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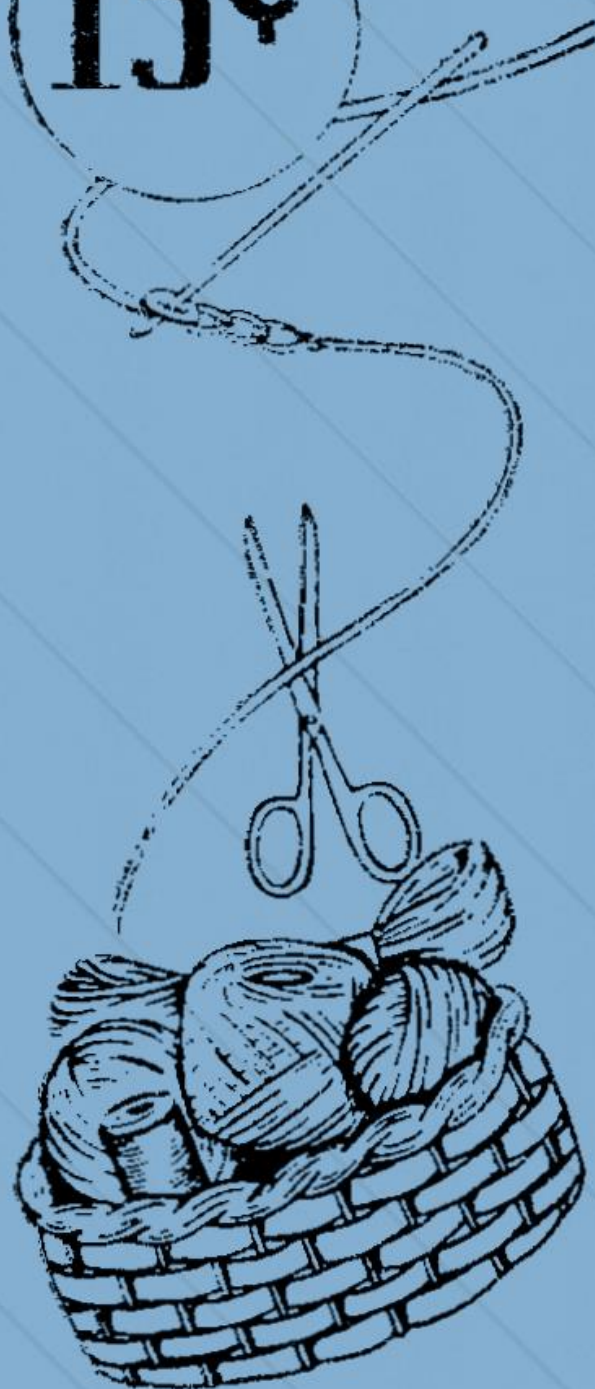
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Abbreviations: K (knit); p (purl); O (yarn over); sl (slip); tog (together); sts (stitches); sc (single crochet); dc (double crochet); psso (pass slip stitch over); ch (chain); sk (skip).

Gauge: 1 pattern to one inch.

11 rows to one inch.

Pattern: Multiple of 7 sts plus 4.

Row 1: (Wrong side) K 4, * O, sl 1, k 2 tog, psso, O, k 4, repeat from * across.

Row 2: K 1, p to last st, k 1.

Repeat these 2 rows to pattern.

SACQUE begins at bottom—With number 2 needles cast on 193 (207) sts. Work even in pattern until piece measures 6 (7) inches from start, ending with row 1 of pattern. P 49 (54) sts, place on holder, bind off next 4 sts for underarm. P 87 (91) sts for back, place on holder, bind off next 4 sts for underarm. P remaining 49 (54) sts for left front and hold on needle.

Turn, work on left front only. Work in pattern binding off 2 sts at armhole side 3 times, 43 (48) sts. Work even in pattern until armhole measures 2 ($2\frac{1}{2}$) inches from first bind off. Change to number 1 needles and work even in pattern for $\frac{1}{2}$ inch ending at neck edge. Bind off 12 (13) sts at neck edge. Work in pattern to armhole and back to neck edge. Bind off 7 (8) sts at neck edge, 24 (27) sts remaining. Work even for 1 inch. Bind off.

Repeat for other front, reversing the decreases.

BACK—With wrong side to you, tie in yarn to back. With number 2 needles, bind off 2 sts at the beginning of the next 6 rows, 75 (79) sts. Work even in pattern until armhole measures $3\frac{1}{2}$ (4) inches from first bind off ending with row 1 of pattern. P 24 (27) sts, place on holder, bind off center 27 (25) sts for back of neck, p 24 (27) sts. Work 3 rows even in pattern. Bind off. Tie in yarn to other side and work to correspond.

SLEEVES—With number 1 needles, cast on 53 (60) sts, k 1, p 1 in ribbing for one inch. Change to number 2 needles and pattern and work even until sleeve measures $6\frac{1}{2}$ ($7\frac{1}{2}$) inches from start. Bind off 10 sts at the beginning of the next 4 rows. Bind off remaining sts. Weave shoulders.

NECKBAND — With number 1 needles and right side to you, pick up 100 (104) sts around neck. K 1, p 1

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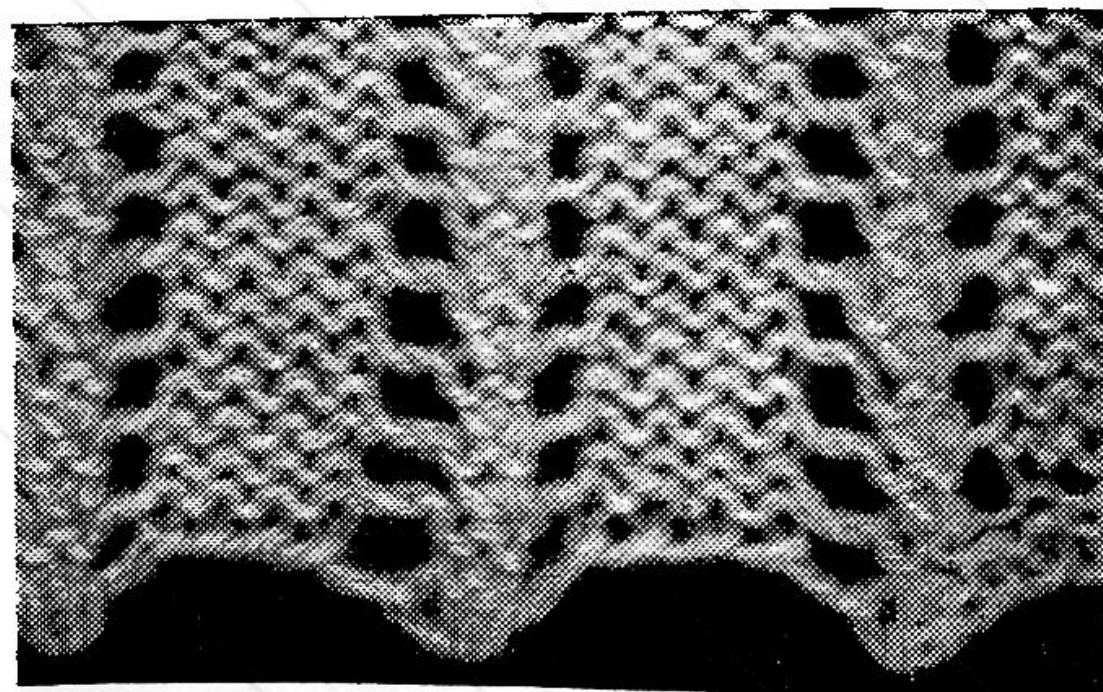
in ribbing for $\frac{3}{4}$ inch. Bind off.

Finishing: Weave sleeve seams. Sew sleeves in place. Crochet 4 rows single crochet on left front edge. For a boy, reverse these bands. Crochet 2 rows sc on right front edge, starting at neck edge. Then make buttonholes as follows: work 1 sc in each of next 2 sc, * ch 2, sk 2 sc, sc in each of next 3 sc, repeat from * until 4 lps have been made. Work 1 more row sc; cut and fasten yarn.

BONNET—With number 2 needles, cast on 109 (116) sts. Work even in pattern for $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Change to number 1 needles, k 1, p 1 in ribbing for $\frac{3}{4}$ inch. Change to number 2 needles and reverse pattern (for front of bonnet to turn back) for $4\frac{1}{2}$ (5) inches. Decrease 1 st in each k panel every 4th row until 1 st remains in each k panel. Cut yarn, leaving a 10-inch strand, draw through remaining sts and fasten securely.

Finishing: Weave bonnet 3 inches down from center. Fold brim back and work a scalloped beading across bottom as follows; 1 sc in next st, ch 3, 1 dc in same sc, * 1 sc into edge so scallop lies flat; ch 3, 1 dc in same sc, repeat from * across. Run ribbon through beading.

BOOTEES—With number 1 needles, cast on 46 (53) sts. Work even in pattern for $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches ending with row 1 of pattern. P 17 (19) sts, place on holder. P 12 (15) sts for instep, hold on needle, place remaining 17 (19)





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sts on holder. Work even in pattern on center 12 (15) sts for $1\frac{3}{4}$ (2) inches; cut yarn. Sl 17 (19) sts from right side onto needle, tie in yarn, pick up 11 (13) sts, along side of instep, k 12 (15) sts, pick up 11 (13) sts along other side of instep, k remaining 17 (19) sts. Work in garter st (plain knitting) for 21 rows. Next 2 rows work as follows: K 1, k 2 tog, k to center of row, k 2 tog, k to last 3 sts, k 2 tog, k 1, bind off. Weave back and sole. Run ribbon around ankle.

Vanity Set

Here is a three piece vanity set that is effective to the degree of being almost showy, in its combination of three colors with white; besides, you'll find it quick and easy to make. It is made of size 20 crochet cotton with a number 9 or 11 hook. For the complete set you will need about 80 yards of yellow, 110 yards light blue, 16 yards dark blue, and 265 yards of white. The small pieces each measure about $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches square; the large piece about 14 inches long and $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide.

Abbreviations: Ch (chain); sl st (slip stitch); dc (double crochet); sc (single crochet); lp (loop); pc st (popcorn stitch—4 dc in same st, remove hook, insert in ch preceding first dc, catch lp and pull through); sp (space); sk (skip), tr tr (triple treble).

Flower: In yellow, ch 2, 8 sc in first st, sl st in back lp of first sc, ch 3 to count as a dc, 3 dc in same st, remove hook, insert it in ch st preceding first dc, catch lp and pull through (pc st made), (ch 3, pc st) 7 times more; ch 3, sl st to first pc st; fasten off.

Join light blue over any ch-3, * (2 sc, ch 14, 2 sc) in same ch-3 sp; repeat from * around; join with sl st to first sc.

Next Row: * (3 sc, 2 hdc, 11 dc, 2 hdc, 3 sc) in ch-14 lp, 2 sc between petals, repeat from * around; fasten off.

Join dark blue with a sl st between two petals, * sl st in first sc on petal, (ch 1, sl st in next sc) around petal, sl st between petals, repeat from * around; fasten off.

Make two flowers for large piece, joining flowers by one petal of each with a sl st made at outer edge of last petal of second flower. Make one flower for each small piece.

