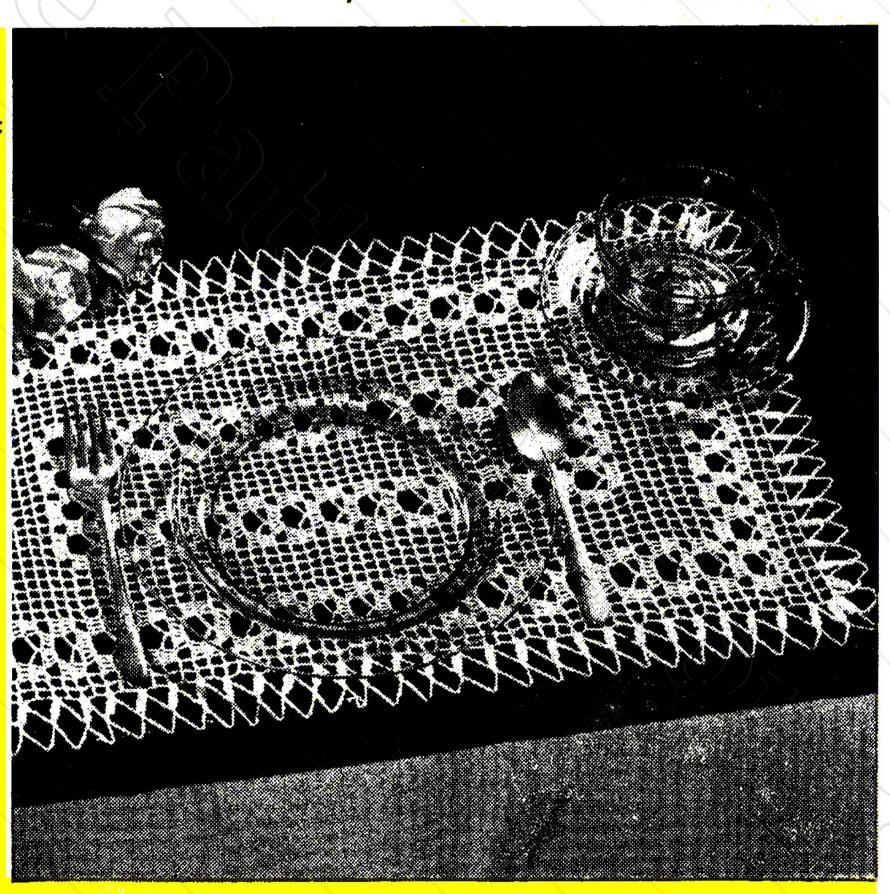
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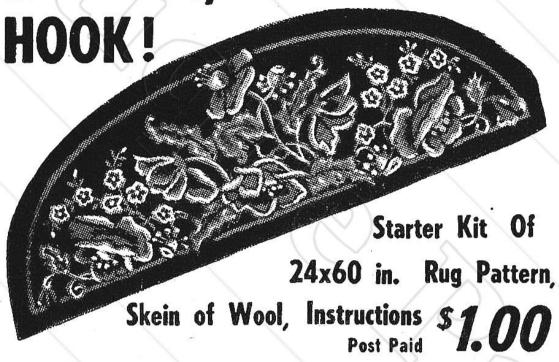
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Abbreviations: Ch (chain); st (stitch); sk (skip); sp (space); bl (block); sc (single crochet); dc (double crochet); rnd (round); tr (treble)—thread over twice and work off 2 lps at a time; tr cluster-retain last lp of each tr on hook, thread over and pull through all lps at once.

Gauge: 7 sps make 2 inches. 7 rows make 2 inches.

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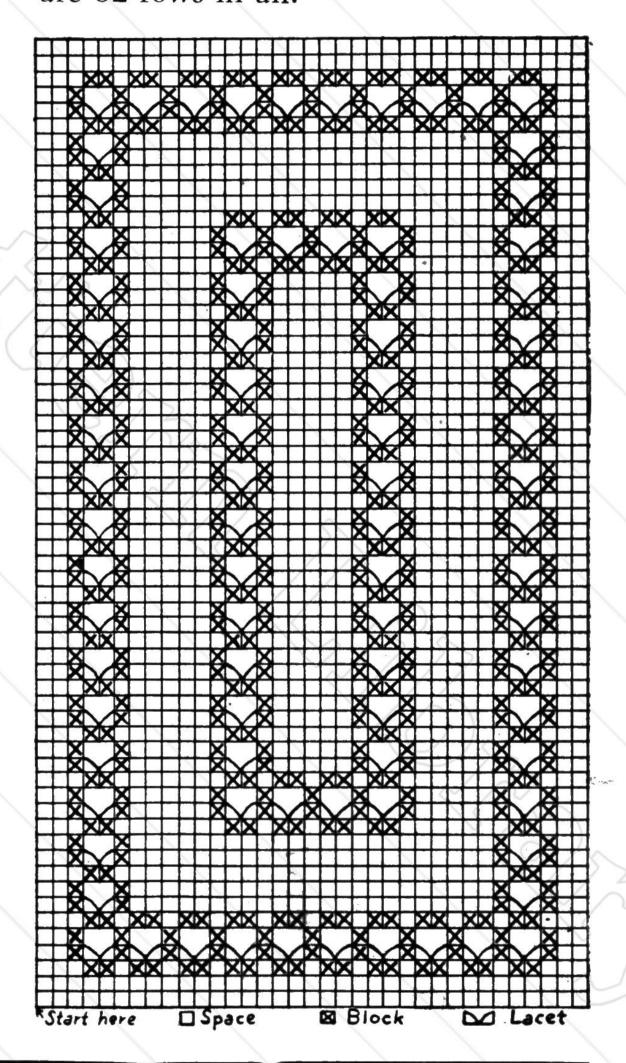
ditional bl.

The lacet stitches are shown on the

chart by lines forming a V. To make a lacet st, ch 3, sk 2 sts, sc in next, ch 3, sk 2 sts, dc in next st.

To make the large open sp above each lacet, ch 5 between bls.

To begin this piece, ch 111, turn and work a row of sps. Continue to follow chart for remaining rows. There are 62 rows in all.



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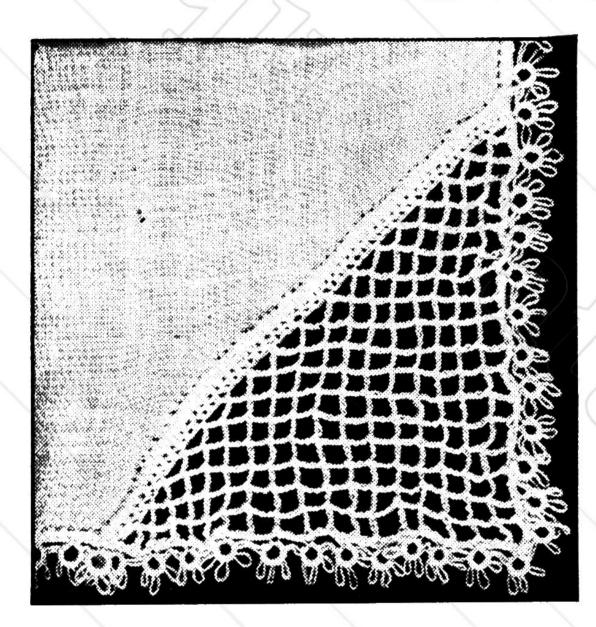
Edge—Join thread in one corner sp, ch 4, 2 tr cluster in corner sp, ch 4, sc in same sp, ch 4, 2 tr cluster in same corner sp, * ch 7, sk next sp, sc in end dc of next row, ch 4, 2 tr cluster in same dc, repeat from * around, making 2 clusters in each corner sp. Join with

sl st in tip of first cluster.

Rnd 2: * Ch 10, sc in tip of next cluster; repeat from * around. Join with sl st and fasten off.

Starch lightly and press, pulling lps out to form points.

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Abbreviations: Sc (single cro-

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First measure from point of one corner about two and one half inches, mark this point and then measure an equal distance on other side of point and mark. Draw a light line diagonally from one mark to the other, cut. Make a narrow rolled hem and work a row of sc over hem, turn.

Row 1: Sc in each sc across row, turn.

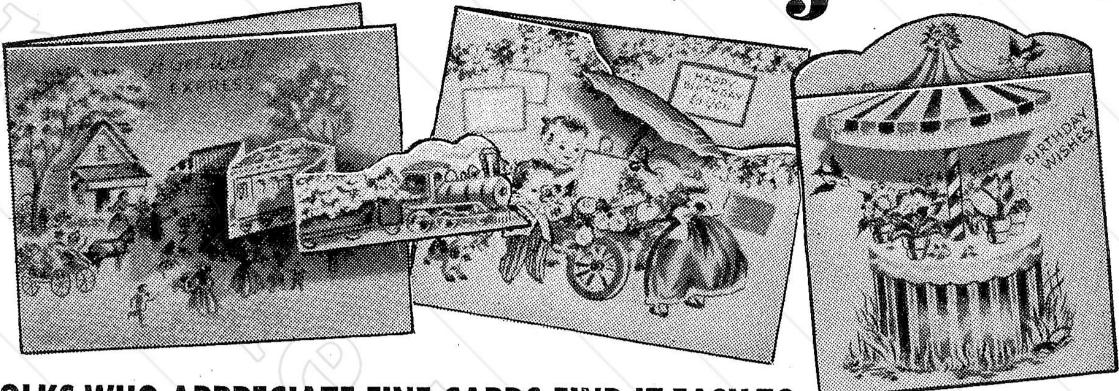
Row 2: * Ch 6, sk 2 sc, sl st in third sc, repeat from * across, ending with ch 3 and a dc in the last sc. This brings thread in position to begin next row.

Row 3: Each row is decreased from here to the end. Ch 6, sc in next lp, continue across. Repeat in like manner until there is only one sp. Fasten thread securely and cut.

Make the other three corners in the same fashion. Be sure you have all corners cut exactly the same so that all the crochet portions will be the same size.

Tatted Edge—Make a r of 3 ds, (p, 3 ds) 5 times, cl r. Leave about one fourth inch on ring thread, make a second r of 3 ds, join to last p of r just made, (3 ds, p) 4 times, 3 ds, cl r. Continue making rs for desired length. You will find it best to sew the edge on with invisible stitches as you make enough for one side. At the end join the last p to the first p. Fasten securely and cut.

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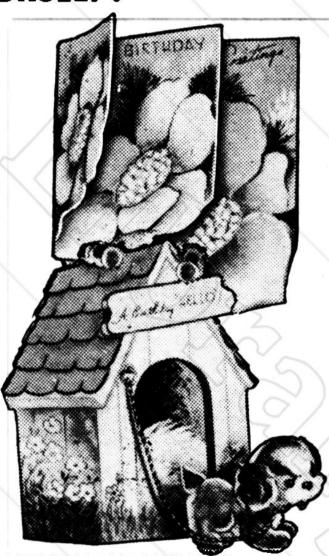


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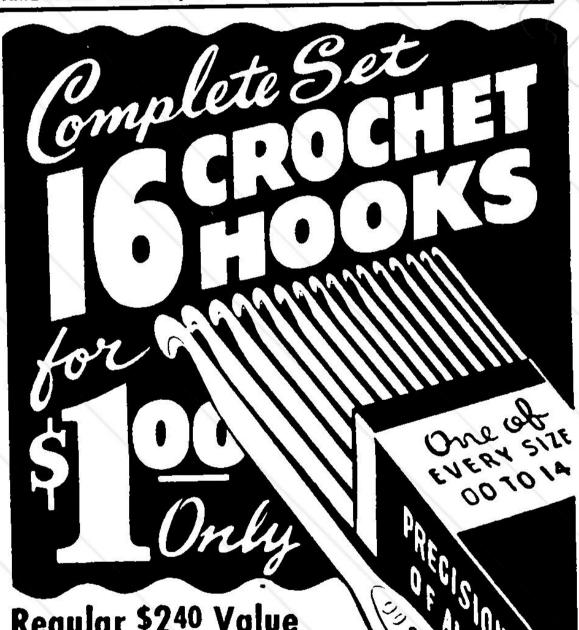
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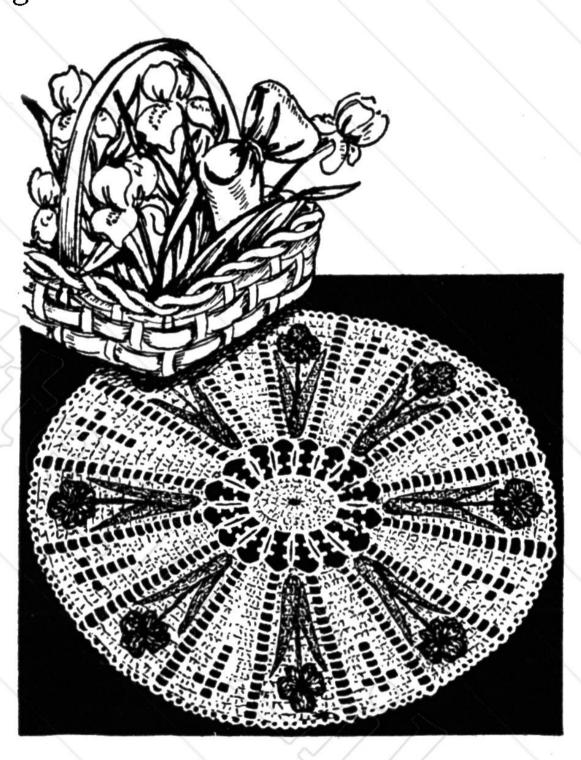
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Begin with a ch of 8, sl st into a ring: ch 3, to count as the first of 32 de worked into center, sl st to beginning of rnd.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, work 1 sc into each dc, sl st to beginning.

Rnd 3: Ch 3, 2 dc in next st, 1 dc in next; repeat around, sl st to beginning.

Rnd 4: Ch 3, make dc around, work-

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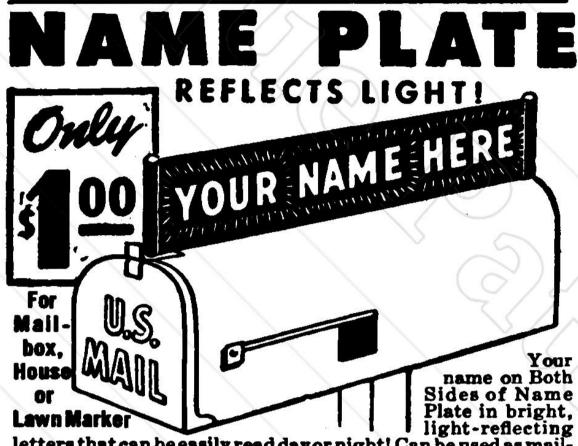
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ing 2 dc in one st occasionally, to keep work flat and so the rnd will contain 80 dc.

Rnd 5: (Ch 6, sl st back in fourth ch from hook for a p) 5 times, ch 3, sl st in same st from which ch was started and in next 4 sts on circle. Repeat around until 16 such lps are made; break thread, weave into circle to fasten end and cut close.

Rnd 6: Take up a lp in the middle or third p of any of the p lps around the center and work a ch of 4 sts to count as the first tr of this rnd. Work six more tr into same p. (Ch 5, 7 tr in middle p of next lp) repeated around, ch 5, sl st to top of first ch made. Continue with paths of 5 ch between solid portions or panels as shown in illustration. In each rnd, the panel becomes one stitch wider (inc in middle) and the open path remains the same—5 ch—until the ninth rnd, which should have two inc, one near each edge, to make 16 trs.

In the fifteenth rnd, the openwork cross is begun—for every other panel; the panels between are solid and are increased an equivalent number of sts for each rnd. Work a sp over 4 tr with a ch of 4, sk 4 tr and make inc at each side.

Rnd 15 through 18 have a sp for each cross panel with tr at each side: 6, 7, 7, 8, for each respective rnd.