Large Piece: Row 1: Sk 2 petals

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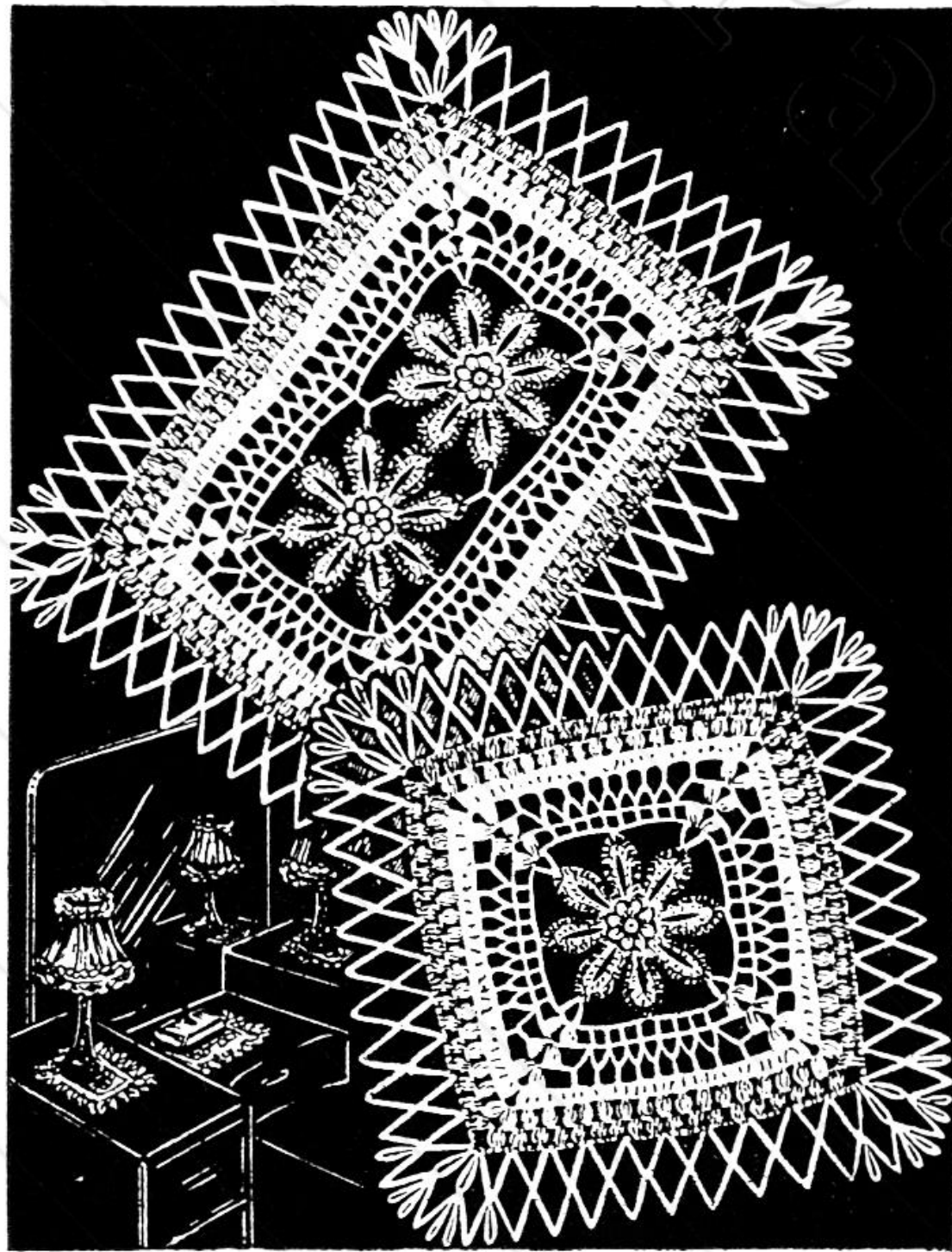
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Row 2: (Ch 3, 1 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same corner shell, * (ch 2, sk two ch sts, dc in next ch st) repeat to next corner shell, ch 2, shell in shell; repeat from * around; join to top of ch-3.

Row 3: Sl st to center of shell, ch 3 (counts as a dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in center of shell, * (ch 5, sc in next dc) to corner shell, ch 5, shell in corner shell, repeat from * around; join to top of ch-3.

Row 4: Sl st to center of shell, shell in shell, * (ch 3, dc in next lp) to corner, ch 3, shell in corner shell, repeat from * around; join to top of ch-3.

Row 5: Ch 3, dc in second dc of shell, * shell in shell, sk 1 dc, dc in each of next 2 dc, (3 dc in ch sp, dc in dc) to corner, dc in first 2 dc of shell, repeat from * around; join to top of ch-3; fasten off.

Row 6: Join yellow in center of shell, (ch 3 to begin, pc st, ch 6, pc st) in



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Row 7: Join light blue and repeat row 6, working between pc sts, and still making 2 pc sts separated by ch 6 in corners. Join and fasten off.

Row 8: Join white thread in first ch-3 lp at right of corner ch-6, * ch 20, sc in corner ch, (ch 20, sc in same ch) twice, ch 20, sc in next ch-3, (ch 20, sk next ch-3, sc in next ch) to corner; repeat from * around; join with sl st at base of beginning ch.

Row 9: Corner; sl st to center of ch-20 lp, * ch 20, sc in same lp, ch 20, sc in next lp, (ch 20, sc in same lp) twice, ch 20, sc in next lp, (ch 20, sc in same lp) twice, ch 20, sc in next lp, ch 20, sc in same lp. Side: (Ch 20, sc in next lp) to next corner, then repeat from * around; join at base of beginning ch and cut thread.

Small Piece: Row 1: Join white in point of any petal on flower, ch 5, dc in same place, * ch 13, sc in center of next petal, ch 13, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next petal (corner shell); repeat from * around; join to third st of ch-5.

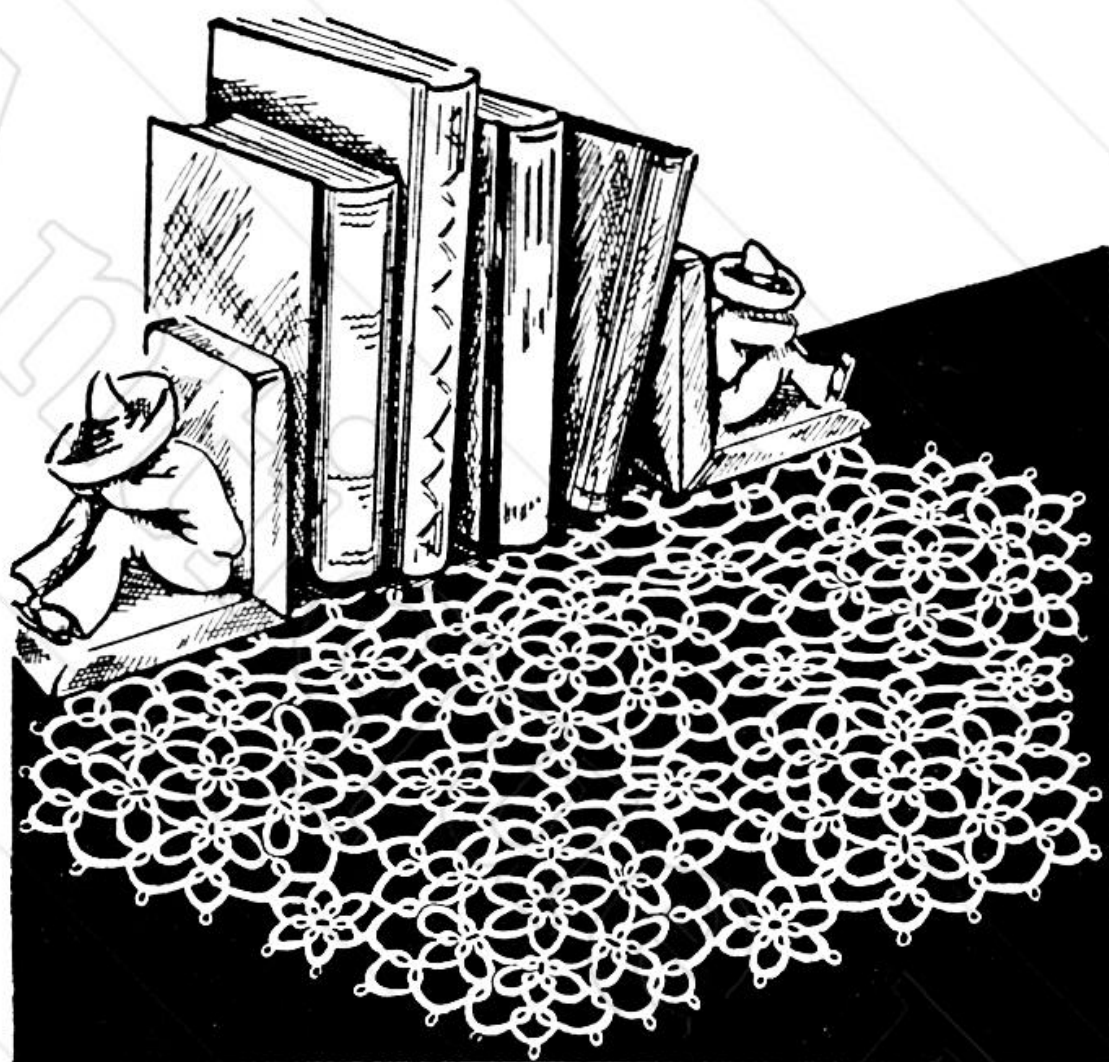
Rows 2 through 9: Same as corresponding rows on large piece.

Tatted Doily

Seven medallions are joined to make this hexagon shaped doily. The original was made of a medium weight bedspread crochet cotton, using ball and shuttle. It measures about 13 inches in diameter at the widest point.

Abbreviations: Ch (chain); sts (stitches); r (ring); cl r (close ring); ds (double stitch); p (picot); lp (loop); sp (space).

Medallion: Make a r of 5 ds, very long p, 5 ds, cl r. Turn, ch 9 ds, p, 9 ds, turn. Make another r of 5 ds, join in p of previous r, 5 ds, cl r. Re-



peat until you have 6 rings, joined to the same long p, each separated by chs of 9 ds, p, 9 ds. Tie and cut thread.

* Make a r of 5 ds, join in any p of ch, 5 ds, cl r, turn. Ch 9 ds, p, 9 ds, repeat from * twice. Make a r of 5 ds, join in same p, 5 ds, cl r, turn.

Ch 4 ds, turn. Repeat around in like manner, tie and cut thread.

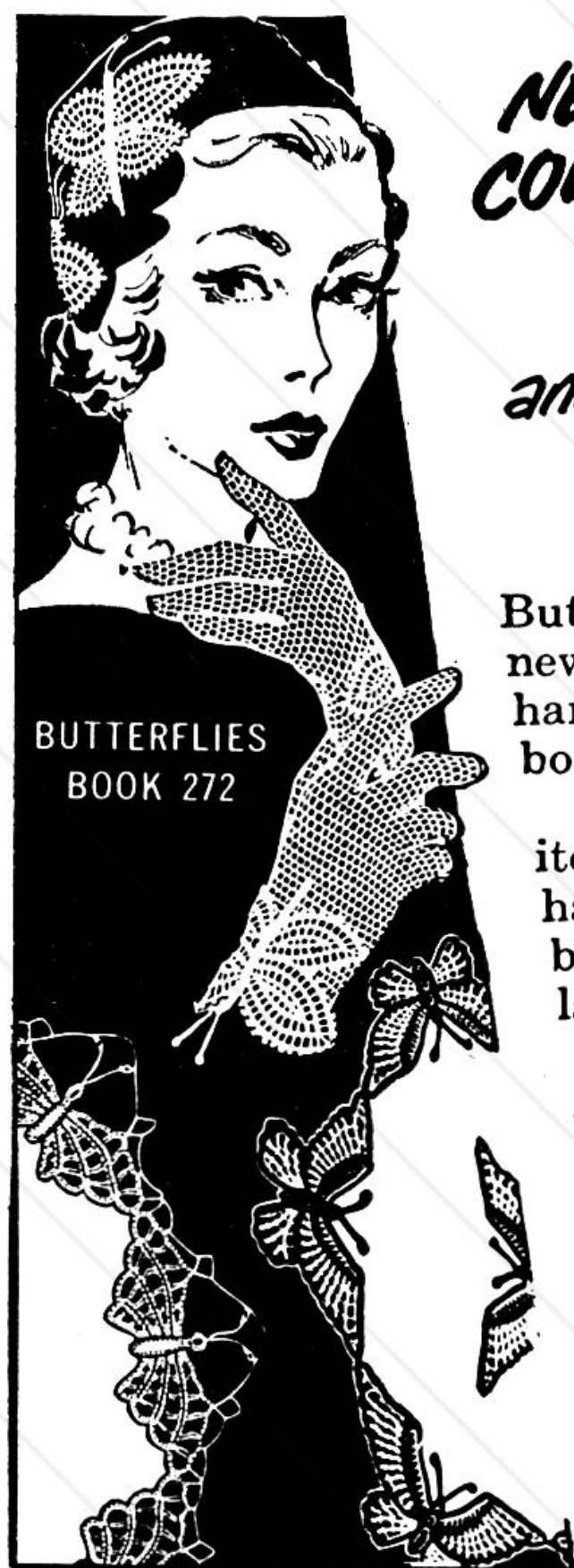
Make a r of 6 ds, join ps of chs between groups, 6 ds, cl r, turn. Ch 8 ds, p, 8 ds, turn. Make a r of 6 ds, join in r of next ch, 6 ds, cl r, turn. Make a ch of 8 ds, p, 8 ds, turn. Make another r of 6 ds, join in same p, 6 ds, cl r. Repeat around in like manner.

Make 6 more medallions the same as first one. Join to every third lp of first medallion as they are made.

Fill In Spaces Between Medallions: These are small medallions—Make a r of 5 ds, p, 5 ds, cl r, turn. Make a ch of 5 ds, p, 5 ds, turn. Repeat from beginning, forming 6 rs and 6 lps.

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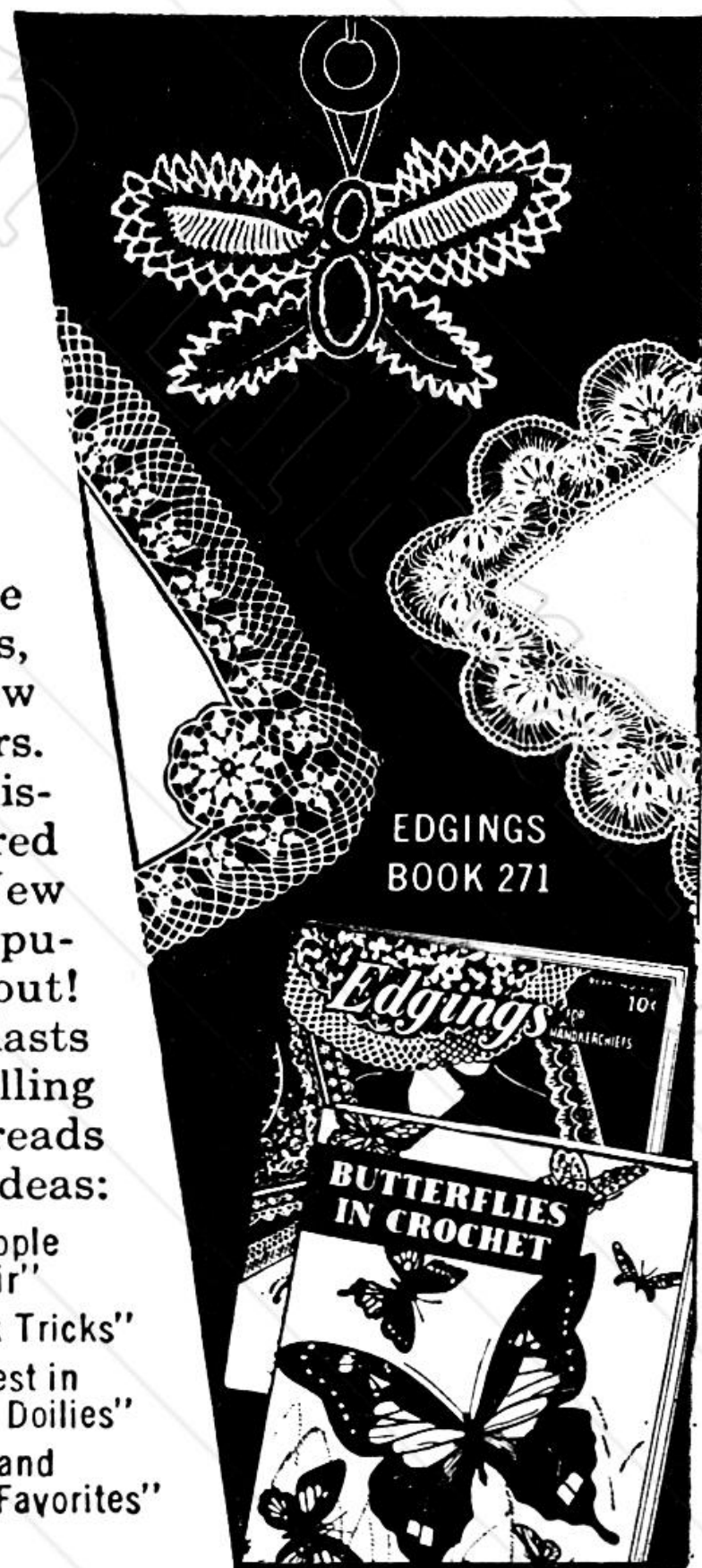
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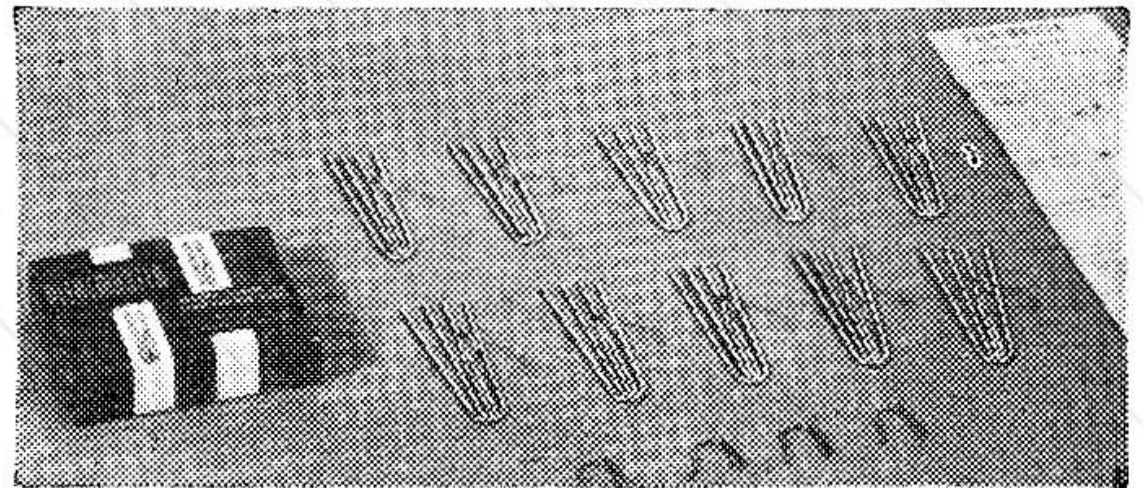