Rnd 19: The cross arm is made in this rnd and has 3 sps with 4 tr at each side.

Rnd 20 has one sp with 10 tr at each side.

Rnd 21 has 24 tr — the 5 ch path remains.

Finish with ch lps, making 8 lps of 3 ch each for panels and 5 ch over 5 ch.

Last rnd: Work 5 sc into each 3 ch lp, 8 sc into all 5 ch lps.

To Make The Flowers: With shaded lavender, or apricot or yellow thread, ch 6 and sl st into a ring; ch 4, 6 tr into ring, ch 3, turn, 7 dc, ch 3, turn, 6 dc, working them off as two clusters of 3 each. Draw out thread, cut and fasten, using thread end later to catch petal tip to doily panel. Make 3 such petals, then make 2 small petals: ch 4, 3 tr into ring, worked off as a cluster, fasten and cut thread for each petal. Make 8 such flowers.

With green, work a ch about 2 inches long from each flower center between small petals.

The leaves are made in sc, beginning with a ch st and 1 sc into it, ch 1, turn, 1 sc. Gradually inc sc until there are 6 and the leaf is almost three inches long. Continue in sc, but dec, making leaf narrower until it comes to a point at the three-inch length. Make 8 such leaves. Fold in the middle, spreading points out diagonally; then with matching thread, sew to panel, placing it at top of first rnd of panels as shown. Sew stems and flowers to position.

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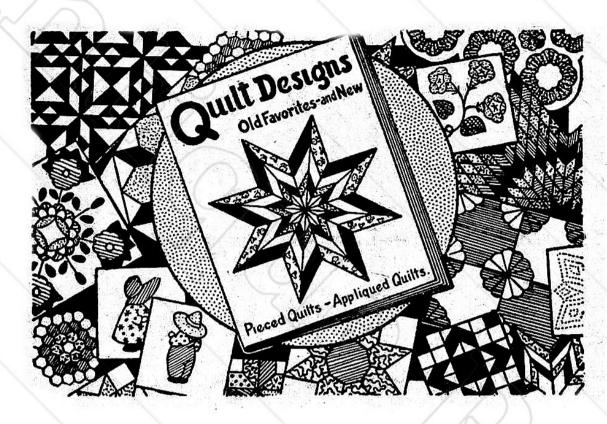


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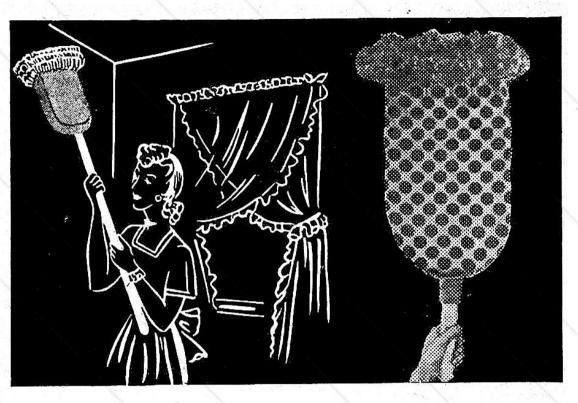
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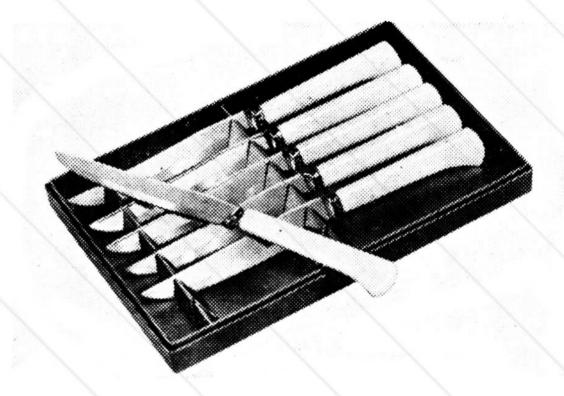
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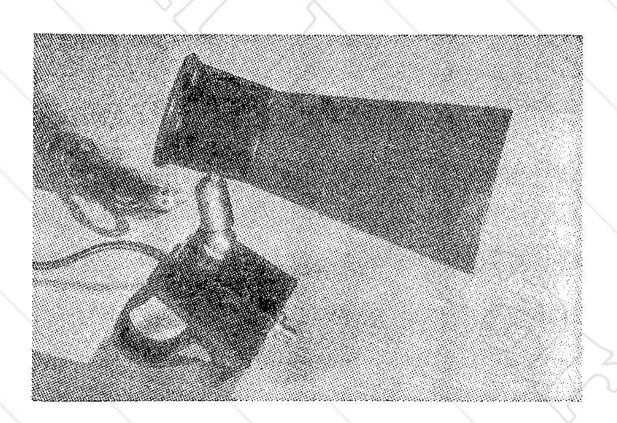
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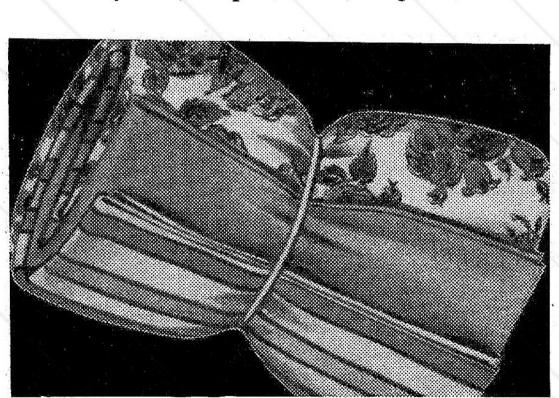
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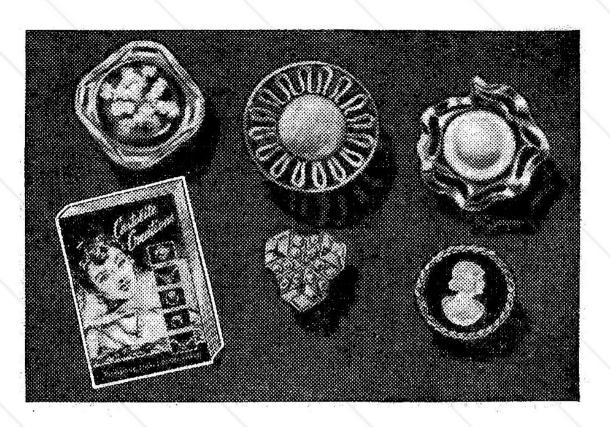
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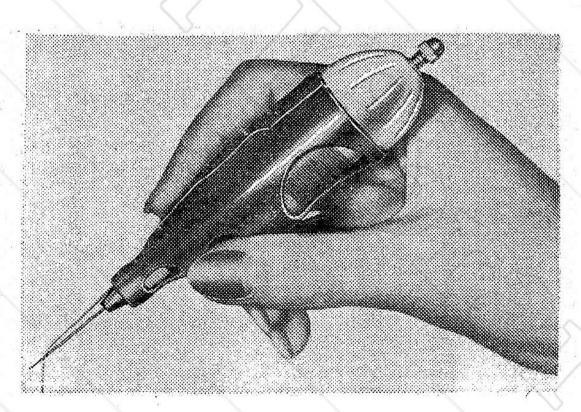
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The original of this mat was made of green and white string weight thread and number 1 or 2 knitting needles; wind green thread into two balls. When completed it measures about 10 x 17 inches.

Abbreviations: K (knit); p (purl); tk (twisted knit—k back of st each time); st (stitch); tog (together); sl (slip); O (over); psso—k 2 tog (sl 1 st, k 2 tog, pass slip stitch over).



Cast on 19 green sts, 80 white sts, 19 green sts.

Row 1: In green, k 19; white, tk 80; green, k l, (k l, O, tk, O, k 2 tog) 3 times, k 2, O, tk, O, k 2 tog, k 1. The green sts at beginning and end of each row are always separated by 80 white sts.

Row 2: K 23; tk 80; k 1, (k 1, O, tk, O, k 2 tog) 3 times, k 2, O, tk, O, k 2 tog, k 1. Always end each row with k 1.

Row 3: K 23; tk 80; k 1, (k 2 tog, O, tk, O, k 2 tog) 3 times, k 3, O, tk, O, k 2 tog. The stitches in parenthesis are repeated three times in each row and will be indicated by (3).

Row 4: K 24; tk 80, end as row 3. Row 5: K 24; tk 80; k 1, (3), k 4,

O, tk, O, k 2 tog.

Row 6: K 25; tk 80; k 1, (3), end as row 5.

Row 7: K 25; tk 80; k 1, (3), k 2, (O, tk, O, k 2 tog) twice.

Row 8: K 27; tk 80; k l, (3), end as

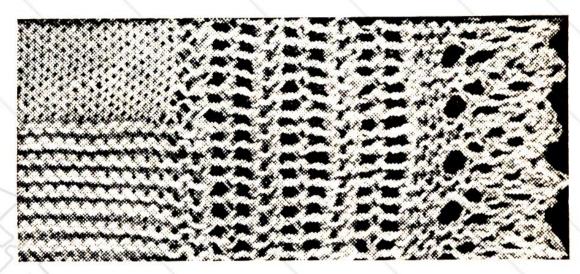
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Row 9: K 27; tk 80; k 1, (3), k 3, O, tk, O, k 2 tog, k 2, k 2 tog.

Row 10: Psso-k 2 tog (sl 1 st, k 2 tog, pass sl st over), k 24; tk 80; end as row 9.

Row 11: Psso-k 2 tog, k 24; tk 80; k 1, (3), k 4, O, tk, O, psso-k 2 tog.

Row 12: K 25; tk 80; k 1, (3), end as row 11.



Rows 13 through 17: Repeat rows 7 through 11.

Row 18: K 25; k 80; k 1, (3), k 4, O, tk, O, psso-k 2 tog.

Rows 19 through 29: Repeat rows 7 through 11 in sequence for beginning and end of rows. The 80 sts are stockinette st instead of tk 80—that means you should alternate, k one row and p the next, for these 12 rows.

Row 30: K 25; tk 80; k 1, (3), k 4, O, tk, O, psso-k 2 tog. Repeat rows 7 through 30 for desired width. The last four rows should be worked with the 80 sts tk, as follows:

Row 1: K 25; 80 sts; k 1, (3), k 5, O, tk, O, k 2 tog.

Row 2: K 26; 80 sts; k 1, (3), end as row 1.

Row 3: K 26; 80 sts; k 1, (3), k 7, k 2 tog.

Row 4: Psso-k 2 tog, k 20, 80 sts; k 1, (3), k 4, k 2 tog, psso-k 2 tog.

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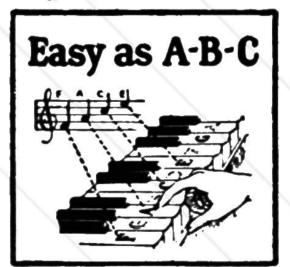
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Cardigan in Crochet

Five ounces of baby yarn is sufficient to crochet this cute sweater for a little girl size 3; use a number 3 bone crochet hook. Contrasting yarn could be used on waistband, wristband, up the front and around the neck—navy and a lighter blue would be very pretty.

Abbreviations: Sc (single crochet); ch (chain); lp (loop); sts (stitches); dec (decrease)—to dec, work off 2 dc as one dc; sts (stitches); dc (double crochet); sl st (slip stitch).

Waistband-Ch 11.

Row 1: Sc in second ch from hook, sc in each ch across (10 sc), ch 1, turn.

Row 2: Sc in back lp of each sc across, ch l, turn. Repeat second row until piece measures 20 inches. Ch l, turn and work across long edge making 148 sc. Ch 3, turn and work in pattern as follows: * Dc in back lp of next sc, dc in front lp of next sc; re-

Five ounces of baby yarn is sufcient to crochet this cute sweater for little girl size 3; use a number 3 bone inches in all.

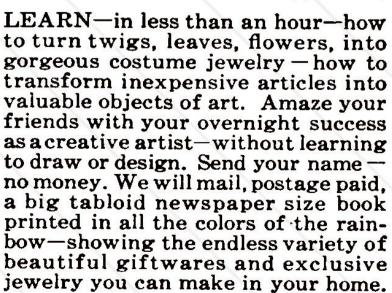


Right Front—Work in pattern across 37 sts, ch 3, turn. Work over these last 37 sts only, dec 1 st at both ends of next 5 rows. Work armhole or inner edge straight but continue to dec on front edge, until 16 sts remain for



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shoulder. Work straight until piece measures 12 inches. Fasten off.

Back—Join yarn and work across next 74 sts, dec 1 st at beginning and end of each row until there are 64 sts. Work straight along edges, shaping the neck by 1 dec in center of row. Next row work a dec ¼ and ¾ of the way across. Next row is worked straight. Dec 1 st in center of following row. Back should measure same length as right front. Fasten off.

Left Front – Join yarn and work across remaining 37 sts to correspond with right front. Fasten off.

Sleeves—Work wristband same as waistband for 4½ inches, ch 1, turn and work across long edge making 56 scs, ch 1, turn and work in pattern st until piece measures 8½ inches.

To shape Top—Dec 1 st at beginning and end of each of the next 5 rows. Cut and fasten. Sew shoulder and sleeve seams.

With right side facing you, sc evenly up right front edge, along neck edge holding it in slightly to fit and down left front edge. Ch 1, turn.

Row 2, 3, 4: Sc in back lp of each sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 5: Place 6 pins, evenly spaced, on right front edge, * sc in back lp of each sc to first pin, (the first pin should be about ½ inch from lower edge), ch 3, sk 3 sc, sc in back lp of next sc. Repeat from * until 5 buttonholes have been made, sc in back lp of each remaining sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 6: Sc in back lp of each sc and 3 sc in each ch 3 lp, ch 1, turn.

Row 7: Same as row 2.

Row 8: This row is not worked around neck edge. Sc in back lp of each sc on both right and left sides, fasten off at neck edge.

Row 9: Sl st in each sc along edge of both sides and neck. Fasten off. Sew in sleeves and sew on buttons.



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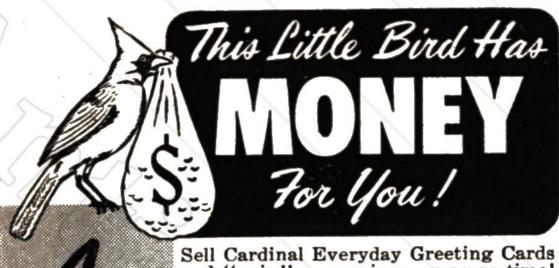
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Abbreviations: Ch (chain); sc (single crochet); dc (double crochet); tr (treble)—thread over twice and work off 2 lps at a time; dtr (double treble) -thread over three times and work off 2 lps at a time; lp (loop); sl st (slip stitch); sdc or hdc (short double crochet) or (half double crochet)—thread over, insert hook in st, draw thread through (3 lps on hook), thread over and pull through all lps at once; st (stitch); p (picot); sk (skip); sp (space).

Pansy—Use number 6 crochet hook, with shaded lavender and yellow, ch 7, join with sl st to form a ring.

Row 1: Ch 3, 2 dc in ring, (ch 7, 3 dc in ring) 3 times, ch 10, 3 dc in ring, ch 10, sl st in third st of first ch.

Row 2: Sc in next dc, (15 dc in next lp, sc in center dc of next dc group) 3 times, (ch 4, 14 dtr, 2 tr, 2 dc with ch 1 between sts) in next lp, sc in center dc of next dc group, (2 dc, 2 tr, 14 dtr with ch 1 between sts) in next lp, ch 4, sl st in first sc.

Row 3: (Ch 3, sc in next dc) across three small petals, ch 3, sc over ch 4, (ch 3, sc over next ch 1 lp) across two large petals, ch 3, sc over ch 4 lp, ch 3, sl st at base of first ch 3. Fasten off.

Top Section: Use number 6 crochet hook and white thread, ch 8, join with sl st to form ring.

Row 1: Ch 3, 4 dc in ring, (ch 3, 5 dc in ring) 3 times, ch 3, join in third st of first ch 3.

Row 2: Ch 3, 1 dc in each of the next 4 dc, (1 dc, ch 3, 1 dc in next ch 3 lp, 1 dc in each of the next 5 dc) 3 times, 1 dc, ch 3, 1 dc in next ch 3 lp, join.

Row 3: Ch 3, 1 dc in each of the next 5 dc, (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc in next lp, 1 dc in each of the next 7 dc) 3 times, 2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc in next lp, 1 dc in next st, join. Fasten off.

Row 4: This row forms leaves around pansy. Attach green to first dc at the right of any ch-3 lp, * ch 8, sc in second st from hook, sdc or hdc in next st of ch, 1 dc in each of the next 4 sts of ch, sdc in next st of ch, sl st in ch-3 lp (a small leaf made), ch 11, sc in second st from hook, I sdc in next st of ch, 1 dc in each of the next 7 sts of ch, sdc in next st, sl st in same ch-3 lp (a large leaf made), make a second small leaf, sl st in dc next to lp, 1 sc in each of the next 4 sts, sl st in next dc, make a small leaf, sl st back in same st, 1 sc in each of the next 4 sts, sl st in next st, repeat from * around. Fasten off.



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Row 6: Ch 6, dc in same st,* (7 dc in next lp, dc in next sc) 4 times, ch 3, dc in same st, repeat from * around ending row to correspond, join in third st of ch.

Row 7: Sl st to lp, ch 4, 2 tr, ch 5, 3 tr in same sp, * ch 7, sk 8 dc, (3 tr, ch 3, 3 tr) a shell in next dc, (ch 3, sk 7 dc, shell in next dc) twice, ch 7, sk 8 dc, 3 tr, ch 5, 3 tr in next lp, repeat from * around ending row to correspond, join in fourth st of first ch.

Row 8: Sl st to corner lp, * ch 10, sc in same lp, ch 6, sc in next lp, (ch 5, sc in shell lp, ch 5, sc in next lp) 3 times, ch 6, sc in next corner lp, repeat from * around, join in sl st.

Row 9: Sl st into corner lp, ch 3, 5 dc in same lp, ch 3, 6 dc in same lp, *6 dc in next lp, ch 3, sc in next lp, (ch 5, sc in next lp) 5 times, ch 3, 6 dc in next lp, (6 dc, ch 3, 6 dc) in corner lp, repeat from * around ending row to correspond, join in third st of first ch.

Row 10: * Ch 9, sc in corner lp, ch 9, sc in same lp, ch 9, sk 5 dc, sc between next two dc, ch 9, sc in next lp, ch 3, sc in next lp, (ch 5, sc in next lp) 4 times, ch 3, sc in next lp, ch 9, sk 5 dc, sc between next two dc, repeat from * around ending row with ch 4, tr in sl st.

Row 11: Ch 9, sc in next lp, ch 9, sc in corner lp, ch 9, sc in same lp, (ch 9, sc in next lp) twice, ch 9, sk ch-3 lp, sc in next lp, (ch 5, sc in next lp) 3 times, ch 9, sk ch-3 lp, sc in next lp, repeat from beginning around in same manner ending row with sl st in tr. Fasten off.

Row 12: Attach green in sc before corner lp, * 9 sc in corner lp, 7 sc in each of the next 3 lps, 3 sc in each of the next 3 lps, 7 sc in each of the next

3 lps, repeat from * around, join, fasten off. Applique pansy to center as illustrated.

Back Section of Panholder: Use number 5 crochet hook with double strand of white thread, ch 47, dc in fourth st from hook, dc in each remaining st of ch, ch 3, turn.

Row 2: Dc in each dc, ch 3, turn. Repeat second row 19 times or until section measures 5½ inches from be-

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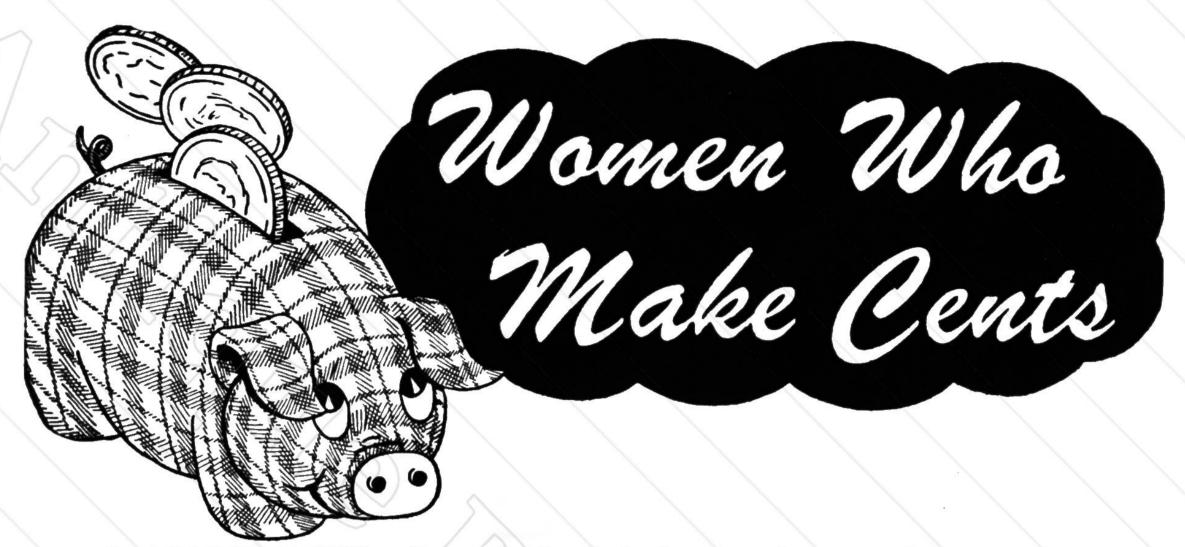
With number 6 hook and a single strand of thread, work a row of sc around entire section, work 3 sc in each corner st (57 sc on each side not counting 3 corner sts). Fasten off. With wrong side of both sections together and right side of work toward you, work through both sections throughout; attach shaded lavender and yellow in corner sc above top of pansy. Ch 3, * dc in each of the next 8 sts, ch 3, sl st back in last de for a p, (dc in each of the next 7 sts) twice, dc in each of the next 5 dc, (1 dc in each of the next 3 sts, p) twice, dc in each of the next 5 sts, p, (dc in each of the next 7 sts, p) twice, dc in each of the next 8 sts, p, repeat from * around ending row to correspond, omit last p, join, fasten off.

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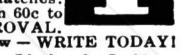
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The hooking of rugs, a home art that has endured through generations, is more popular now than ever, it seems. Women have always been intrigued with rug hooking, but when their husbands and entire families become wrapped up in the growth of a pretty floor covering as their fingers work out the designs, one can easily become convinced that this is an art about which more should be known. So many methods are used—it is a matter of curiosity to know which is the most popular.

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won so many confirmed users, that it seems this oldest tool would win the popularity contest. It is without question, the favorite of those who use fairly fine yarns or very finely cut strips of wool. Some prefer the bent handle, while others will recommend only the straight hook. The woman who considers her rug hooking a fine art, closely akin to painting a picture, uses it. She seems to feel that she can work finer detail and get more delicate gradation of color with it than can be found in the rug made of coarser strips.

Then there are the hookers who use the shuttle or blue nose type of rug making tool. These are the people who make many, many rugs in a very short time. While fairly fine work is possible, a wider strip is usually used, resulting in a deep piled rug. A large design is much to be desired here—one which shows bold contrasts and sharp lines.

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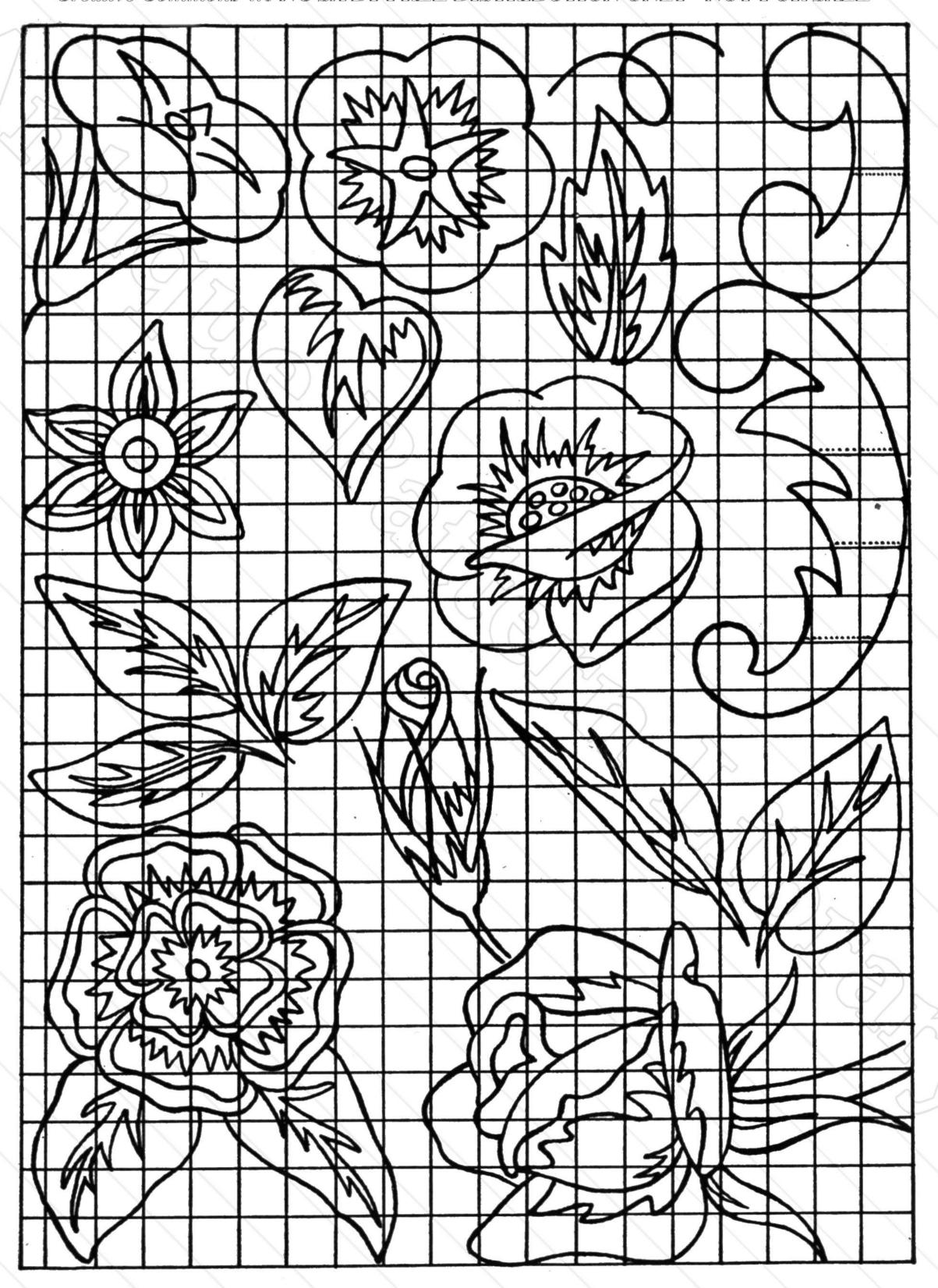
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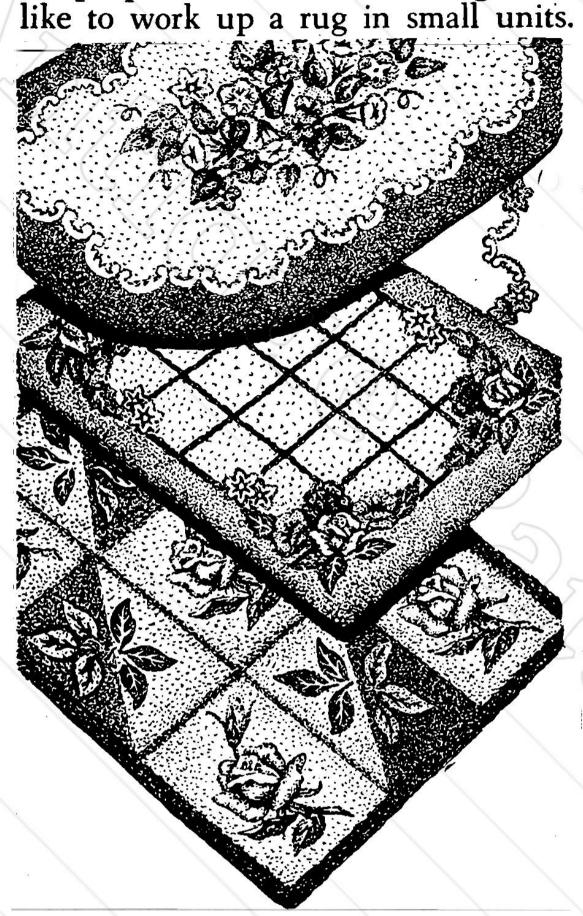


Hooked Rug Designs

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are people who like a bold design and like to work up a rug in small units



By sewing together several units of from four to six squares, a rug of any desired size and proportions can be made. It could be worked in natural colors—and remember, a rose requires at least seven shades—the deepest in the center and the shadows; or it could be done in as many tones of tan or gray, using dark brown or black for the darkest portions and cream or white for the lightest.

Have you ever heard anyone say that a hooked rug simply must have a scroll? You have your own opinion, no doubt, and if you want them, you'll find they are quite easy to make, using a platter as a guide; draw around the edge, then move it in as far as desired and draw another line following the same curve. Make graceful knob ends or leaf-like swirls. These are often reversed and

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used to separate the border from the center of a rug. Often scrolls are worked in three tones of a color, but some rug makers insist upon five. This requires a dye job, of course, which can best be done by proper timing in the dye bath or graded proportions of dyes. The dye manufacturers have taken the rug hooker into consideration and some of them give very specific directions for correct shading or tinting, which are most helpful.

Want to make a hooked rug that's truly your own? To many this is ground where angels fear to tread. But if you have a sense of arrangement, color distribution and balance, why not try it? Here are the component parts of the designs shown, and your imagination can build them into pretty rugs, such as those suggested here or others you may devise.

Most of the flowers will lend themselves best to a rug if you will mark off a piece of heavy brown paper into twoinch squares, then reproduce the lines as closely as possible. Combine the resulting flowers, leaves and scrolls into an arrangement that pleases you, and with carbon paper, trace it to burlap or monk's cloth; with a yardstick as a guide, draw in any cross lines you wish, and start hooking.



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greatest portion of the food dollar goes into the purchase of meat, and it is wise to be completely informed on the Department of Agriculture grading to get the most of the best or the best possible for the least expenditure. Most homemakers know that less tender meat is every bit as nutritious as the expensive cuts; it just requires a more careful and expert cook to make it as palatable. Time and low heat are most important.

Do you know just what is meant by the purple stamp on the meat you buy? By watching this grading, you can govern your meat purchases, buying either for tenderness or for economy; but there need never be a question as to nutritional value if you cook it right.

Cutter or Grade 5 is a grade of such inferior quality that it seldom reaches the retail market. The very old animals are sold as cutters or canners; they are the very lowest grade and are used principally in making processed meats.

Utility, Common or Grade 4, is a grade given to meat from animals a little younger; it is a little more tender and the grading is somewhat higher. Cuts of this grade are purchased for economy and should be cooked with moist heat for a long period of time.

Commercial, Medium or Grade 3, comes from some of the young animals with very little fat, therefore the meat

is lean. It also requires long cooking with moisture at low heat; use for stews, pot roasts, boiling or for ground meat dishes.