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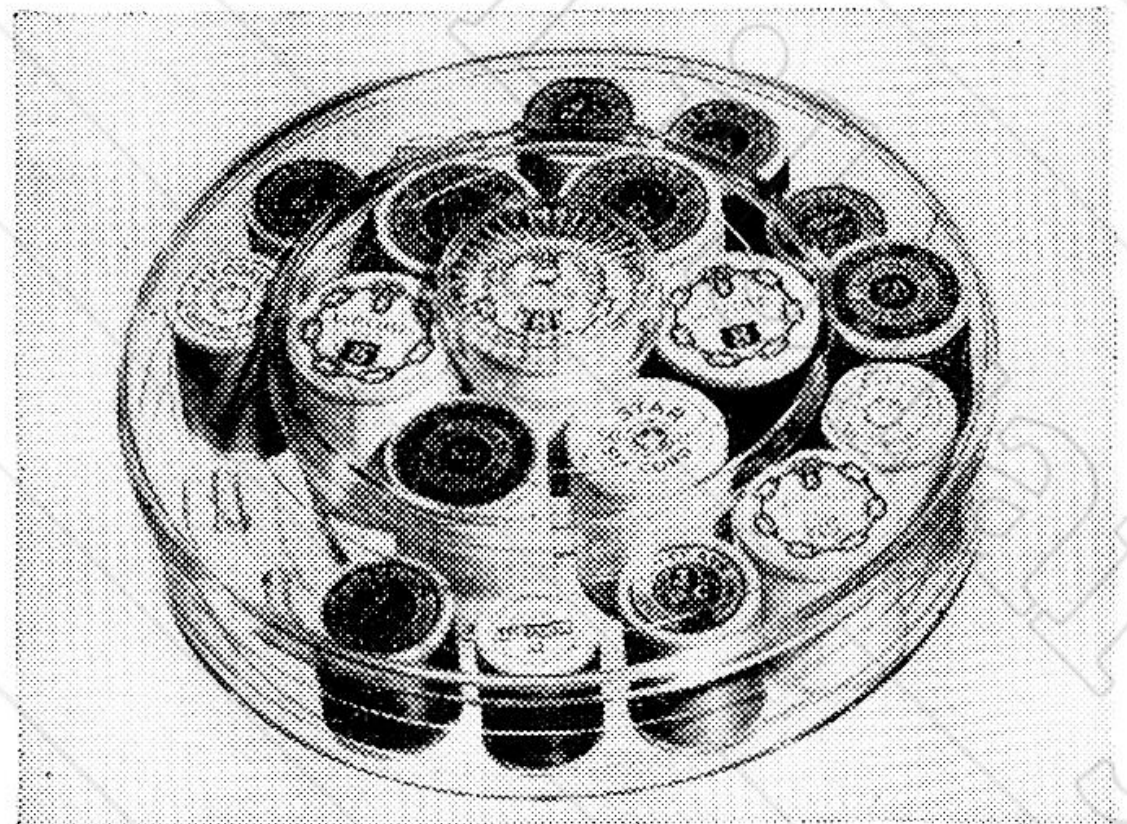
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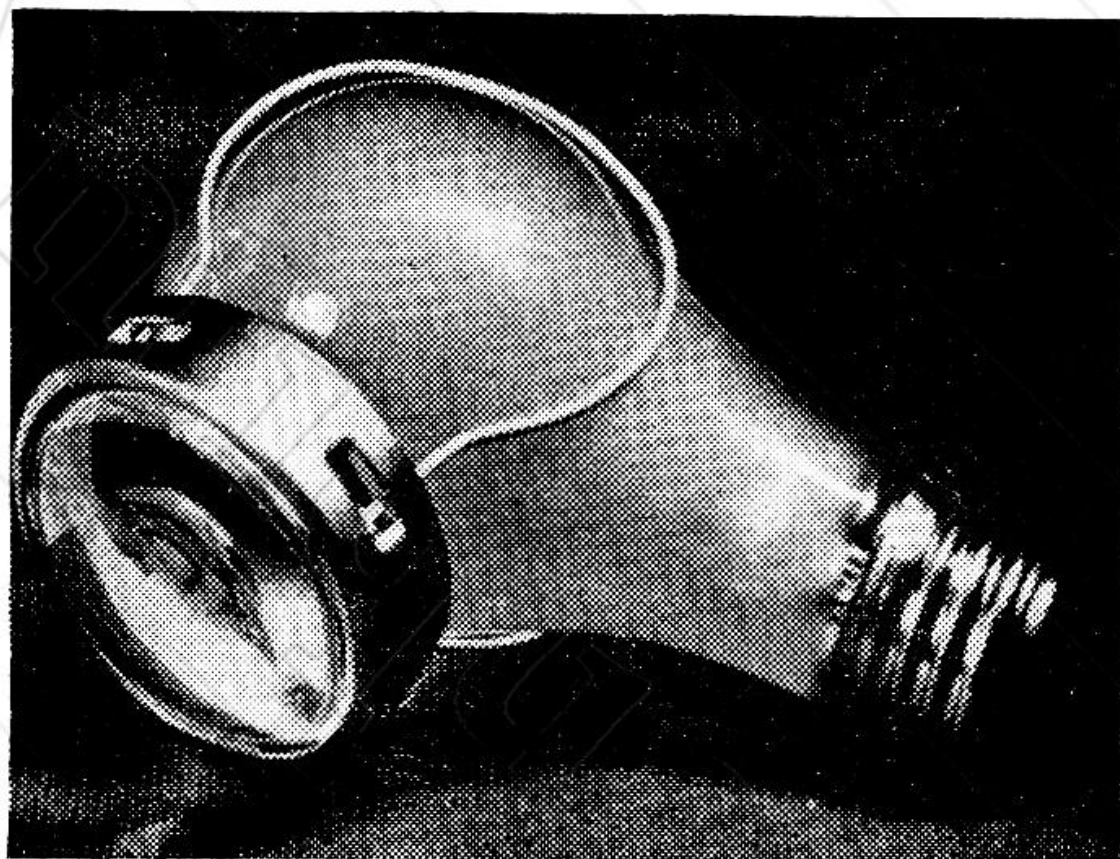
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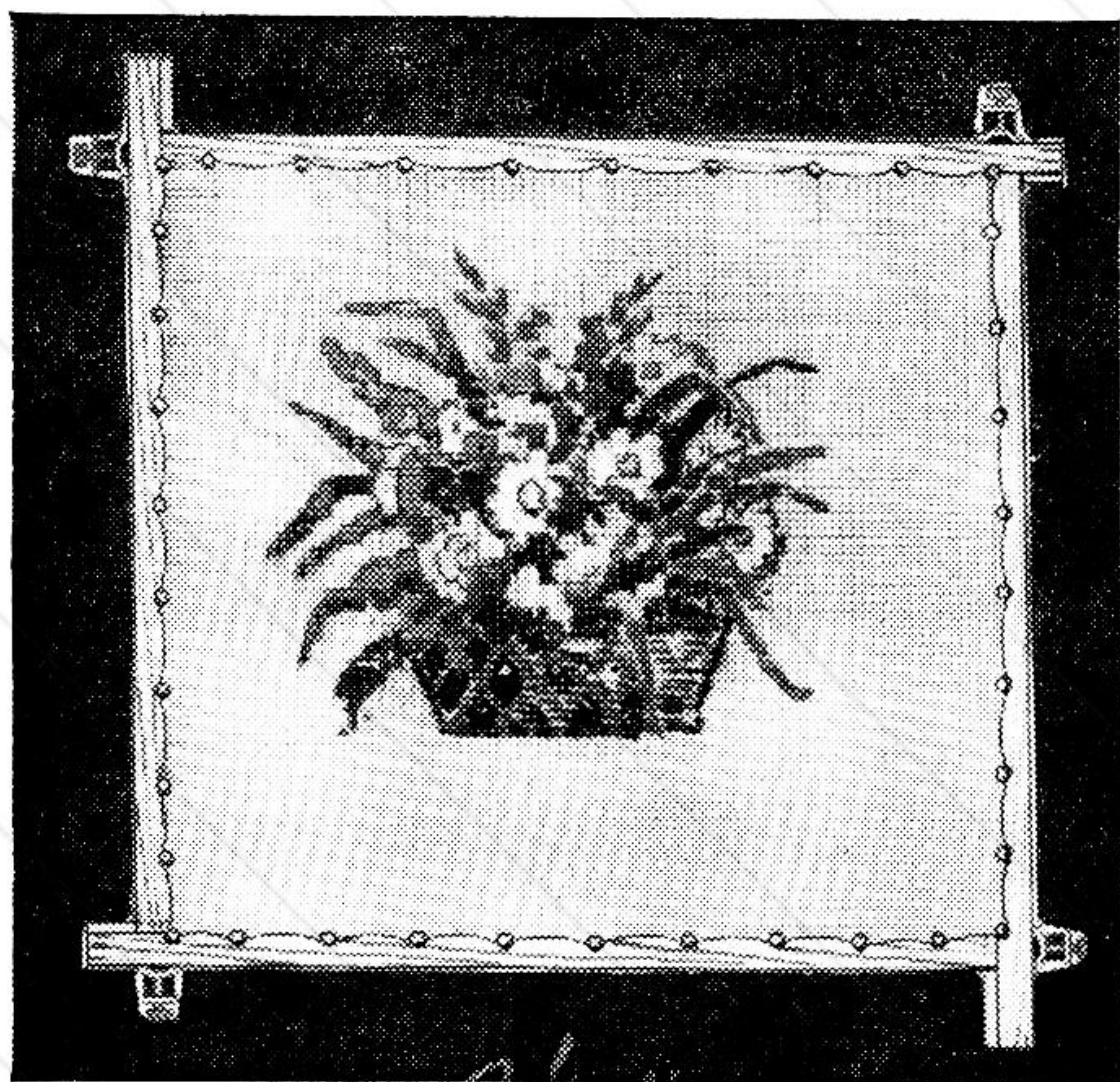
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"It wasn't hard at all," I replied, looking about the kitchen that had occasioned the expression of surprise and delight as though it were new to me too. I felt a little tug of pride, for it was attractive and I could see where the expression, "just like a valentine," originated. It really was as gay and as pretty as a valentine.

In post-war California, just as in other parts of the country, it wasn't

possible to choose where one could live. When I found this tiny, three room apartment in what had once been the nurses' home of a hospital, I was more than grateful, but—and what a big word that was, the tiny cell-like rooms reflected the sturdiness of the brick walls outside and were plain beyond measure. They were designed for use and there didn't seem to be much I could do to make them more livable.

Finances were limited and all the attractive and wonderful things advocated by home making magazines seemed to entail a great deal of rebuilding, a thing that was not only impractical in a rented apartment but seemed to cost and cost. Then my plan evolved. Color. Lots of color.

The valentine kitchen wasn't an overnight transformation. Little by little, as first one thing and then another emerged from its drab cocoon in a coat of bright color, the kitchen seemed to come to life.

Our first project was to paint the walls. Two coats of quick drying cream wall paint didn't seem to make much of an impression, but the addition of royal blue enamel to the woodwork and molding produced the right effect.

The closet cupboard doors stumped me. They wouldn't become gay. They were just plain doors, painted blue.

Out came my paint cans again. Each panel sparkled white and to add a touch of impudence, the half-inch molding around each receding panel was painted a bright lip-stick red. Smooth edges around the strip were achieved by pressing scotch tape firmly on each side of the area to be painted and rubbed smooth to remove all air bubbles where paint could crawl under. I learned to pull the tape off toward the fresh paint,



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for pulling the tape away smeared the wet paint on the dry surface. Still the doors didn't seem to have the air I wanted. It was then I had an inspiration.

One cabinet drawer almost overflowed with perfectly good ten-inch pie tins I had paid a deposit on but never returned. The Scotch ancestor I must have had in the distant past had his heavy hand on my shoulder and they were too good to throw away, even if I never used them. I would dress the pie tins up and use them on the cupboard doors.



Figure 1

Each pan was washed in soap and water, removing every possible sign of grease, then dried thoroughly. Next came two coats of pure white enamel. After the paint dried, even Bacchus couldn't have been more abandoned than I. Hearts, flowers, birds, scrolls, gew-gaws and anything else my active mind could conjure up decorated the pans in pairs. In the center of each pan was a ready-made hole for the thumb-tack that fastened each plate to the door with the head of the tack painted the same color as the center design. Two by two, the attractive tin plates marched down the five panels of

each door as gay and colorful as Hungarian peasant girls on their way to a dance festival.

It was a small step from there to decorating tired trays, what-not shelves, cannisters, knife holders, a wooden fork and spoon set and anything else that needed brightening or had lost its usefulness.

Two coats of good white enamel should always be the first step. At the beginning I used whatever paint was on hand, but was heart broken when



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cleaning washed off some of my handiwork.

I switched to a good grade of enamel in a hurry and unless I use scouring powder with a heavy hand, my hearts stay in place. The initial cost is a little more but the results are much more gratifying and permanent. Even then there were problems. I found that enamel had a tendency to run and smear so I experimented with a box of oil paint. By mixing a little enamel, oil paint and a drop of jap thinner, I

had a medium that went on smoothly and dried quickly. By then I was ready to wave my paint brush with all the abandon of a gypsy under a full moon.

It isn't necessary to buy lots of paint. Three tubes of oil paint, bright red, blue and yellow and perhaps a tube of burnt sienna, mixed with a little white enamel, will give any color desired. A little more or less of the primary color will give a different shade.

It might be interesting to go through the process of painting the pie tins, step by step. The plate is already painted white, completely dry and waiting for the color that will awaken it.

My first pair of plates was very simple (Figure 1). From stiff cardboard, folded in half, I cut the heart, cutting out the center design at the same time. This I traced in the center of the plates. Next, I mixed a small amount of white enamel and a little red oil paint. By adding more oil color any shade can be deepened. I kept adding and mixing thoroughly until I had just the shade I wanted.

After filling in the heart with red, I painted the heads of two thumb tacks. It is difficult to get the exact shade a second time so all areas to be painted one color should be painted while the paint is still wet.

Because of the simplicity of this design, it was possible to go on to the next color without danger of smearing. In more complicated designs, it is wise to wait until the first colors are dry before continuing.