U. S. Good or Grade 2 is a popular grade with the home maker or for any purchaser who is price conscious. It is of good quality. The cuts are not as thick and heavy as those of higher grades. It is considered less wasteful, because it has less fat, than the higher grades. The three top grades of beef come from animals finished on grain, thus the fat is better distributed which makes for tenderness and good flavor in meat. Excellent for stew, pot roasts and braised dishes.

U. S. Choice or Grade 1 is betterin fact, many stores carry this as their best meat. There is a fair amount of fat and cuts from the rib and loin will roast very well and are quite acceptable for broiling. While chuck roasts are fair for roasting, they make better pot roasts, and the round is best braised or chicken fried.

U. S. Prime or Grade A-1 is the very top grade. There are fewer animals of this grade because it comes from young animals that have been carefully fed. A slight excess or deficiency of fat keeps an animal from this grade. Only a few markets carry it, but any meat cutter can, and often will try to get it for you. It is liberally marbled with fat and has a light cherry red color. This tender meat can be broiled or roasted. It is, incidentally, the most expensive buy.

Meats bought from a reputable retail store usually carry the government stamp, showing that they have been carefully inspected and that you can rely upon the grading. Be keeping in mind these standards when you buy and by watching for the grade, you will never need to blame "that butcher" for selling you a tough piece of meat. But

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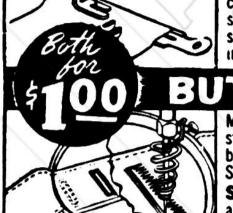
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What Clubs Are Doing

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Two club members enlightened the rest of their club when they gave a demonstration on smocking. It proved so interesting that the women could hardly wait to make something that had smocking on it. They showed exactly how to do it step by step; various kinds of smocking were included with very clear and simple directions; also they had samples of articles showing different ways in which it can be used.

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The care of winter house plants is the topic for club discussion this month among several clubs. Some of the members are planning to bring several of their house plants to the meeting and discuss the methods they have found most successful.

Program Suggestion

How to Make Money

All clubs have various money making projects throughout the year. During January, many Aunt Ellen Clubs will be working on their program for the year. One meeting should be devoted to the discussion of how to successfully make the most money on every project sponsored. Whether it be a bake sale, bazaar, candy sale, apron sale, serving lunch at a farm sale, preparing and serving a dinner to an organization, rummage sale, and the like, the same general rules apply.

For example, if it is a bake sale, it must be thoroughly organized to have a successful one. First, a committee of probably two ladies should be appointed to select a place in a good location, to have it. Grocery stores are usually accommodating to clubs; church basements are quite frequently available; show windows of variety stores, furniture stores or garages can be secured. These same ladies, with help from other members, should help to prepare the space they have for the

bake sale. This may mean bringing in a few small tables or card tables, buying any supplies they need such as white shelf paper to cover tables or shelves, white lacy doilies to put on shelves if desired, wax paper, paper bags and cake boxes. Several spatulas and knives are desirable to have ready to use.

It is a good idea to announce the date of the bake sale in local or community papers and through posters placed in store windows. Two or three members should be selected to have the posters made and delivered around town or in your community.

Next, every member should know what she is to bring and how much.

This is best accomplished if several members meet together and decide what they are going to sell and who is to bring various things. Certainly you don't want to have the bake sale day arrive and find practically everything is the same. A variety of pies, cakes, breads, rolls, cookies, doughnuts, cup cakes, etc., are certainly desirable. If the time for the arrival of articles for the sale is 10 o'clock on a Saturday morning, be prompt. You will find many people shopping early and if the bake sale is late getting started, the early shoppers have gone home and as a rule don't return. Thus you miss sales.

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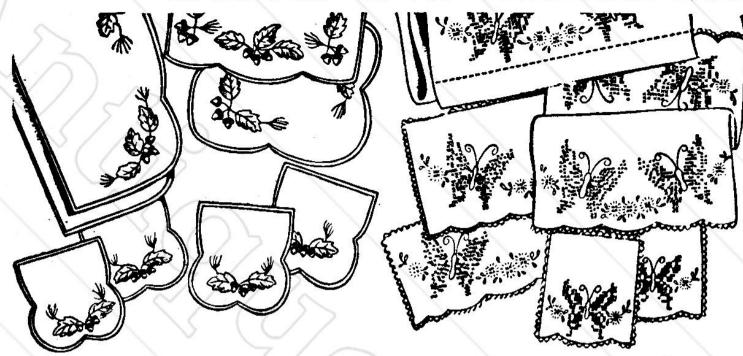
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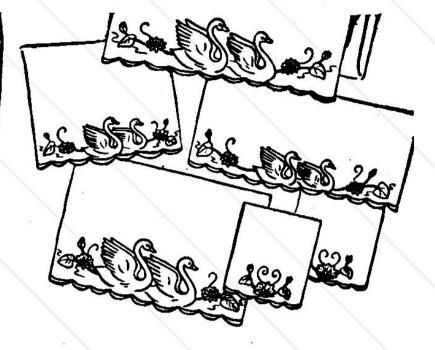


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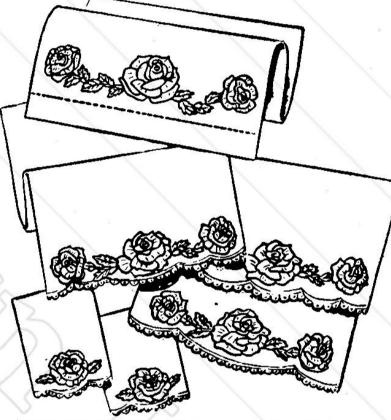
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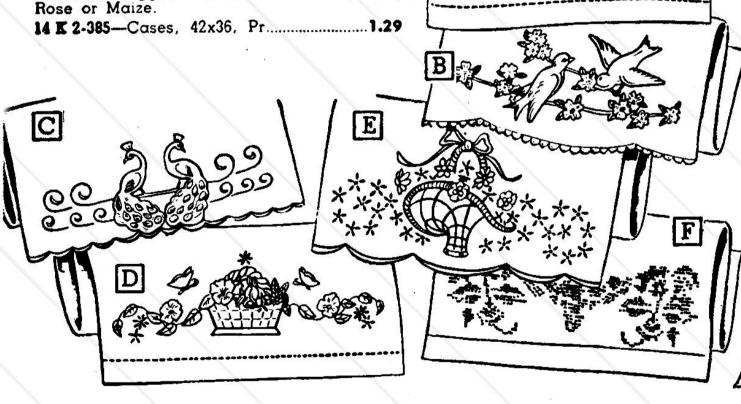
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Can you tell me something about cyclamen culture? I am trying to grow some from seed that was planted last May. When should they be planted in individual pots? How much sun do they need? How much water? Should they have plant food? Mrs. L. S., Missouri.

After 2 or 3 leaves have developed, each plant may be lifted and transplanted to a 2½ inch pot. A good soil mixture is sandy loam, leaf mould and well rotted manure. When well established they may be shifted to 3 inch pots, at which time they should have six or eight sturdy leaves. Until they are ready to shift into 5 or 6 inch pots they need no commercial fertilizer. During winter they should have a temperature of 50 to 55 degrees, maximum light, plenty of water, and good ventilation. It is hard to keep the young plants growing during the summer but when fall comes they start up vigorously. They seem to require cool damp nights to do well.

Every year a mould comes on my zinnia leaves. The leaves start dying at the bottom but the mould keeps climbing until it covers the last leaves near the blooms. What is it, and what can I do to prevent its appearance?

The zinnia leaves have powdery mildew on them. It is seldom fatal to plants but they should be protected from it as far as possible. The plants should be sprayed or dusted with a fungicide regularly. Dusting with sulphur dust or spraying with a solution containing sulphur will control powdery mildew on the zinnias, roses, lilacs and most other plants similarly affected.

How can one get a slip to root from a large poinsettia plant? Miss J. J., Missouri.

Midsummer is the best time to take cuttings from your poinsettia although they can be taken at any time. A cutting five or six inches long placed in sand in a warm light place out of any drafts and kept moist, should root in about three to four weeks. When the cutting is taken it should be dipped in powdered charcoal, or ice water to stop the milky sap from oozing out. After the cutting is rooted it may be potted up in any good rich soil and will continue to grow rapidly.





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I am enclosing a piece of fern. What kind is it? The pot is full of tubers. Can I divide this plant and how should it be done? Mrs. E. K., Illinois.

The fern is an asparagus sprengerii. They are grown from seeds. The fern produces a small white flower followed by red berries, containing rather large black seeds. You can divide the fern by tearing it apart. Each piece with roots and tubers will soon grow into a new plant. Many of the tubers will be broken off when the plant is torn apart. This does no harm. Surplus roots and tubers are simply discarded.

Please tell me how to plant hyacinths to bloom in the house. L.G., Indiana.

Purchase new Holland grown bulbs, preferably the large size. Plant one bulb in a 4-inch pot, or more in a larger pot. Plant deep enough just to cover the bulbs. Bury the pots in a trench or a cold frame where they will not freeze and leave them there until the pots are full of roots. Water them well before you bury them. After the middle of February bring the pots into a cool light place if they are well rooted. Water them regularly and in about three weeks the blooms should appear.

What ails our asters? The petals fail to open. Sister M. G. T., Nebraska.

The trouble is a disease called aster yellows, and is caused by a virus introduced into the plant by leafhoppers. The first sign of the disease is a pale yellowish tinge of the leaves. The blooms that develop are off color, usually a yellowish green. The disease lives over winter on weeds and is carried from plant to plant in the spring by leafhoppers. Fair control may be obtained by spraying the plants every ten days during the summer with a spray containing D.D.T.



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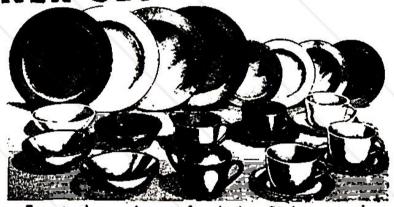
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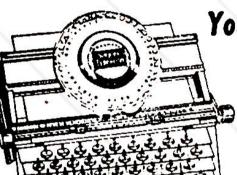
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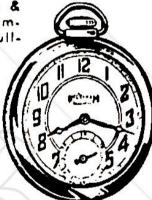


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I have a small maple leaf begonia which I find very hard to keep. It does well during the summer but I find it next to impossible to carry it over winter. Can you tell me how to raise it more successfully? Mrs. M. B., New York.

At least four different begonias are known as maple leaf begonias. Judging from the leaf sent in, this is one of the tuberous begonias and must have a resting period. At the end of the growing season they are supposed to drop their leaves and only the lower and fleshy parts of the stems remain alive. After resting and being cut back, new growths will start and produce virtually a new plant, but they cannot be kept growing well without this period of rest.

The leaves of my potted plant, called Star-of-Bethlehem, dry up and die. I have started new plants from time to time but the same thing always happens. Can you tell me the reason? H. L., Connecticut.

Rusts occasionally attack the leaves of Ornithogalum. Also, a black mould sometimes destroys the foliage. Otherwise the plant is very free from disease. Dusting sulphur should keep the plant clean, if applied regularly at ten-day intervals.

I have several Ismene calathina. They grow thirty-six inches high and produce four to six fragrant white flowers. I know nothing about these bulbs. When and how do I dig them up, or do I leave them in the ground over winter? Mrs. I. E. P., Ohio.

The Ismene bulbs should be planted outdoors in late spring 3 inches deep and 12 inches apart. They should be dug and stored in a cool place during the winter. Forty to fifty degrees is about the right temperature for storing.

I would like to know if there is a difference between ivy which grows outdoors and the English ivy which is grown indoors. Miss M. W., Connecticut.

In most sections of the United States English Ivy is hardy out-doors and is the same plant as that grown in pots in the house. There are many sorts of ivy grown indoors. Besides the regular English ivy, the small leaved sorts and variegated forms are popular. Some are hardy out-doors but most of them are not.

My Boston ferns have small white specks on them. What are they and how can I get rid of them? Mrs. J. H., Indiana.

The ferns are infested with fern scale. The males are white and easily seen. The females are brownish in color. In time they will render the fern worthless. Spray the ferns with one part Volck to 50 parts water. If Volck is not available try Ivory soap, one cake of soap to 10 gallons of water. Either spray or immerse the ferns in this soapy water and after an hour or two wash or spray the ferns with clear water to remove the soap.

When is the correct time to transplant lily-of-the-valley and is there any special kind of soil or place for them to be planted? Miss D. K., Ohio.

Lily-of-the-valley grows naturally in shady woods in light sandy soil well enriched by decaying leaves. Plants should be set in a shady place such as the north side of a building. The soil should be well drained, light sandy soil, enriched with compost. Plants set 4 inches apart and 2 inches deep in February or early March and watered regularly will be a solid bed of strong healthy plants in three years. Once established they may be left undisturbed for eight or ten years.







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I have a pot of sansevieria that has so many young ones coming up that the plants are very crowded. When is the best time to transplant some of these into another container? F. W., New York.

A sansevieria plant may be divided at any time during the year, and each division will soon grow into a nice plant. Dump the plant out of the pot, break it up as much as you want and plant each of the rooted pieces in another container. The plants grow most actively during the summer so spring is the best time to divide your plant to obtain quick results.

I am enclosing a leaf from a rose bush. Also, an insect found on the leaf. What are they and how are they controlled? Mrs. A. M. E., Missouri.

The leaf has been damaged by the rose leafhopper. The eggs hatch in May and the young ones move about rather rapidly while the adults fly away. Two heavy infestations usually occur, one in May and the other in August. The small white bumps on the back of the leaf that are quite noticeable are the cast off skins of the hoppers. Nicotine sulphate, two teaspoonfuls to a gallon of water sprayed regularly through May and August should destroy the young rose leafhoppers. A little soap added to the water will help the spray to spread and stick to the leaves.



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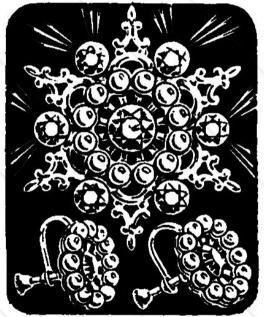
Abbreviations: Ch (chain); sts (stitches); sc (single crochet); dec (decrease); inc (increase); sk (skip); lp (loop); sl (slip stitch).

Gauge: 9 sts equal one inch. 11 rows equal one inch.

BACK: Ch 54. Work 1 sc in second st from hook and in each st to end; 53 sc. Mark for wrong side.

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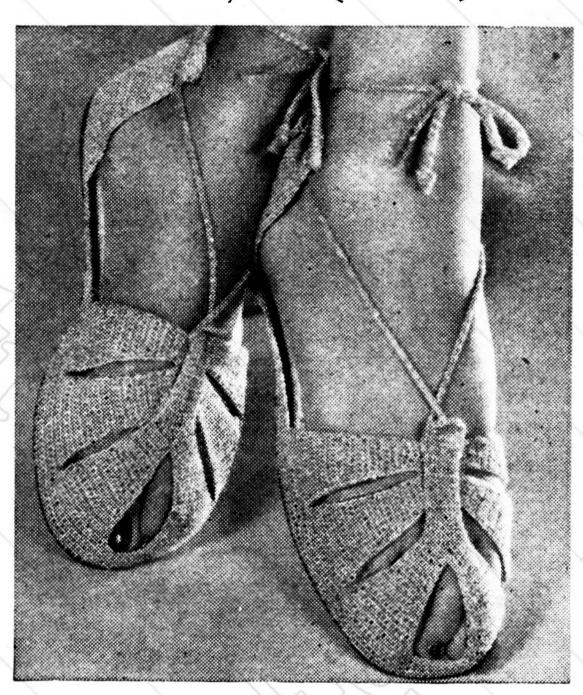
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Row 2: Ch 1, turn, 1 sc in each sc. Repeat row 2 until 6 rows from beginning.