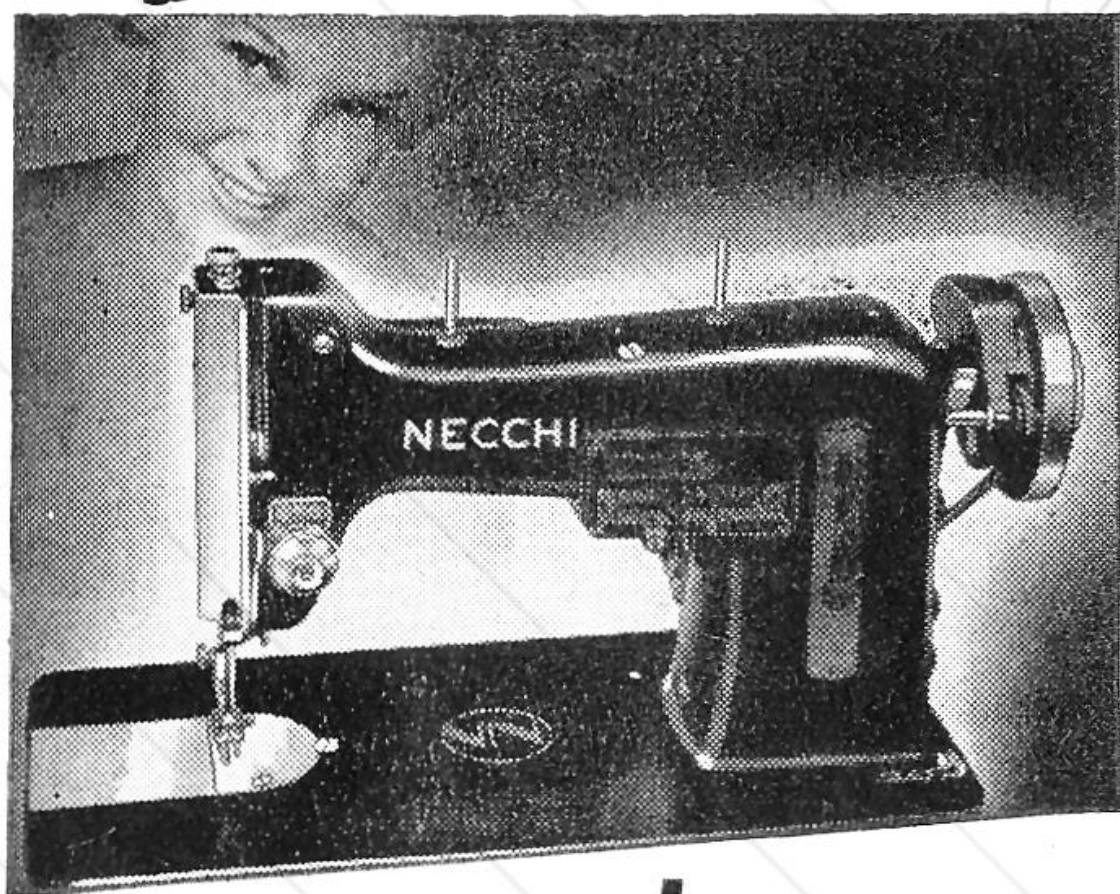
The brush must always be cleaned in thinner when changing from one color to another. A good number 3 artist's brush will do for almost any design.

It was a simple matter to scallop the blue in and around the heart. Less paint on the brush will give a finer point and line. The blue border scalloped around the deep edge of the pie tin presented more of a problem. The

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majority of commercial tin pie plates are divided by indentations across the bottom of the plate. These marks help greatly in getting the pattern border even. In the event there aren't any indentations, I mark the plate in halves, quarters, eighths, sixteenths and so on, depending on how small I want the pattern to be. I found it wasn't important to get any pattern mathematically even. The little imperfections emphasize the hand painted impression. Putting in the bottom line first all around the plate makes it simpler to make the swell of the scallop. A wriggled burnt sienna line around the lip, accented with red dots and small green leaves, completed my first pair of plates. Each additional pair became a little more complicated.

After painting my cannisters I found difficulty with the lettering. Decals with the words flour, sugar, etc., can be used but I feel they take away from the fun of having the lettering all your own even if it does go a little crazy-quiltish.

In quick succession I used up all the small things that could be painted without getting my kitchen "too busy." I tried my hand on some of the furni-

ture. Large areas of solid color relieved this "too busy" feeling. First my electric sewing machine in a table cabinet received the same royal blue of the kitchen woodwork. The legs, edges and knob tops accented the clear white of the top and panels. I worked out a design on paper (Figure 2) and traced it on the panels, then painted it. This was such a success that I gave our old fashioned ice box a face lifting (Figure 3).

By adding royal blue, red and white striped curtains to the window, the whole kitchen took on a charming valentine look, inexpensive, colorful and so satisfying that the geraniums on



Figure 2

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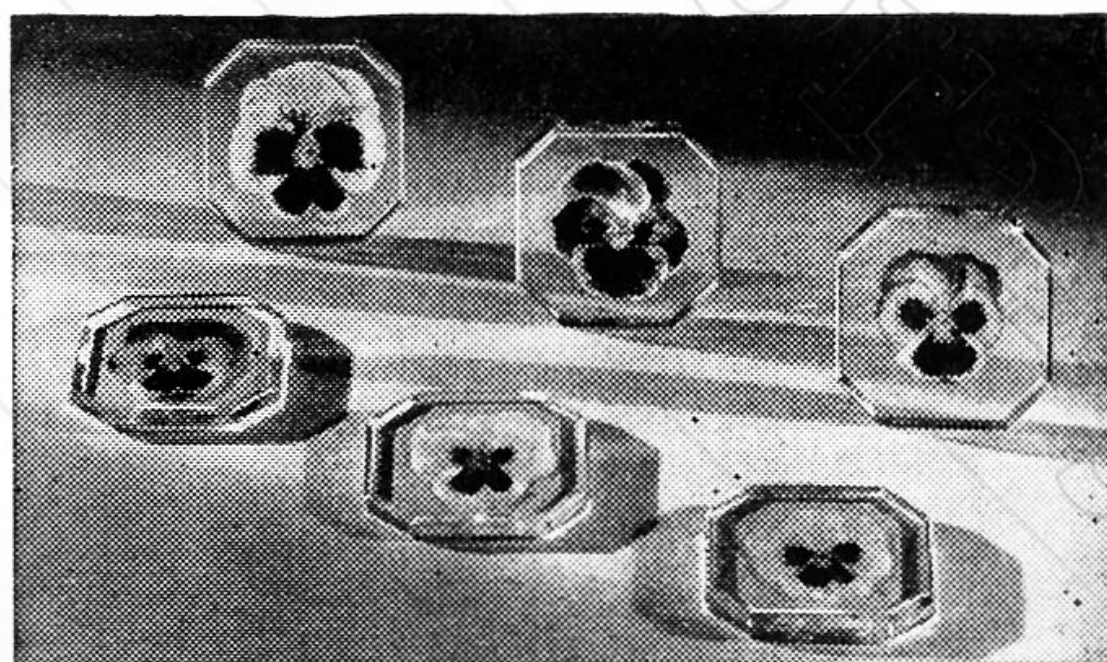


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It is important to realize that talent isn't necessary. I make no pretense of being a genius and unashamed, cut hearts and designs from stiff paper and

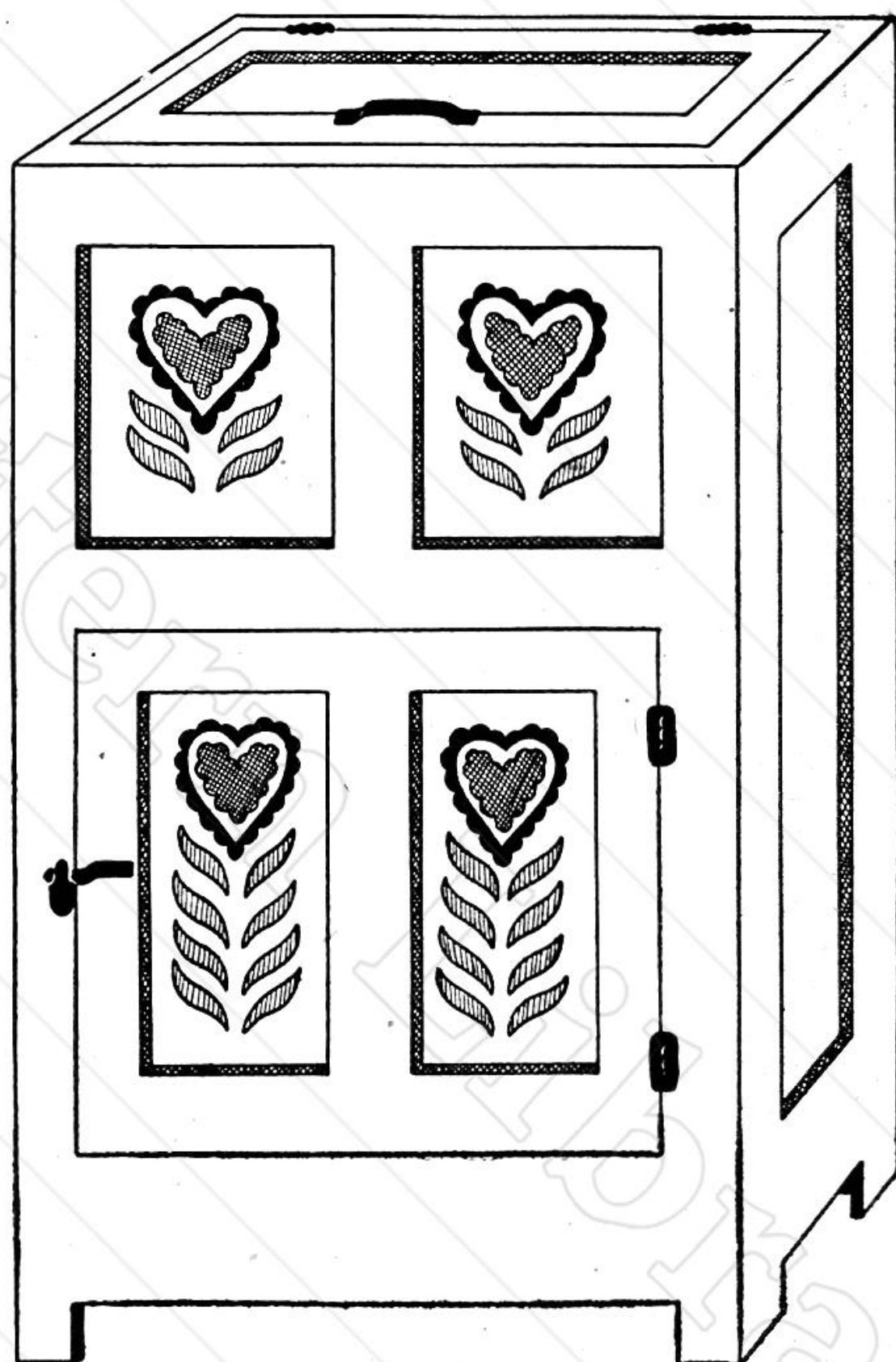


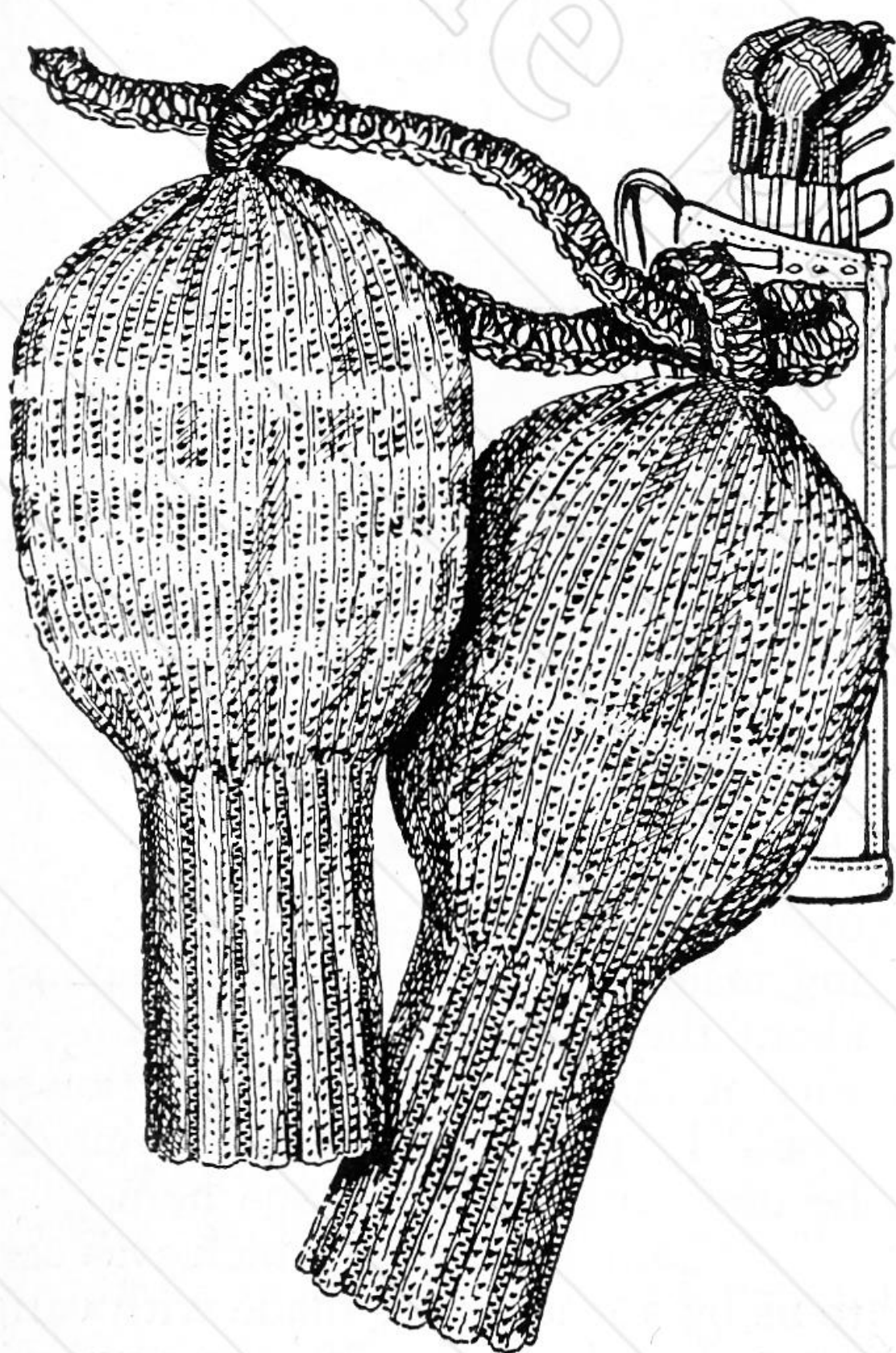
Figure 3

trace it lightly. My larger designs I put on wrapping paper, rub a soft lead pencil over the design on the back, thumb tack or scotch tape it on the article and trace. This gives just enough outline to paint by. Where I zig-zag off the line, I fill it in anyway, giving that delightful, hand-painted appearance.

A little paint, a little imagination and a lot of enthusiasm are all that are necessary for a real valentine kitchen of your own.

Golf Club Mitts

For a good looking golf club mitt, you'll fall for these that are knitted; they are so simple and easy to make. Choose your own color combination. We suggest brown and tan; green and yellow or white. One, two, three and four stripes are knitted in to designate each club in the set. Use number 1 knitting needles for the ribbed portion and number 2 or 3 for the remaining



part. Four-fold yarn is best to use as it is heavier. If you prefer, knit round with four double pointed needles.

Abbreviations: K (knit); p (purl); tog (together); sts (stitches); dec (decrease).

With number 1 needles cast on 54 sts in main color. Work in ribbing of k 2, p 2 for 4 inches or desired length. For upper portion of mitt change to larger needles.

For four stripes: K in stockinette st for the first 9 rows after the ribbing, change to contrasting color and work 2 rows. Work 3 rows in main color to separate the stripes; each stripe consists of 2 rows. Repeat until 4 contrasting stripes are made. After the fourth stripe, work 2 rows in main color, next row, continuing in main color make 9 decs evenly spaced (be sure to dec at each end of needle and in the center on each dec row so the mitt will be perfectly balanced and rounded when finished). K or p (whichever the case may be) the row between dec rows. Work rows with 8 dec, 7 dec, 6 dec, and 2 rows of 5 decs. Remove needle and insert crochet hook through all sts (about 20), pull yarn through and fasten. Single crochet, slip stitch or sew the sides of the mitt together.

For 3 stripes, omit the first strip and work the same as for first mit.

For the two stripes, omit the first and last stripes.

For the one stripe, omit the first two stripes and the last.

For the tab on end of each mitt, ch 15, turn, sc in each st. Pull through end of mitt and fasten.

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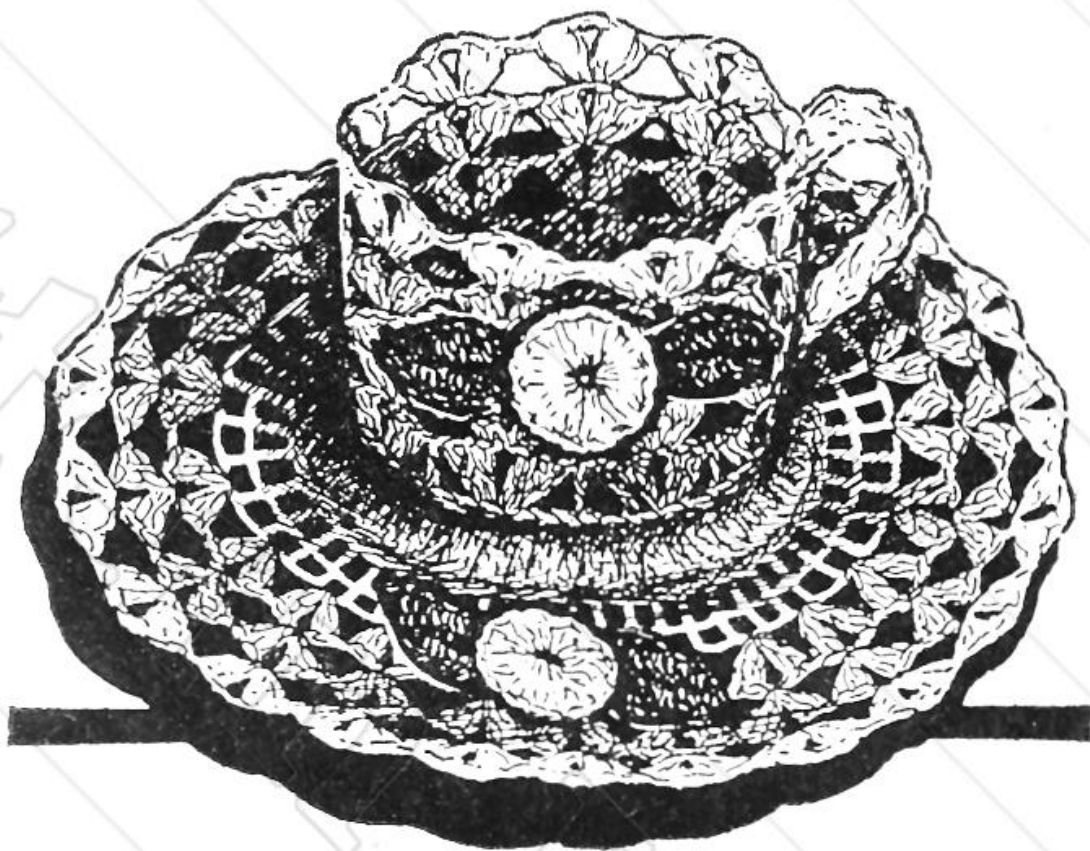
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Cup and Saucer in Shell Stitch

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tion is quite an attraction. After having made one, you will know enough about the pattern stitch to be able to vary it at will. Embroidered flowers would be pretty, and textile paint can be used to good advantage here.

The sample shown, which was sent to us by a reader, was made with variegated thread, number 30—these come in almost any choice of color. A crochet hook size 9 will make a cup 2¼ inches across; and the saucer becomes 5¼ inches across. A finer hook will make the result a bit smaller, while it can be made slightly larger with a coarser hook. Experiment and use what you prefer.

Abbreviations: Ch (chain); st (stitch); sl st (slip stitch); dc (double crochet); sp (space); sk (skip); rnd (round).

The saucer is begun with a ch of 5, sl st in first st to form a ring. Always ch 3 to count as the first dc, and work 15 dc into the ring. Into this rnd, work a rnd of 27 dc; then a rnd of 42 dc; then a rnd of 53 dc.

Rnd 5: 40 dc separated by a ch-1 sp.

Rnd 6: 40 dc separated by ch 1, sk a sp.

There follows two rnds of shells: 2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc into a ch-1 sp below.

Make another rnd of shells in a contrasting plain color or in white.

The cup is begun in the same manner, with a rnd of 15 dc, 27 dc in the next rnd, and 41 dc in a third rnd. Follow with 5 rnds of shells, without increases, and make the last shell rnd of contrasting color or white.

The handle is made with a ch of 6,

2 dc—one each into first and second st of ch, ch 3, turn—repeated nine times. Attach this handle above the first and the last shell rnds, fasten, tie and clip thread.

The decoration consists of a flower made like the first rnd of the saucer, in your chosen color. For the leaves, ch 9, dc into fourth st from hook, and to end of ch. Sew to saucer edge and to side of cup. French knot centers may be used if desired.

Sugar Stiffening: One half cup sugar, two-thirds cup water, boil for three minutes. Dip each piece into solution, shape and form to correct size. The cup may be molded over a cheese glass and the saucer may be shaped inside or outside of any saucer.

Jar Ring Hot Pad

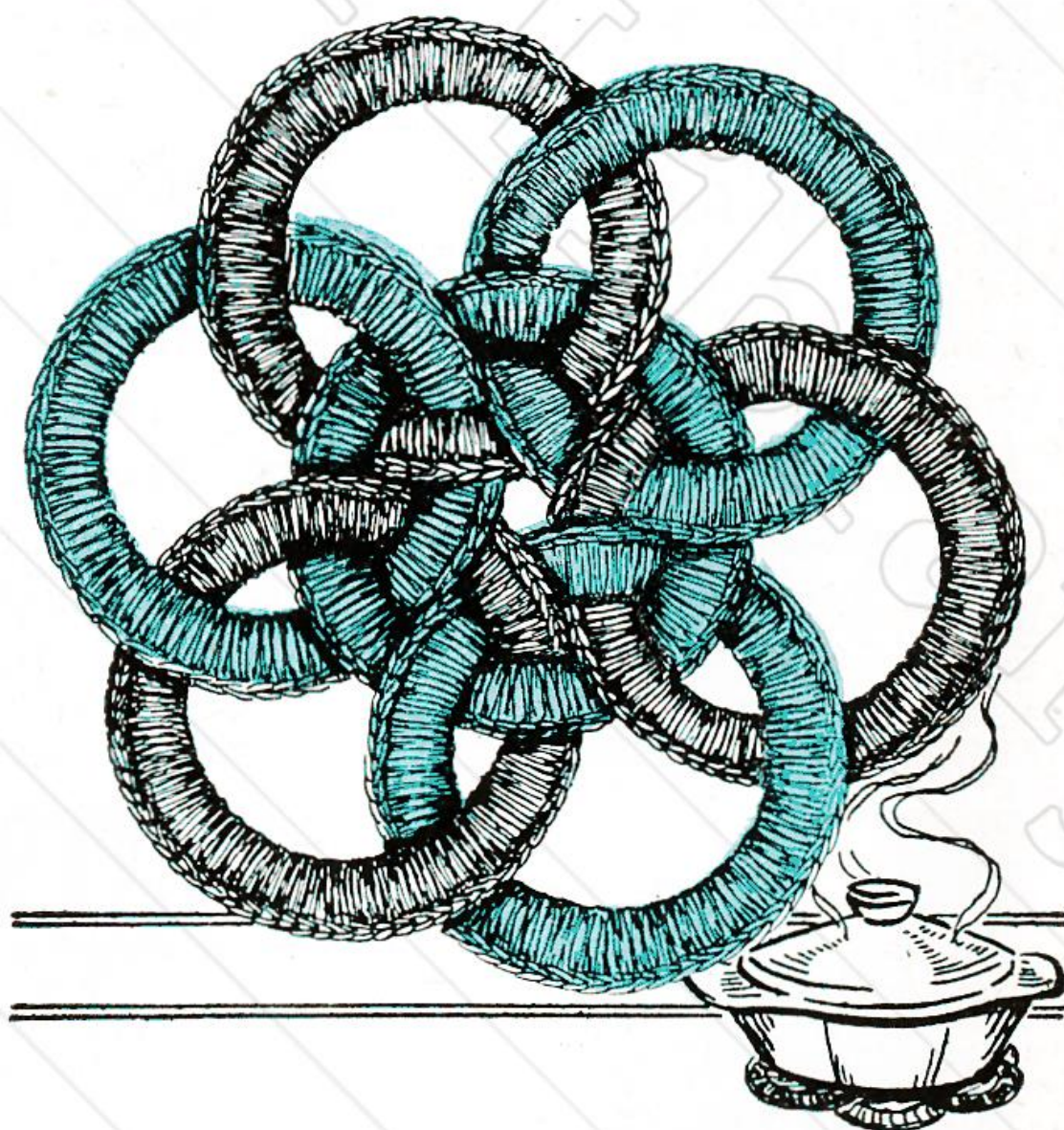
Here is a different and unusual hot pad made of rubber jar rings. A pair of them takes very little time or material and makes wonderful gifts when made to match a kitchen or dining room color scheme. When completed the pad is about 7 inches in diameter. For a pair of these decorative hot pads you will need two 1-ounce balls of four-ply wool or heavy thread in two colors, 14 rubber jar rings with the ears cut off, and a crochet hook size 00.