Dec Row: Ch 1, turn, draw up a lp in each of first 2 sc, thread over and pull through 3 lps for a dec, work sc to within 2 sc of end, dec 1 st as before; 51 sc. Work 3 rows even. Repeat last 4 rows 4 times; 43 sc (26 rows).



BEADING: Ch 4, sk 2 sc, 1 dc in next sc, * ch 1, sk 1 st, 1 dc in next st; repeat from * to end. Ch 1, turn, 1 sc in dc, 1 sc in ch; repeat from * end last repeat with 1 sc in each of 2 sts of turning ch; 43 sts.

Next Row: Work 2 sc in first st, 1 sc in each of next 20 sts, 3 sc in next st, 1 sc in each of next 20 sts, 2 sc in last st; 47 sts. Work 1 row even.

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Repeat last 2 rows 4 times, having 2 sts more between incs after each successive inc row; 63 sts. Fasten off.

FRONT: Ch 103. Work 1 sc in second st from hook and in each st to end; 102 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, turn, 1 sc in each st.

Repeat row 2 once.

First Point—Row 1: Ch 1, turn, work 1 sc in each of next 16 sts. Repeat last row twice. Dec 1 st each side of next row; 14 sts. Repeat last 4 rows 5 times; 4 sts. Work 3 rows even; 27 rows. Fasten off.

Second Point—Join yarn in next st of last long row. Work same as first point until there are 25 rows. Ch 1, turn, work 1 sc in each of 4 sts of second point, continue sc across 4 sts

of first point; 8 sts. Fasten off.
Third Point—Join yarn in next st of last long row. Draw up a lp in each of 2 sts, thread over, through 3 lps, 1 sc in each of next 12 sts, draw up a lp in each of next 2 sts, thread over, through 3 lps; 14 sts. Continue as for first point decreasing 1 st each side every 4th row until there are 4 sts and 21 rows. Fasten off.

Fourth Point—Sk next 6 sts of last long row, join yarn in next st. Work same as third point until there are 4 sets and 21 rows. Do not fasten off. Ch 1, turn, work 1 sc in each of 4 sts of 4th point, continue sc across 4 sts of third point; 8 sts. Dec 1 st each side of next row; 6 sts. Work even on 6 sts until 1¾ inches from decrease row. Dec 1 st each side of next row; work 1 row even. Repeat last 2 rows once; 2 sts. Draw up a lp in each of last 2 sts, thread over and pull through 3 lps. Fasten off.

Fifth Point—Same as second point. Sixth Point—Same as first point.

Finishing: From wrong side, work 1 row sc on side edges of heel section. From right side, beginning at base of first point, work 1 row sc around outer





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edges and top of all points, end at base of 6th point. Fasten off. From right side, beginning at inner edge at base of second point, work 1 row sc around inner edges of second and first point. Fasten off. Work sc on inner edges of 2 other sections. Sew back to sole with center back at center of heel. Sew front to sole with center front at center of toe. Make ch required length for between end of heel and end of front on side of sole. Work 3 rows sc. Fasten off. Make 2 for each slipper. Sew to side of sole and to front and heel edges. Sew top of first and second point to top of 5th and 6th point. Sew 134 inch tab at top of second and third points over center of front, leaving opening for cord as illustrated.

Cord: With 2 strands, ch 42 inches. Work 1 sl st in second st from hook and in each st to end. Fasten off. Draw cord through beading and under

center tab at front.

Wee Hats From Big Ones

Martha Graham

I wonder if there is a woman alive who doesn't just love to have a bright new hat. Whether it be to wear to the Easter parade or to cousin Sue's garden party we women do seem to get a big lift out of having a new hat. Not all of us can have a new one for these occasions but most any woman can make one by the simple directions which I shall give. Perhaps before going further I should explain that I don't mean a hat to wear, but rather one that smells good. You see, what I'm going to tell you about is a cute little hat sachet which bears a strong resemblance to the latest hat your neighbor or mine might be wearing these days.

These sachets are easily made and serve well as birthday, Easter or

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Mother's day remembrances or for other occasions when a small gift is indicated. In making them I prefer to use dainty, light color felt. Often discarded felt hats can be revamped for this purpose. Cut the hat in half and, if soiled, wash in a mild soap suds, rinsing well. Do not wring but let it drip a few minutes until the excess moisture is removed, then spread on a towel to dry. Stretch and pull the hat so it will lie as flat as possible. If, when dry, it is cupped or otherwise misshapen, a medium hot iron can be used to press it until it lies flat.



From the best portion of the hat cut a circle about 3½ inches in diameter and dip this piece in water until thoroughly wet. Now center it over the rounding end of a mop or broom handle. Pull the felt downward, stretching as much as possible, over the handle. The handle serves as a tiny hat block for the felt and by stretching and shaping it over the handle you can form a little rounded crown about 3/4 inch deep. Fasten the felt, just at the bottom of the crown, with a rubber band or tie a string around it. Pull the remaining felt outward all around and straighten as much as possible. This portion of the felt is to be the brim of the hat. When dry, remove from the handle. If the brim does not lie flat, it may be pressed with a medium hot iron, using care to press only the brim







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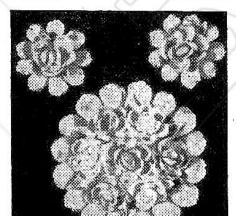
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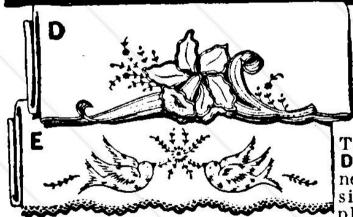


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and not too close to the crown, a slit can be made in the brim, overlapping it to make it lie flat. Before pressing, place a damp cloth over the felt, otherwise it is apt to show the iron marks. When completed the hat will be about 3 inches in diameter. The size varies somewhat, depending on how much the felt is stretched in forming the crown. If the brim and crown do not seem to be of proper proportions, the brim may be trimmed to the desired size. If no used hat is available, bundles of assorted pieces of felt can be purchased at small cost. Usually there are pieces of ample size to make these hats.

Using some thin materials, such as voile or batiste, make a little round pad of a size which will fill the crown of the hat, fill the pad with a bit of soft cotton, sprinkle liberally with sachet powder and close the pad with a few stitches. Next fasten the pad into the crown. With narrow ribbon make a band around the crown of the hat, finishing off with a perky bow at the back or side. If desired, a tiny feather or flower may be attached to give added charm to the little creation.

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Tatted Doily

Cut a linen circle about 5 inches in diameter. Single crochet around edge. Using number 10 thread, the edge measures about 1¾ inches wide. Use ball and shuttle.

Abbreviations: Rnd (round); ch (chain); sts (stitches); ds (double stitch); r (ring); cl r (close ring); p (picot); sc (single crochet); lp (loop); twisted st—make 5 of the first half of the double—this will be referred to as a set of sts.

Rnd 1: Make a r of 2 sets of sts, p, 2 sets of sts, cl r. Make another r of 6 ds, join to p of last r, 9 ds, join to lp of sc on doily, 9 ds, p, 6 ds, cl r. R of 2 sets of sts, join to free p of large r, 2 sets of sts, sl r. Tie ball thread to shuttle thread, turn, ch 2 sets of sts, p, 2 sets of sts, turn. R of 6 ds, join

to same p on large r, 6 ds, cl r. R of 6 ds, p, 6 ds, cl r. Turn, ch 2 sets of





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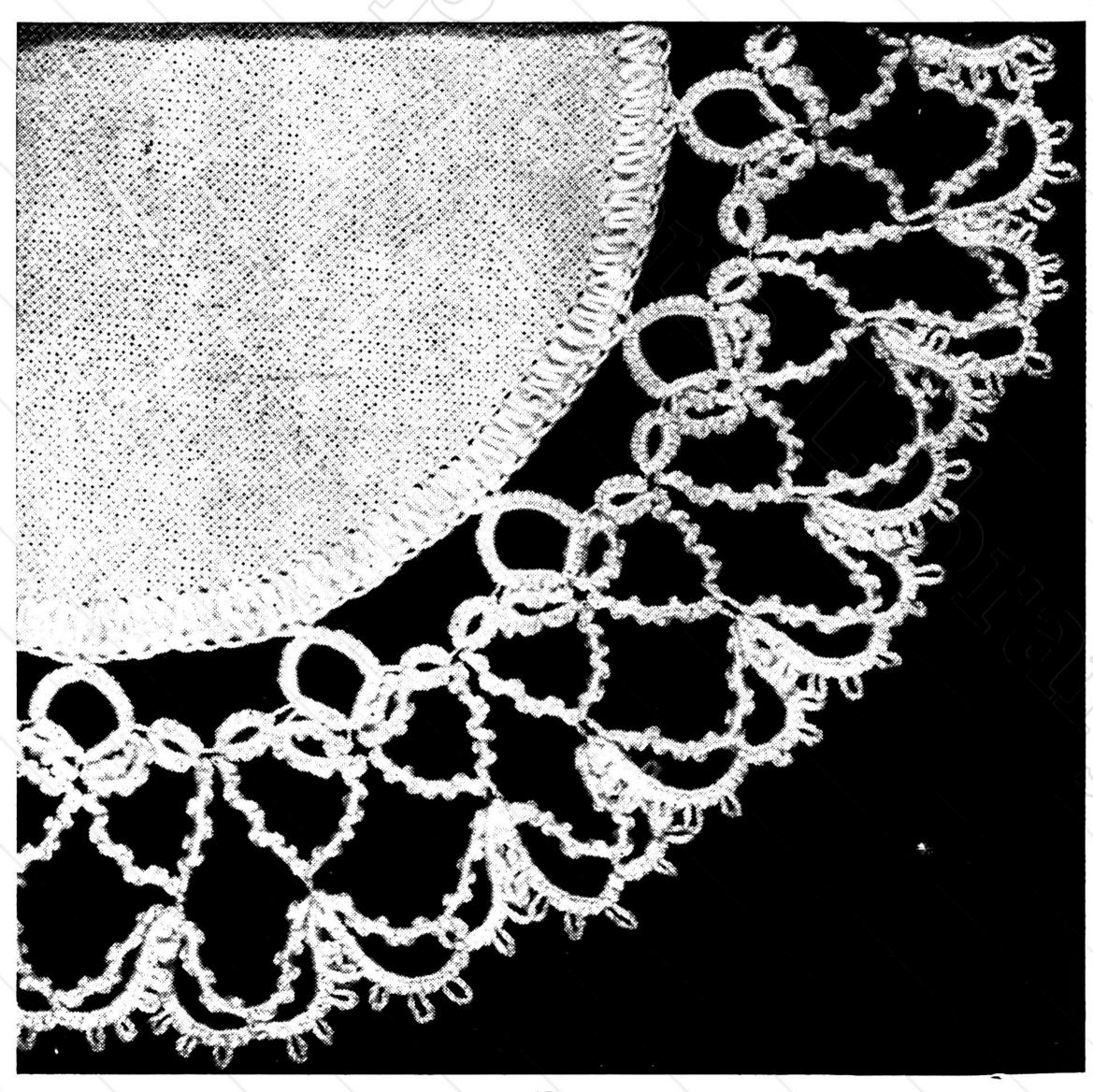
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sts, p, 2 sets of sts. Repeat from * around. The large r is joined to sc on edge of doily with about 1 inch between each joining. Cut and tie thread.

Rnd 2: Tie both ball and shuttle thread to p of any twisted st lp, * ch 2 sets of sts, p, 2 sets of sts, join in p of next ch lp. Repeat from * around. Do not cut thread. Join last lp to same p where rnd began. You are now ready to start rnd 3.

Rnd 3: (Ch 3 ds, p) 5 times, 3 ds, join to p of lp in last rnd, (3 ds, p) 5 times, 3 ds, join to next p of lp in last rnd, repeat around. Cut and tie thread.



Dresser Scarf with Butterfly Trim

Use this attractive crocheted butterfly in the corner of a handkerchief, as an applique on pillow slips and towels as well as a trim on an organdy dresser scarf as shown. Daisy Mercerized Crochet Cotton size 30 in blue and yellow was used in this model; use size 13 crochet hook. One half yard organdy is needed to make the scarf.

Abbreviations: Ch (chain); st (stitch); sk (skip); sl st (slip stitch); lp (loop); sp (space); sc (single crochet); dc (double crochet); hdc (half double crochet)—thread over as for a dc, insert hook through st, pull through, thread over and pull through all lps at once; tr (treble)—thread over twice and work off 2 lps at a time; dtr (double treble)—thread over three times and work off 2 lps at a time.

BUTTERFLY—Large Wing: With yellow, ch 6, sk 4 ch, (2 dc in next ch) twice.

Row 2: Ch 3, turn, dc in each of next 4 dc, 3 dc in ch 4.

Row 3: Ch 4, turn, 3 dc in first dc, dc in each of next 7 sts.

Row 4: Ch 3, turn, dc in each of the first 6 dcs, tr in each of next 4 sts, 4 tr in end ch.

Row 5: Ch 4, turn, 3 dc in first tr, dc in each of next 10 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts, ch 1 and drop thread but do not cut.

Row 6: Turn, sc in blue in first sc, (ch 3, sk 1 st, sc in next st) 8 times.

Row 7: Ch 5, turn, sc in first lp, (ch 3, sc in next lp) 7 times. Fasten off.

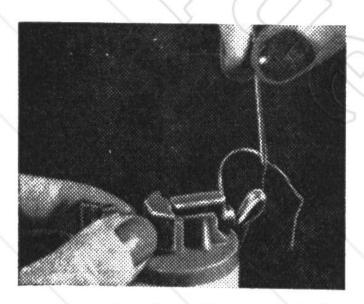
Row 8: Turn, pick up yellow, 3 sc across end of the 2 blue rows, ch 3, holding back the last lp of each dc on hook, make 2 dc in first lp, thread over



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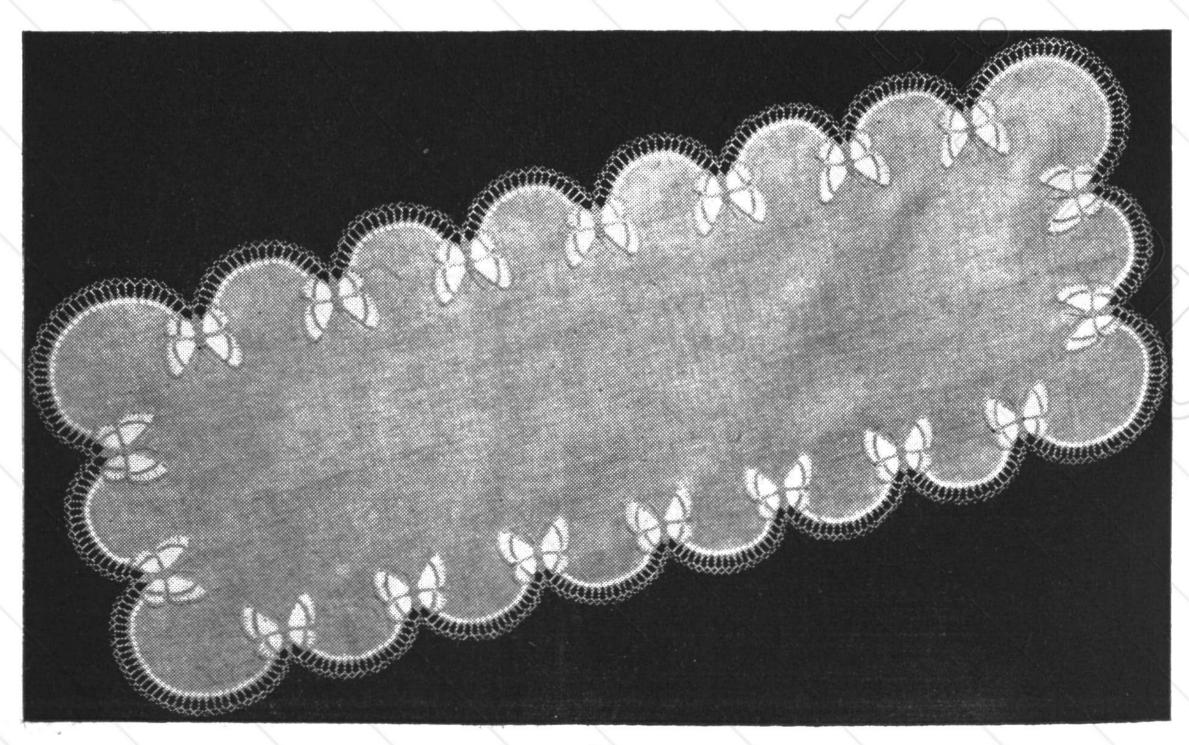
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and draw through all lps on hook (cluster made), ch 2, a 2-dc cluster in next lp, (ch 2, a 2-tr cluster in next

lp) 3 times, (ch 2, 2-dtr cluster in next lp) 3 times, ch 2, a 2-dtr cluster in same end lp, ch 6, sc in same lp. Fasten off. Make two wings.