Abbreviations: Sc (single crochet); sts (stitches).

Sc around rings (about 80 sts), join, leaving 1 inch of yarn on each ring, tuck under scs on back of ring.

Cover 3 rings with 1 color and 4 in a contrasting color. On one of the contrasting colored rings, do not join sts, cut thread leaving about 1½ inches free. This is used as the center ring. Push sts back and cut this ring on the slant. Now lay finished rings in a circle, overlapping, counterclockwise,

alternating colors. Weave the cut ring through this circle over and under each ring for center. Pull up ends of ring and sew together with needle and



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Novel Clothespin Bag

My spare-time work is making clothespin bags to sell. When they are finished they look like a little girl's dress from the front view. I cut out the shape of the dress, which is usually white, on folded material and sew it all up, including the bottom, but the armholes and neck, which open down to the middle part of the dress in front. Then I take a pretty print material and trim each sleeve and the neck with it. Next I make a little band and a skirt which consists of the front part and



gather the skirt part to fit the band. This I cut to fit the dress and sew on to the front part of the dress. Then I slip it on a clothes hanger and it is ready for clothespins and can be hung on the line.

Mrs. Rex Parsons.

Nut Cups

Dainty daffodil nut cups I make, sell for ten cents each or \$1 a dozen. They cost me very little so this is mostly profit. To make a daffodil nut cup, I cut from yellow crepe paper six rounded petals about an inch and a half long and a strip one and one-half inches wide and six and one-half inches long. I ruffle the edge of the petals and the top edge of the strip. Now, I place the end of each petal on the bottom of the cup in a circle and glue fast. I take the strip, with the ruffled edge up, and glue it around the cup. If I desire a stem, I take a toothpick and roll it in green crepe paper. These





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Joanne Lackey

Knitwear Mender

While there is considerable competition in knitting articles for sale, there is almost none in the mending line, and the wage-per-hour is higher. Hand-knits are always relatively expensive, and a pulled thread, a cigarette burn, or similar small accident can ruin a sweater unless someone knows what to do about it. My equipment consists of two or three sizes of knitting needles, large darning and tapestry needles, and various colors and sizes of yarn. I pick up the stitches at one edge of a hole, and with matching yarn, knit as long a piece as required; leaving a long end of yarn when breaking it off, I thread a darning needle and catch the stitches down, one at a time as they are taken from the knitting needle. The sides of the patch are slip stitched down with the same yarn. If done carefully, the patch is almost invisible, and being elastic, is more comfortable as well as more durable than a darn. Prices vary, but should not be too high. The amount of work, the value of the article, etc., must be considered. I count on 35 cents or more per hour, and I choose my own hours and work at my home. A small advertisement in the local paper, or a card in the neighborhood store, is enough to start on; after that, one customer tells another.

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Cherry Torte

- 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 1 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 egg white (well beaten)
- 1 tablespoon butter (melted)
- 1/2 cup nut meats
- 2 cups cherries drained (pitted sour)

Sift all dry ingredients together, add beaten egg and melted butter, then cherries and nuts. Bake in torte pan about 45 minutes in 350 degree oven. Top with whipped cream or a sauce.

Cherry Sauce For Torte

- 1 cup cherry juice
 - 1 tablespoon corn starch
 - 1/3 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 1 tablespoon butter
- Mix all ingredients together and cook until thick, keep warm and pour over cherry torte.

Mrs. Archie Gray

Chocolate Cherry Cake

- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup butter or shortening
- 1/3 cup chopped maraschino cherries
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts
- 2 cups cake flour
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 square melted chocolate
- 2 tablespoons cherry juice in a cup, then fill cup with sour milk

Cream shortening and sugar, add beaten egg and chocolate. Sift dry ingredients and add alternately with liquid. Add cherries and nuts. Bake in 350 degree oven for 40 minutes.

Frosting

- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon milk
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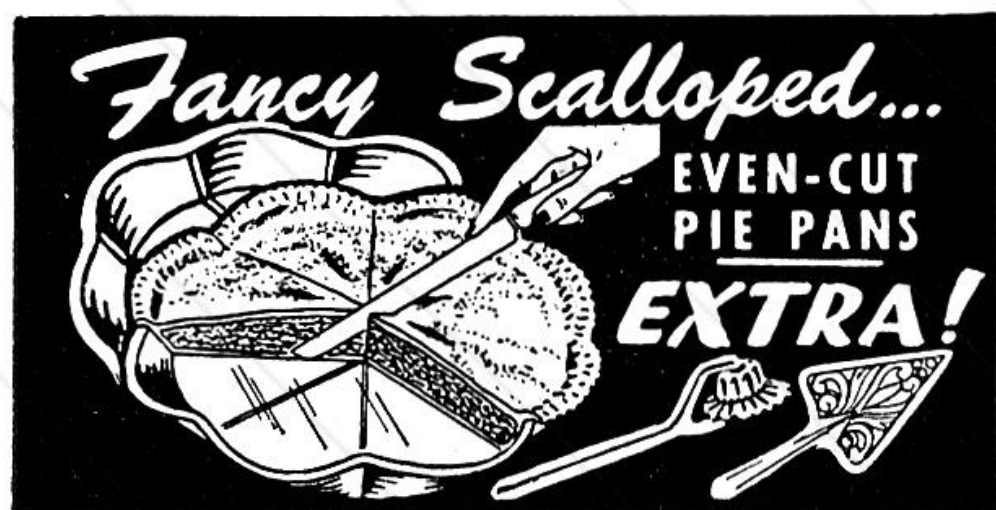
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What Clubs Are Doing

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to the person who was stopped on number 13.

A club which has recently become very much interested in ceramics and figurine painting reported a successful enterprise based on that interest. One of the members is especially talented and had at one time given figurine painting lessons. The club advertised in the local newspaper and with placards in shop windows, the date for an all-day lesson, which was to include a luncheon served by the members. A large number of women in the town enthusiastically attended the day's activities, which included a morning demonstration period and a workshop session following the noon meal. They felt well repaid for the \$1.50 fee which was charged.

The making of a spring wardrobe for the little orphan girl whom they support, occupies several pre-spring meetings each year for one club. Being careful to keep her measurements up to date they send, each spring and fall, an attractive and carefully made ensemble of clothes, including dress-up dresses, school clothes, play togs, underthings and wraps which she will need.

A study of appropriate and desirable arrangements of flowers for use in the church appealed to one group of club women. Although the fundamental principles of good flower arrangement were the basis for study, other suggestions and ideas were also presented. Since most of the women had been, or would be faced with the responsibility for floral arrangements in the church building, the program was a very practical one.

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Tapestries

Tapestries, falling under the general classification of textiles, are of interest historically, as well as from their fascinating aspect as woven pictures.

Evidences of tapestry have been found wherever remains of ancient fabrics have been brought to light. The period of greatest interest began with the early Gothic, during the middle ages, for that is when tapestries became prominent in Europe; they had been created to fulfill a need for protection against the cold. Used as portieres, they muffled the currents of air along drafty hallways, and as wall hangings they blanketed the dampness and chill which formed on the clammy stone, inside as well as outside the walls of all dwellings of that age. They were immediately acclaimed, for they brought brightness, warmth and interest to otherwise dull gray expanses of stone, besides serving as insulators.

The center of productivity during this period was at Artois in Flanders, the country known today as Belgium. Here the perfect cooperation which existed between the artist who drew the "cartoons" or designs, the master-weaver, his assistants, and the wool dyers, resulted in a perfection of work which has never been equaled. That the tapissiers or master-weavers were true artists, as well as skilled craftsmen, is evidenced by the artistic feeling they had for the faces, figures and other

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The tapestries, produced in unbe-



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lievable numbers, were sought after by nobles and kings in all of Europe, and beyond. The period is exemplified in "The Lady and the Unicorn", a series of six tapestries now in the Cluny Museum in Paris. These particular hangings are of the type known as millefleurs, so named by the French because of the many tiny flowers, as well as birds and animals, which are delicately woven in around the figures.

Following the Gothic, the Renais-

sance period found the main focus of productivity in Brussels, where the tapissiers sought to copy the paintings of Raphael, and artists contemporary with him. From there it moved to the Gobelin factory in Paris, established by Louis XIV of France for the purpose of making royal furnishings.

The charm and beauty of the early tapestries was a result of the sincerity and simplicity of the master weavers who produced them. As time went on, the workmanship became less naive, but with the achievement of greater sophistication and richness, their artistic value became doubtful, and when the emphasis shifted from quality to quantity, decadence of the art was definitely established. The waning of the functional value of tapestries, along with the perfection of the power loom toward the beginning of the 19th century, brought the industry to an almost complete end.

The art of tapestry making, which involves the weaving of a design into the fabric, is an ancient one, dating back to the first efforts at weaving itself. The process is simple, and has changed little with the ages. It involves the use of a loom and the basic principles of ordinary warp and woof weaving, but it is largely hand-work. This is because the flutes or broches, which are the shuttles of ordinary weaving and are responsible for making the design in tapestry, are numerous, each containing a different color of thread, and instead of going the width of the fabric, from selvedge to selvedge, they must be thrown back and forth just far enough to create the portion of the design to be in their particular color. Thus, if a leaf were being woven, the green thread would mount higher and higher on the warp threads in a small area, as adjacent areas of another color are woven. On completion of the leaf, that shuttle would be dropped and an-



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other taken up by the weaver, though the thread is not cut if that shade of green is to be used again soon. The design in a true tapestry is alike on both sides, with loose thread ends showing on the wrong side.

The present day, however, has seen a greatly revived appreciation of tapestry. The interest of people has been stimulated by the culture and history reflected in these hangings, and they have been added to the collections of furnishings and fine art objects in many homes. Within the past few years the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York has sponsored an exhibit of them which was widely attended and acclaimed, and in Aubusson, a French village noted for its tapestry production, a French painter named Jean Lucart, with other contemporaries, has directed the production of hangings of such artistic quality that many critics have attributed to him the renaissance of tapestry.