Edge: With last row of one wing right-side-up, join blue to starting st at base of wing, (2 sc in next row, sc between rows) 4 times, sc in next 3 sc, ch 1, 4 dc in next lp, ch 1, sc in next cluster, (ch 1, 2 dc in next sp, ch 1, sc in next cluster) 8 times, 7 sc in next ch-6 lp, 3 sc across ends of 2 blue rows, 2 sc in next row, sc between rows, 4 sc in next row, sc between rows, (2 sc in next row, sc between rows) 3 times-right wing made. Ch 1 and with last row of other wing wrong-sideup, sc in starting end, (2 sc in next row, sc between rows) 3 times, 4 sc in next row, sc between rows, 2 sc in next row, sc between rows, 3 sc across next blue rows, 7 sc in next ch 6, sc in next cluster, (ch 1, 2 dc in next sp, ch 1, sc in next cluster) 8 times, ch 1, 4 dc in next sp, ch 1, sc in next 3 sc, (2 sc in next row, sc between rows) 4 times, 2 dc between wings, join with

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sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Small Wing: With yellow, ch 8, sk 6 ch, 3 tr in next ch, 3 dc in next





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Row 3: Ch 5, turn, 2 tr in first dc, tr in next 8 tr, 2 tr in next st, ch 1 and drop thread but do not cut.

Row 4: Turn, join blue to first tr, (ch 3, sk 1 tr, sc in next tr) 6 times.

Row 5: Ch 5, turn, sc in first lp, (ch 3, sc in next lp) 5 times. Fasten off.

Row 6: Turn, pick up yellow, 3 sc across end of 2 blue rows, ch 4, a 2-tr cluster in first lp, (ch 2, a 2-dtr cluster in next lp) twice, ch 2, a 2-tr cluster in next lp, ch 2, a 2-dc cluster in next lp, ch 2, sc in next lp. Fasten off. Make 2.

Edge: With last row of one wing right-side-up, sc in blue in starting end of wing, (2 sc in next row, sc between rows) twice, 4 sc in next row, sc between rows, sc in next 3 sc, 4 sc in next lp, sc in next cluster, (ch 1, 3 dc in next sp, ch 1, sc in next cluster) 4 times, ch 1, 3 dc in next lp, ch 1, 3 sc across blue rows, * 4 sc in next row, sc between rows, 2 sc in next row, sc between rows, 4 sc in next row, sc in next st, * (lower left wing made). Ch 1, with last row of other wing wrongside-up, sc in starting end, repeat from * to *, 3 sc across blue rows, (ch 1, 3 dc in next sp, ch 1, sc in cluster) 5 times, 4 sc in next lp, sc in 3 sc, 4 sc in next row, sc between rows, (2 sc in next row, sc between rows) twice, 3 dc between wings, join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off. Tack large wings over top edge of small wings.

Body—With blue, ch 5, 6 dc in 5th

ch from hook.

Row 2: Ch 3, turn, 2 dc in each dc (12 dc).

Rows 3 and 4: (Ch 3, turn, dc in 12 dc) twice.

Row 5: Ch 1, turn, (sk 1 dc, sc in next dc) 6 times.

Row 6: Ch 1, turn, sc in 6 sc.

Row 7: Ch 3, turn, 2 dc in each sc.

Repeat rows 3, 4 and 5.

Row 11: Ch 1, turn, (sk 1 sc, sc in next sc) 3 times.

Row 12: Ch 1, turn, sk 1 sc, 2 sc in next sc. * Ch 18, sk 5 ch, sl st in next 13 ch, * sc in same st on head. Repeat from * to *, 2 sc in same st on head. Fasten off. Roll body lengthwise and sew edges together. Sew in place on wings. Make 18 butterflies.

CORNER SCROLL—With yellow (ch 5, hdc in third ch from hook, dc in next 2 ch) 34 times, ch 1. Fasten off.

Row 2: Join blue to last ch 1, * ch 5, hdc in third ch from hook, dc in next 2 ch, sc between next 2 scallops. Repeat from * across. Fasten off. Make 4.

SMALL SCROLL – Repeat with only 17 scallops. Make 14.

Arrange butterflies on organdy, 7 on each long side, 2 on each end. Tack scrolls to points of small wings and arrange in even curves between butterflies as in photograph. Sew butterflies and inner edge of scrolls with invisible stitches. Trim organdy, turn under and hem down scrolls and around lower edge of small wings.

Edge—Join yellow to tip of one butterfly body, * ch 5, tr in corner of next small wing, (ch 5, tr in point of next scallop on scroll) repeated around, ch 5, tr in corner of next wing, ch 5, sc in end of next body. Repeat from * around. Join and fasten off.

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When unraveling a knitted garment, wind the yarn around a quart milk bottle and dip it in water. The yarn will be free of kinks when it is dry and ready to use again.

If knitting must be put aside before a row is finished, clip a spring-type clothespin over the ends of knitting needles. Then there is no danger of raveling. The clothespin may be kept handy in your knitting bag.

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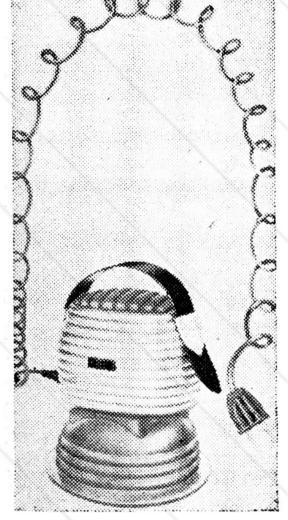
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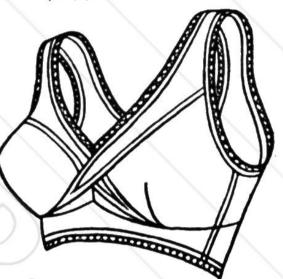
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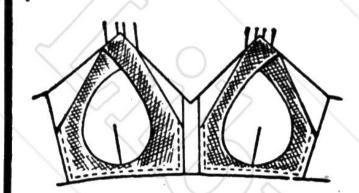
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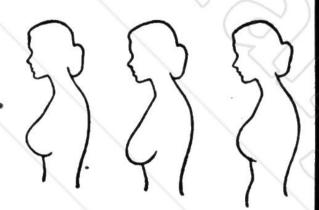
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Kay Bowe

For those who like to knit, the mere act of turning out a well-made sweater or a pair of gloves is just the beginning! A hobby of needlework may begin to occupy more and more of your time, encroaching on other acitvities to the point that your hobby of knitting can become a profession. That's what happened to me!

"You ought to go into business!" I was told by friends who saw the hand

knits I made for the babies at the New York City Foundling Hospital. It was an idea! I pursued it; and have since built up a flourishing home business that keeps me busy and gives me enough profit to afford many of the little luxuries that make daily living more pleasant. I had read enough about home businesses to know that the first and most important move is to pick an item to sell that will be in great de-



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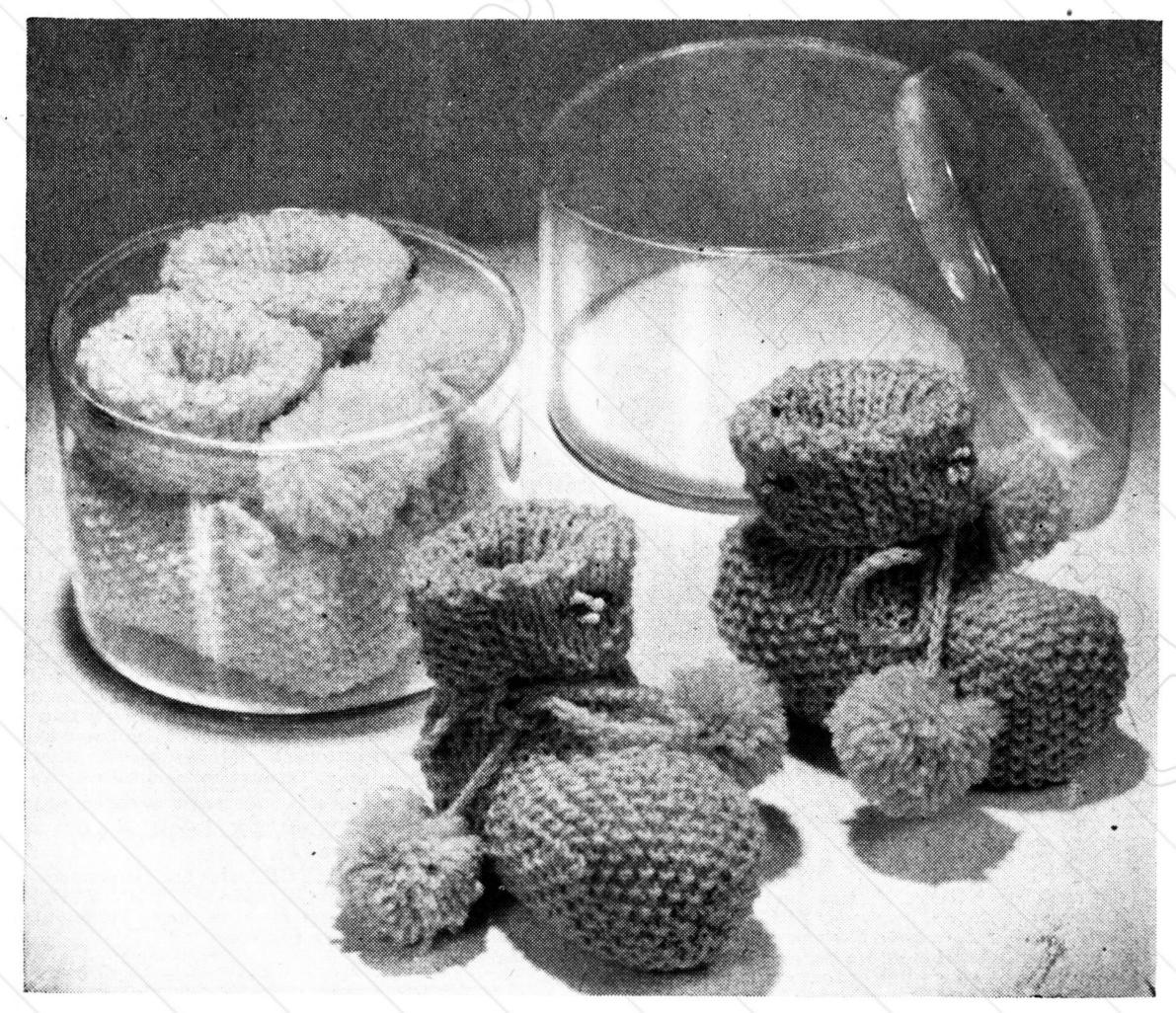
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mand. A walk down Main Street convinced me that something for babies should always find a market!

Experience has taught me that the over-all profit on a tiny item far exceeds that of, say, a bedspread which takes months to make. So if you are thinking of going into business stick to small items—inexpensive in time as well as materials used. The baby bootees pictured here were designed with a gift market in mind. Babies, like time and tide, go on forever and the demand for something to take to a new baby holds up throughout the year. So bootees or caps or sacques for babies are items worth considering for

imaginative knitters who want to make some extra money.

Once I decided that it would be bootees I would sell, I spent several hours making various styles with an assortment of decorative trimming. It is the trimming that makes or spoils your product—so remember, leave off the gingerbread. Simplicity is the hallmark of good taste. When I was certain the design for the bootees was entirely satisfactory I bought soft, three-ply yarn in pink, blue, white, and yellow. You will find these are the popular baby colors. I bought a few skeins of embroidery cotton; and then went to work.



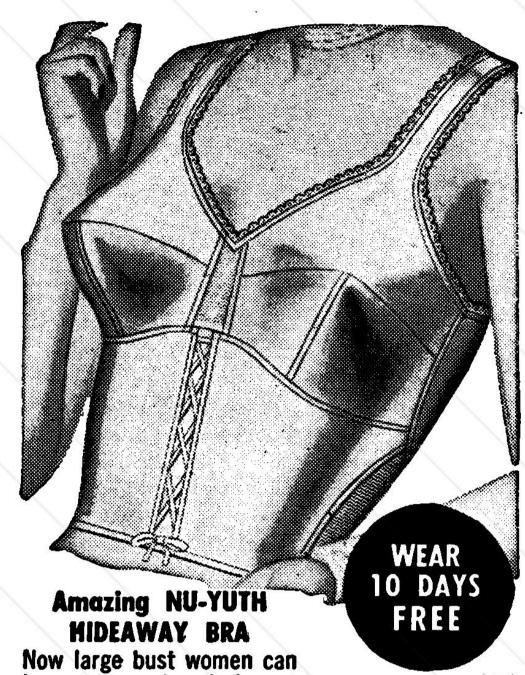
Kay Bowe has found that attractive packaging adds to the sales appeal of any handmade article. Not only do these transparent plastic boxes have eye-appeal, they also keep the knit bootees fresh and clean.

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It is necessary to find time-saving devices to speed up production when you are making things in quantities. I find it wise to work along in sequences, like factory workers. I make the bootees in the following steps: (1) Do the actual knitting of at least six pairs. (2) Embroider the French knots and little leaves on the cuffs of the bootees. (3) Sew sole and back seams. (4) Crochet necessary number of tie strings and make pompons.

As I was knitting the first few pairs of bootees I thought about ways in which I could package them. I was definitely making the bootees to be used as gifts, and packaging a gift product is very important. Two essentials must be considered-protection and eyeappeal. I wanted a box that would keep my bootees clean and unhandled, and yet let them be seen by the buyer. I wanted the package to be something special and have a little more eyeappeal than is found in the run-of-themill items. For that reason I decided on a round transparent plastic box 3 inches in diameter. Prospective buyers could see what they were getting in such a box—yet the bootees themselves would remain fresh and clean. It was easy to find a dealer in boxes in the classified telephone directory. It wasn't even necessary to go see the man. Over the phone I told him what I wanted, he said he had a box in stock, and two days later the postman arrived with my order of six dozen boxes. These cost me 10 cents each; but I get at least 25 cents more per pair on the bootees because of the box so it was a sound investment!

When I had a dozen pairs of bootees made and tucked snugly in their little glass houses, I went off to a neighborhood gift shop, carrying with me one pair in each color as a sample. I had set a price of \$1.50 per pair for the



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There is a lot of fun in making money from your own creations. Get started now! Put a novel idea to work and watch it bring you revenue. Here are the directions for the bootees that started me off on a business career:

Requirements: (Infant size) Yarn: 1 ounce 3-ply baby yarn (makes two pairs). Needles: 1 pair number 3 single point.

Abbreviations: K (knit); p (purl); sts (stitches); O (yarn over); tog (together); sl (slip); moss st—k l, p l across row, repeat this row.

Cast on 37 sts. Work 3 rows in moss st; then work pattern for cuff as follows:

Row 1: Moss st for 5 sts, * p 3, moss st for 9 sts, repeat from * and

end moss st for 5 sts.

Row 2: Moss st for 4 sts, * k 5, moss st for 7 sts, repeat from * and end moss st for 4 sts.

Row 3: Moss st for 3 sts, * p 7, moss st for 5 sts, repeat from * and end moss st for 3 sts.

Row 4: Moss st for 2 sts, * k 9, moss st for 3 sts, repeat from * and end moss st for 2 sts.

Row 5: Moss st for 1 st, * p 11, moss st for 1 st, repeat from * and end moss st for 1 st.

Row 6: Same as Row 4.

Row 7: Moss st for 3 sts, * p 3, k 1, p 3, moss st for 5 sts, repeat from * and end moss st for 3 sts. Work 3 rows in moss st.

Rib in k 1, p 1, for one row, p 1, k 1, next row, repeat these 2 rows for 8 rows. On next row form beading as follows: This row should begin with a k st. Rib for 2 sts, * O, k 2 tog, rib for 4 sts, repeat from * across row, end ribbing 3 sts. Continue in ribbing for 8 rows more.

Then sl first and last 13 sts on separate holders and work in moss st on center 11 sts for 20 rows. Pick up 12 sts along each side of gusset and pick up 13 sts from holders. Work even in moss st on 61 sts for 10 rows. Place a marker on center st, continuing in moss st, dec 1 st at each end of needle and dec 1 st on each side of center marked st every other row 4 times. Work 2 rows even. Bind off. Sew up back seam and across sole of shoe.

Cord: Crochet a chain about 14 inches long.

Pompons: Wind yarn about piece of cardboard ¾ inch wide 150-175 times. Run piece of yarn through center before slipping from cardboard. Tie securely in center and clip, then trim in shape of ball. Fasten pompon to each end of cord after it has been threaded through beading.

In the Future



There will be tatting directions for a lovely ruffle doily in a coming issue. When completed it measures about twelve inches in diameter.

You'll especially like the knitted baby sweater that is simple and easy to make. The design is worked in duplicate stitch, using embroidery floss.

In crochet you will find a doily made of small motifs. It could easily become a table scarf or runner, vanity or chair set, or even a tablecloth. Each motif is about one and one half inches square.

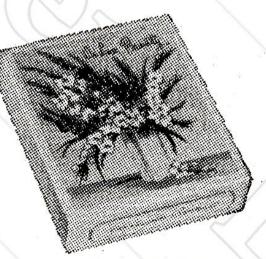
Also in crochet is a sunflower hot pad or hot plate mat. The model was worked in yellow and black.

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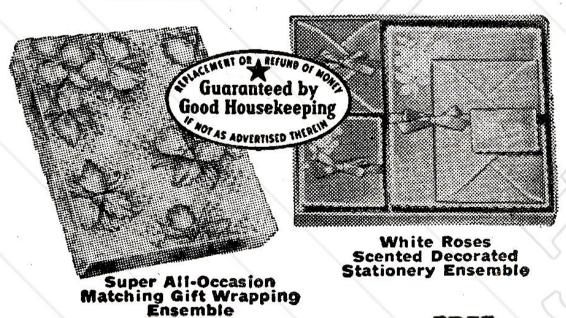
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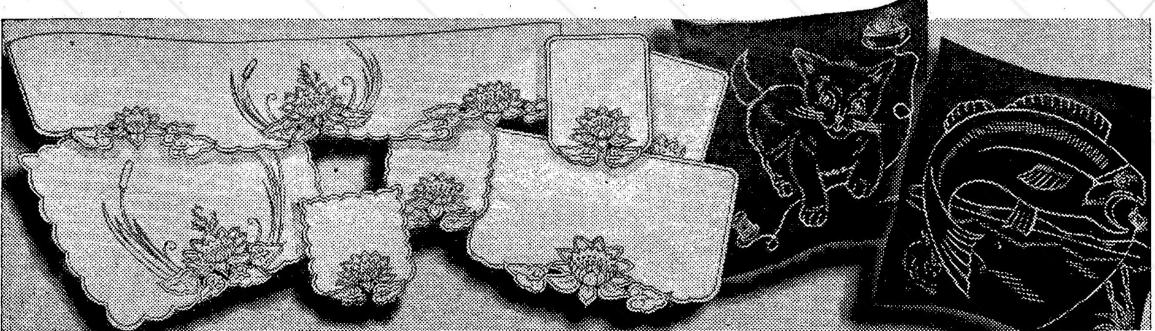
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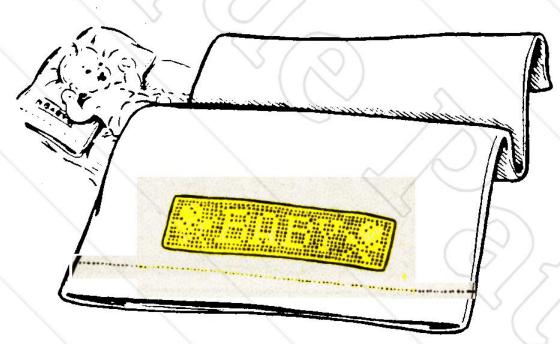


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Crocheted Insertion for Baby

This pretty insertion could be used for sheets, pillowslips or a carriage cover. Pastel pink or blue would be pretty, or white with a colored edge. Size 30 mercerized crochet thread and a number 11 crochet hook was used to make the model. It measures about 8 inches long and 2 inches wide.



Abbreviations: Ch (chain); dc (double crochet); bl (block); sp (space); sc (single crochet); st (stitch); sk (skip).

Filet crochet is composed of sps and bls. Always count the sps and bls in the first row on chart or illustration and make a ch allowing 3 sts for each sp or bl, add 1 ch st to this total. To begin a row with a bl, add 3 sts, if it begins with a sp, add 5 sts.

4 dc over 4 sts of ch or previous row makes one bl, 7 dc makes 2 bls as 3 dc are added for each additional bl.

The open squares on the chart indicate sps, the checked squares indicate bls.

Starting at one end of insertion, ch 42.

Row 1: Dc in 8th st from hook,

(ch 2, sk 2 sts, dc in next st) repeated across ch (12 sps), always ch 5 to turn.

Row 2: Dc in dc, (ch 2, dc in next dc) repeated across row, turn.

Continue, following chart for design. Edge: With colored or contrasting thread, (sc in each dc of row, 2 sc in each sp) around entire insertion, cut and fasten thread.

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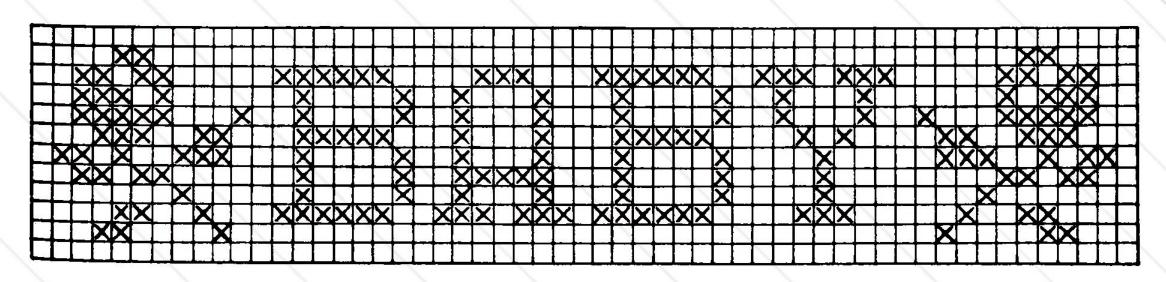
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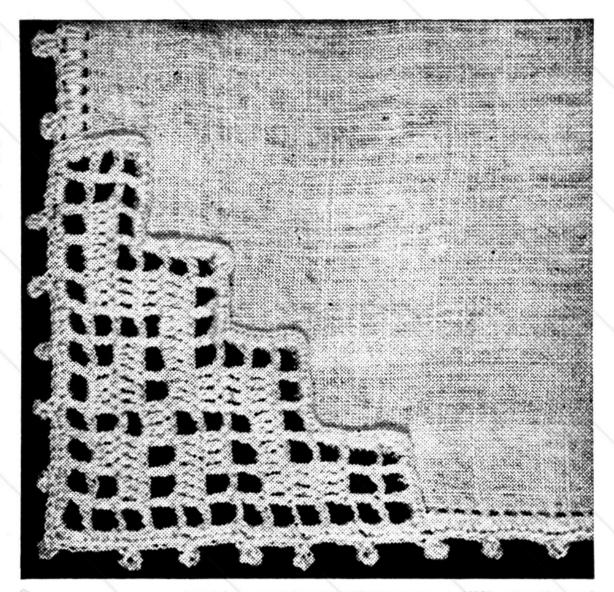
Filet Corner Handkerchief Trim

The model was made of a white linen handkerchief 9¾ inches square; the crochet portion was made of American Thread Company Star Tatting Cotton in white. One 60-yard ball is sufficient; use a number 13 steel Crochet hook.

Abbreviations: Ch (chain); dc (double crochet); sk (skip); sts (stitches); sps (spaces); bl (block); p (picot).

Filet Corner: Ch 41, dc in 8th st from hook, * ch 2, sk 2 sts of ch, dc in next st, repeat from * across row, ch 5, turn (12 sps).

Row 2: Dc in next dc, (ch 2, dc in



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next dc) a sp made, (2 dc in next sp, dc in next dc) a bl made, 1 sp, 1 bl, 2 sps, 3 bl, 2 sps, ch 5, turn.

Row 3: 4 sps, 1 bl, 1 sp, 2 bls, 1 sp,

2 bls, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

Row 4: 3 sps, 1 bl, 3 sps, 1 bl, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

Row 5: 1 sp, 4 bl, 1 sp, 2 bl, 1 sp,

ch 5, turn.

Row 6: 2 sps, 1 bl, 1 sp, 1 bl, 4

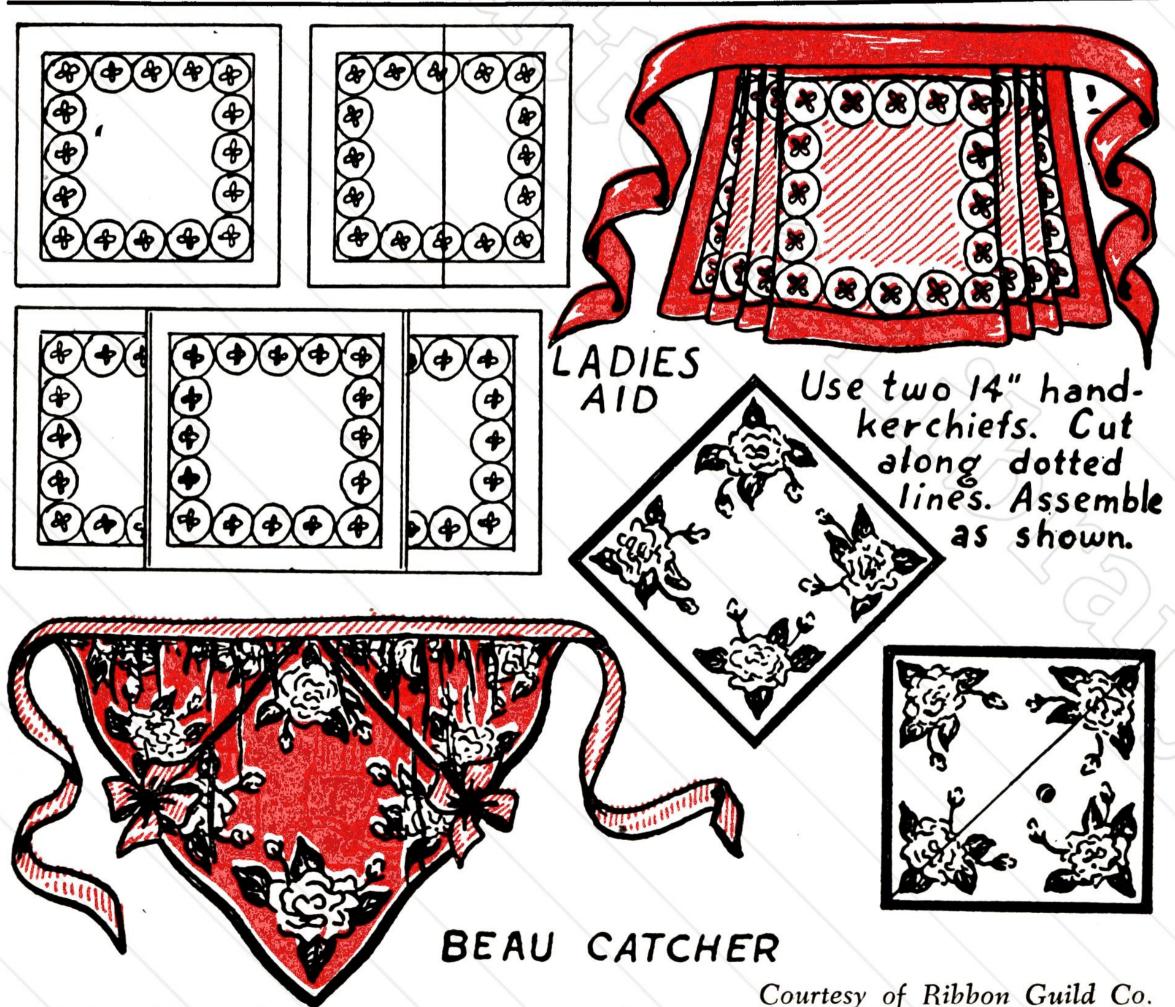
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Row 7: Sl st over 3 open meshes, ch 5, 1 dc in each of the next 4 dc, 4 sps, ch 5, turn.

Row 8: 1 sp, 4 bls, 1 sp, ch 5, turn. Row 9: 4 sps, 1 bl, 1 sp, ch 5, turn. Row 10: 1 sp, 1 bl, 1 sp, ch 5, turn. Rows 11, 12: 3 sps in each row. Fasten off.

Work 3 more motifs in same manner. Baste one motif in each corner of hand-kerchief, then sew to handkerchief using a buttonhole st. Cut away material from underneath motif.

Edge: Attach thread in first sp of motif, 2 sc in same sp, (3 sc in next sp, ch 5, sl st in 5th st from hook for p, 2 sc in next sp) 4 times, work 3 sc, p, 3 sc in corner sp, (3 sc in next sp, p, 2 sc in next sp) 4 times, 3 sc in last sp, p, * make 4 sc over rolled edge, p, repeat from * along each side of linen working all filet corners same as first corner. A handkerchief with a hemstitched edge could be used, working the 4 sc of edge in the hemstitched sps.



The Ribbon Baby Carriage Cover in December appeared through the courtesy of Ribbon Guild Ribbon Guild Co.

Hemstitching

Hemstitching is a popular type of ornamental needlework. One learns, through hemstitching, to arrange and group threads in interesting ways. In this type of openwork, the warp or woof threads are drawn from the fabric and the remaining threads are drawn

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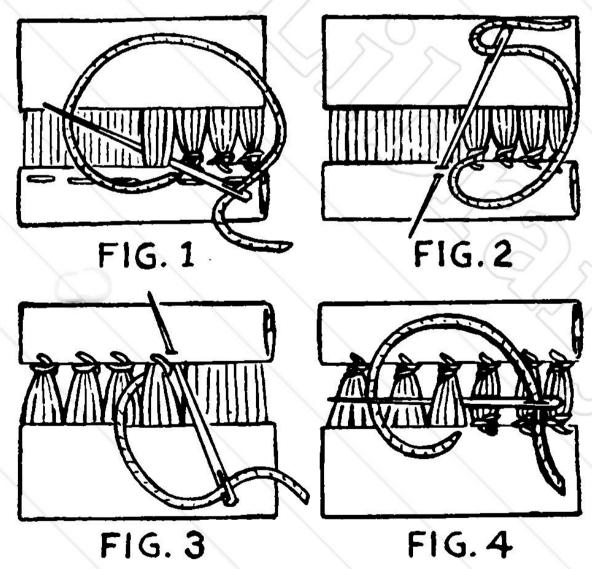
together by various stitches forming open patterns.

The various ways of grouping the threads and sewing over them with different stitches give many combinations of design. Hemstitching can be the sole decoration on an article or it can easily be combined with other types of embroidery.

The hem is usually turned to the wrong side; some people however may prefer to turn it to the right side. Contrasting thread may be used to work the hemstitching for added decoration.

For simple hemstitching, draw out threads above the edge of hem that has been basted in to any desired width. Two different ways of making the simple hemstitching are given.

Hold the wrong or right side of fabric toward you and the open space made by drawn threads over index finger of left hand, throw thread to the left forming a loop as shown, then pass needle from right to left, behind desired number of threads (usually 3)



or 4 threads) as shown in Figure 1, draw thread close to edge of hem, fasten with a small stitch through hem (Figure 2). (Continued on Page 72)



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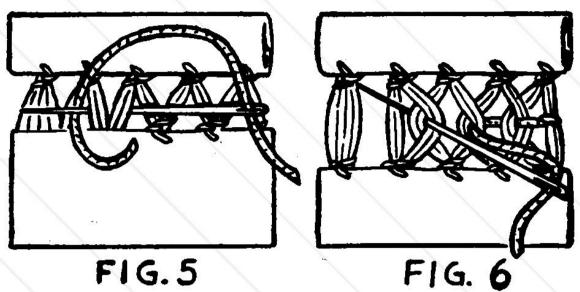
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Hemstitching can also be worked from left to right. Hold hem at the top, fasten thread, then pass needle from right to left under 3 or 4 threads, draw needle out, then take a small stitch in hem as shown in Figure 3.

Double hemstitching (Figure 4) is worked the same as single hemstitching, only on both edges of drawn

threads. Pass needle back of the same number of threads, so as to form straight bars.



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The first row of diagonal stitching (Figure 5) is worked the same as single hemstitching. Turn and work second row by passing needle under last 2 threads of first group and 2 threads of next group, thus forming a cluster. Continue to divide each group of threads in like manner, making a zigzag line of bars. This may also be called serpentine or trellis hemstitch.

There are various ways of crossing the groups of threads. In Figure 6, both sides of fabric are hemstitched, then fasten thread over first 2 threads of first group, pass needle from front to back under first 2 threads of next group, then slip needle back over and under last 2 threads of preceding group, pulling needle out toward you, thus thread between the drawing the groups. Here you have groups of threads divided and crossed.

You may also cross groups of threads, by slipping the second group of threads over the first. This is not shown in sketch.

Groups of threads can be knotted together as shown in Figures 7 and 8. Fasten thread to first group, a third of the length of the bar, with a chain stitch and draw together. Pass needle under the first two groups, an equal distance from other edge and form a chain stitch as shown in Figure 7, draw

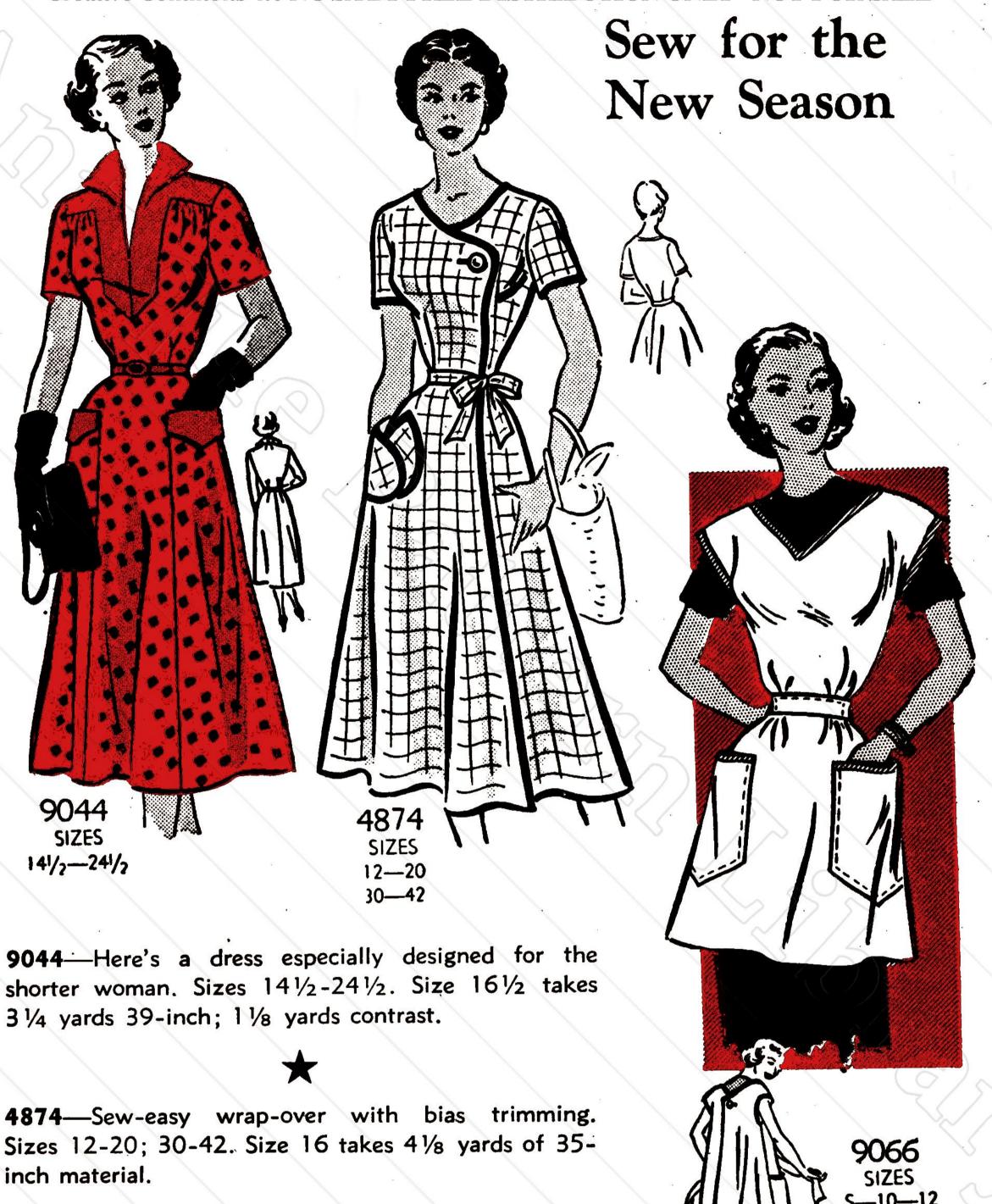
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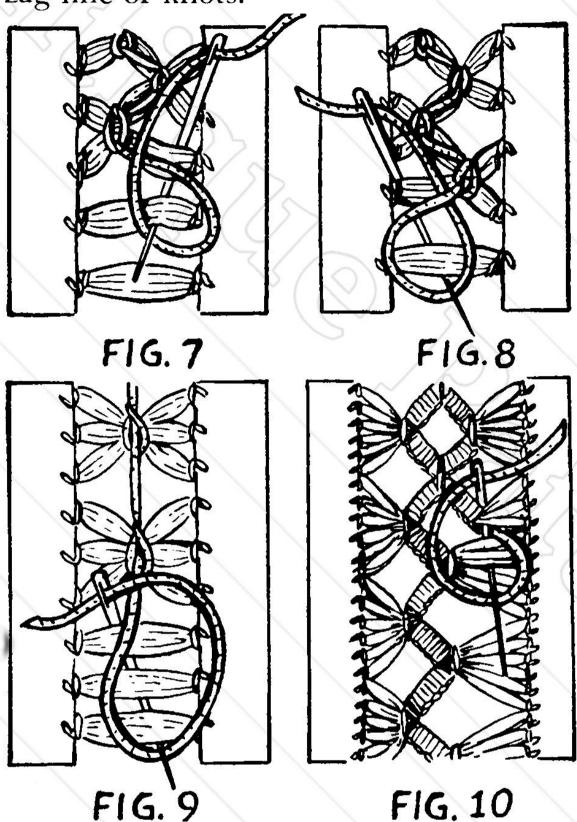
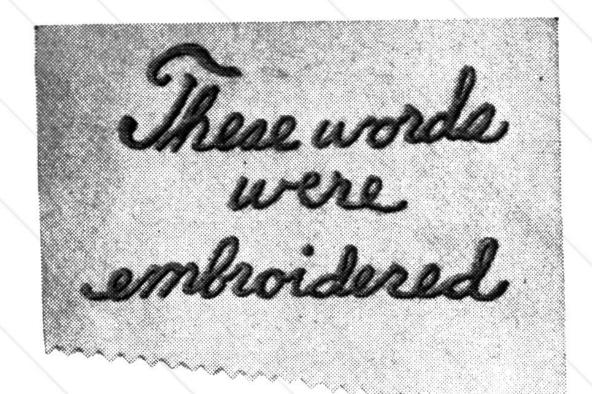


Figure 9 shows three groups of threads knotted in the center, using the chain stitch. To do this, fasten thread in the middle of first 3 groups with a chain stitch and draw together. Pass under next 3 groups, make a chain stitch and draw up. Be careful and do not pull the thread too tight through center between groups.

The openwork shown in Figure 10 is worked in two rows. The groups are knotted together in groups of six bars. The bars in the center are covered with buttonhole stitch and form a diamond pattern. A pair of embroidery hoops would be helpful to hold your work when doing this kind of openwork.

There are many other patterns in openwork that we have not shown nor described, and only your imagination need limit you as to what can be done.

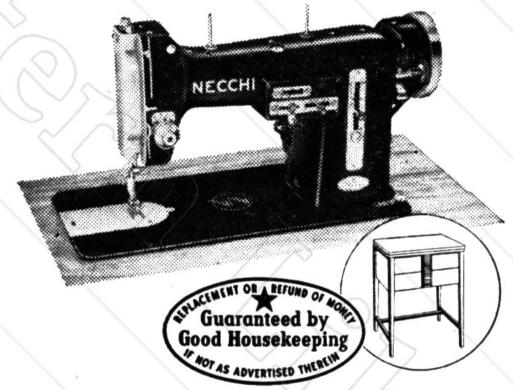


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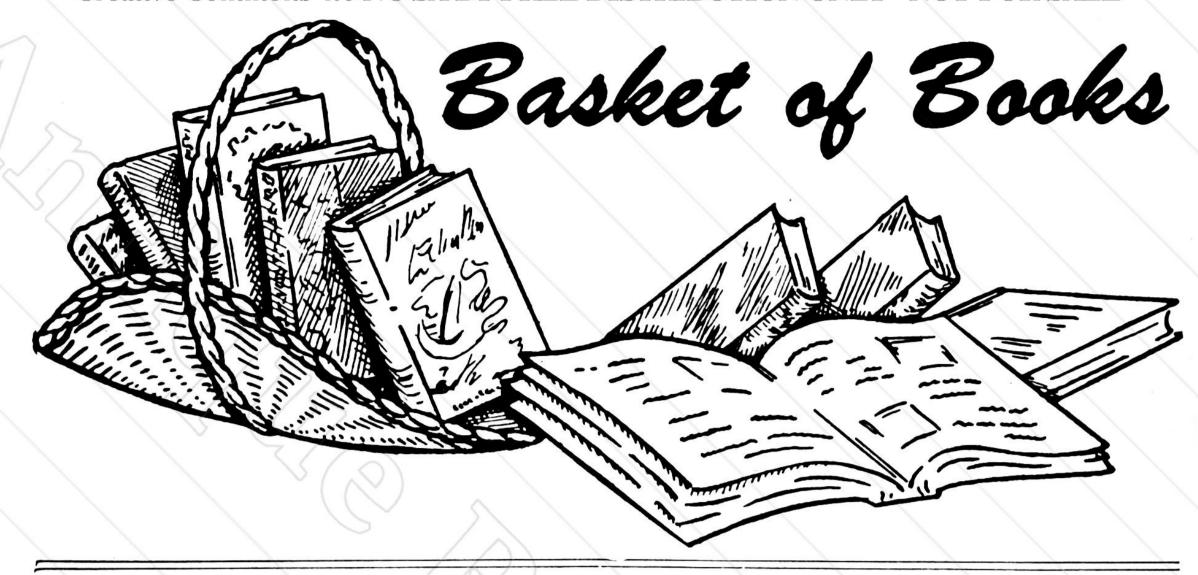
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CREATING HOOKED RUGS

Vera Bisbee Underhill with Arthur J. Burks (110 pages; illustrated; Coward-McCann, Inc., New York; \$6)

Despite the nearly fatal blow dealt it by the arrival of the machine age many years ago, rug hooking is gradually returning to its place in the sun as one of the most desirable of creative crafts. Kept alive during its dark years primarily by a group of New England women, the craft's revival is at its peak in those states. There one finds teachers, rug hooking groups, and exhibits galore to be visited for information and inspiration. Other parts of the country are now manifesting a pronounced interest in this ancient craft, but opportunities for learning are

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limited in most places. Because of this, and the dearth of teachers, "Creating Hooked Rugs" fills a definite need.

Many books are available on the subject of hooking rugs but, in the main, they are written by artists in this field who assume a basic knowledge that few beginners possess, and, as the authors point out, "Women who are beginners usually want every detail planned for them." Vera Underhill and Arthur Burks do just that. They say "A book 'bridge' seemed necessary across the confusing territory between ignorance of rug making and a workable knowledge of its entrancing ramifications. This book is intended to be a chatty text book for the novice." It definitely lives up to its authors' specifications, being detailed, explicit, informal, and, above all, not dogmatic. There is no desire here to impose theories and ideas upon the readers. This is, rather, an attempt to share knowledge and lend a helping hand to everyone who wishes to embark on the craft of rug hooking which, the authors believe, is at once the most restful and most stimulating one to be found.

The necessary equipment is relatively simple and inexpensive. Most important is a solid, adjustable easelframe. It makes for faster, easier, and

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In the chapter dealing with color, stress is laid on the importance of planning a rug with a predominant color in mind. One must have continuity and harmony so that it is necessary to visualize the rug as a whole before starting on any corner of it. As far as design is concerned, the authors warn against original patterns unless their creators be artists. Mrs. Underhill herself uses the Heirloom rug patterns of Louise Hunter Zeiser, choosing, from a very large selection, the designs that appeal to her most, and, of course, selecting her own colors. Included at the back of the book, incidentally, is a table listing Mrs. Zeiser's patterns and giving the price, order number, and description of each one.

The chapters on technique are minutely detailed and easy to understand. There is information on dyeing too, and several rug patterns, illustrated and explained thoroughly, so that, after carefully study of "Creating Hooked Rugs," the reader is definitely equipped to set forth on a rug making future.

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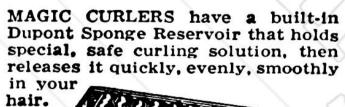
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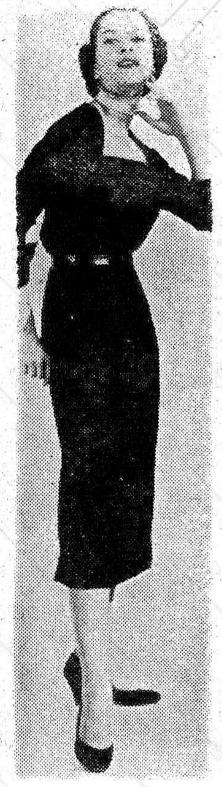




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