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Abbreviations: Ch (chain); sc (single crochet); st (stitch); dc (double crochet); sl st (slip stitch); sk (skip); inc (increase—work 2 sts in one st); dec (decrease—work 2 sts off as one); hdc (half double crochet)—thread over as for a dc, insert hook in st and pull lp through, thread over and pull through all 3 lps on hook at once.

With white or preferred color, ch 55, sc in second st from hook, sc in each st of ch, ch 3, turn.

Row 2: Dc in each sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 3: Sc in each dc, ch 2, turn.

Repeat these 2 rows until 37 rows have been worked, or until piece is square.

Finish: Ch 1, sc in each st all

around pan holder, cut and fasten thread. Repeat these directions for a second piece.

Stem: With green, ch 85, sc in second st from hook, hdc in each of next 2 sts, dc in each of next 32 sts on ch, ch 14, sk 1 st of ch-14, sc in each of next 13 sts to form a side stem, sl st in top of next dc on main stem, dc in each st to fourth from end, then hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next, sl st in last st, fasten off.

Large Leaf: Join green in first st in end of stem as illustrated, 2 sc in each of first 2 sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 2: Sc in each sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 3: Inc 1 sc at beginning and end of row (6 sc), ch 3 to turn all following rows.

Row 4: Dc in each sc across.

Rows 5 through 8: 2 dc in first and last dc, dc in each dc between.

Rows 9 through 11: Dc in each dc.

Rows 12 through 16: Dec first 2 and last 2 sts (work 2 dcs off as one), dc in each dc between.

Row 17: Dc in each dc, holding last lp of each st on hook, thread over and pull through all lps on hook at once, ch 3, sl st at base of row, sl st in

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each st down side of leaf, cross on back of leaf to other side and sl st up this side; fasten thread at tip of leaf and cut.

Small Leaf—Join green thread in base of stem as for large leaf and repeat row 1.

Row 2: Sc in each sc, ch 3 (counts as a dc), turn. Always ch 3 to turn.

Row 3: 2 dc in first and last sc, dc in each sc between (6 dc in all).

Work 3 more rows increasing in each row as in row 2, until there are 12 dcs.

Dec in the next 3 rows by dec in first and last dcs of each row—there will be 4 dcs left.

Dc in each of these 4 dcs, holding last lp of each st on hook, thread over and pull through all lps on hook at once, sl st around as for large leaf.

Sew stem and leaves to pan holder as shown in sketch, curving top of stem and small branch.

Large Heart: With red, ch 3, sk 1 ch, sc in each of 2 remaining chs, ch 1 to turn all rows.

Row 2: 2 sc in each sc (4 sc).

Row 3: 2 sc in first sc, sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in last sc (6 sc).

Repeat this row twice, inc to 10 sc.

Rows 6, 7: Sc in each sc (10 sc).

Row 8: (Sc, hdc, dc, hdc, sc in each of next 5 sc) twice; cut and fasten thread.

Make 3 more hearts this size. Sew one in each corner.

Medium Size Heart: Ch 2, sc on ch, ch 1 to turn all rows.

Row 2: 2 sc in sc.

Row 3: 2 sc in each sc (4 sc).

Row 4: 2 sc in first sc, sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in last sc (6 sc).

Repeat row 4 once, making 8 sc.

Row 6: Sc in each sc.

Row 7: (Hdc, dc, hdc, sc in each of next 4 sc) twice; cut and fasten thread.



Make 4 more hearts of this size. Place and sew under stem as shown.

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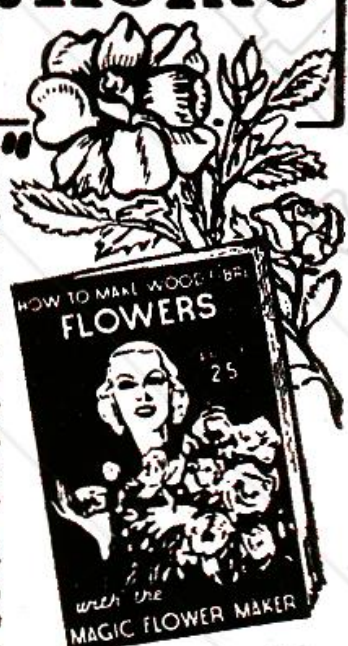
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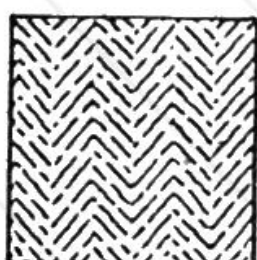
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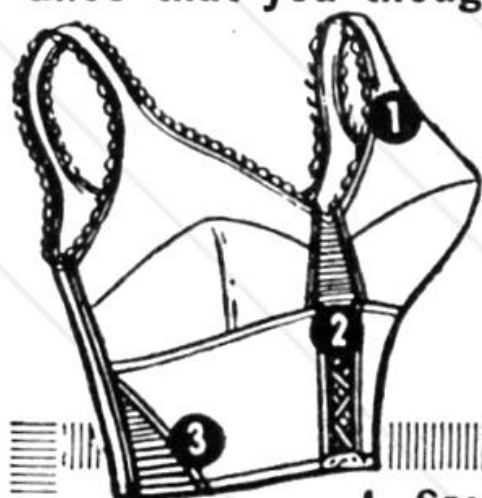
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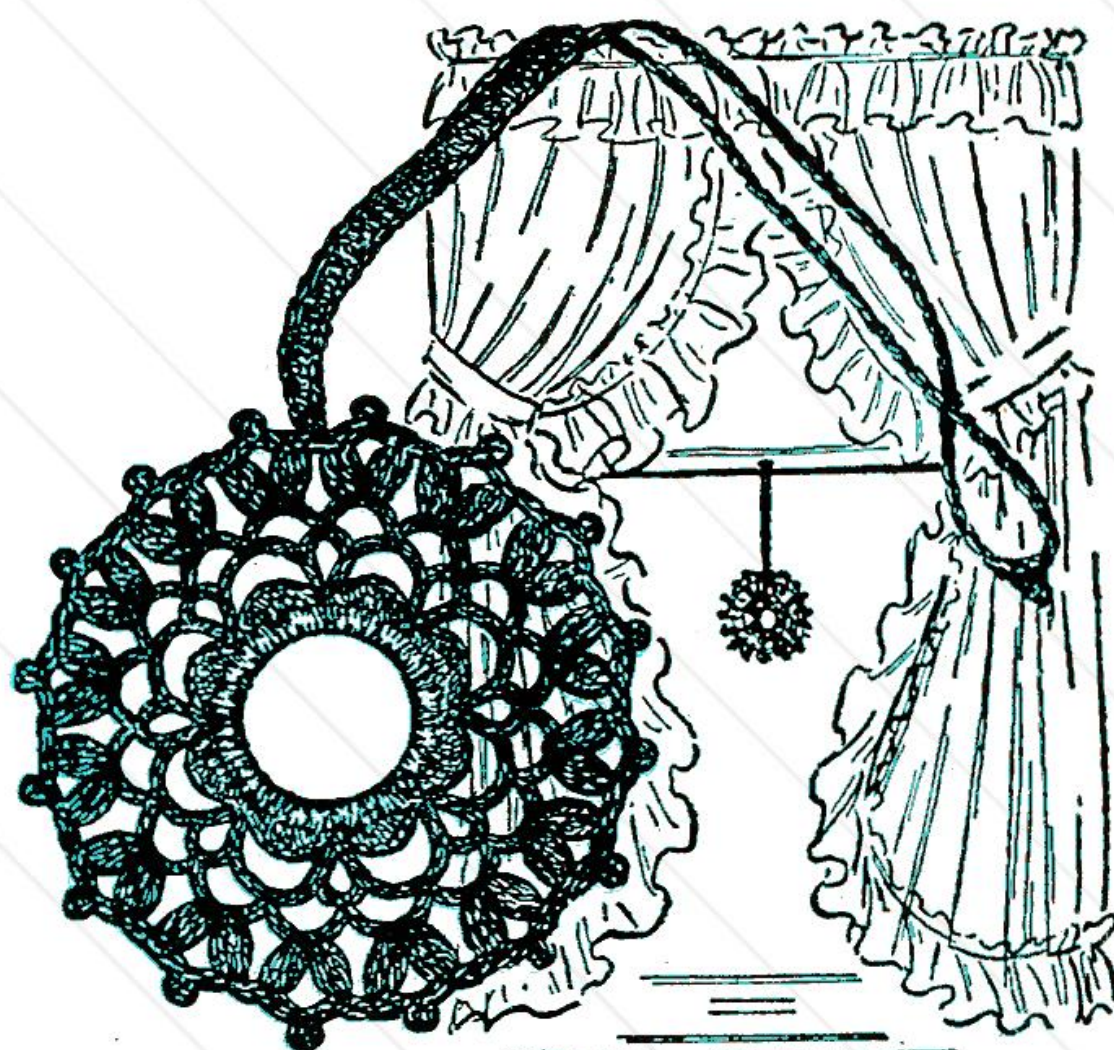
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Rnd 1: (2 sc, hdc, 3 dc, hdc) 8 times on ring, join with sl st to first sc made.

Rnd 2: Ch 6, dc at foot of ch, ch 5, dc between next 2 scallops, * ch 2, dc in same place, ch 5, dc between next 2 scallops; repeat from * around, join last ch-5 to third st of ch-6, sl st to center of lp.

Rnd 3: Ch 8, sc in center of next lp, repeated around, making last lp, ch 5, tr at base of first ch-8. This brings thread in position to begin next rnd.

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In what window should a Rex begonia be placed? What causes the leaves to drop after they grow nicely for several months? How should they be watered and what kind of soil do they like? Mrs. V. M. B., Indiana.

Rex begonias came from India and do not thrive too well in the dry air of the house during winter. If they lack bottom heat in the winter they will gradually drop their leaves but will

start new ones later. In the summer they are at their best and prefer to be placed on a north porch, or under shrubs or trees in a moist place. Keep everything around the plants as moist as possible. High humidity and not too wet feet suit a Rex begonia. They should do well along with the African violets and can use the same moisture, soil and light conditions, but prefer more heat. Soil made of one-third rotted cow manure and two-thirds compost, made with a high percentage of rotted leaves, with a little sand and a little bone meal added will grow beautiful Rex begonias.

Can you tell me what to do with gloxinias after they are through blooming? E. D., Wisconsin.

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Please tell me why my Amaryllis does not bloom. I have had them for two years and they were supposed to bloom as soon as I got them. What should I do to them to make them bloom? Mrs. J. B., Washington.

As soon as an Amaryllis is through blooming, usually in February or March, it starts to make its growth for the next year's flowering. Then is the time to keep it growing by leaving it in a warm place with plenty of water. Then when summer comes let the bulb go dormant and let it rest for the entire summer. In October, pot the bulb in a rich soil containing about one-fourth well rotted manure. About two-thirds of the bulb should be above the level of the soil when it is planted. If the bulb is kept growing in a warm light place it should again come into bloom by January or February and should continue to bloom for some time. Smaller bulbs should be treated the same as flowering sized ones. They do not need to be repotted each year. Only when the old bulbs need dividing and when they need more room is it advisable to repot them.

I have a camellia four years old. It bloomed the first year. I reset it and it has not bloomed since. Is there anything I can do to cause it to bloom? Mrs. M. S., Mississippi.

It takes about six undisturbed years for a camellia to come into heavy bearing, so your plant should soon begin to flower abundantly. Camellias do best under partial shade, with uniform

moisture, high humidity and good drainage. The soil must be acid and should contain added plant food such as cottonseed meal. When the plant is growing rapidly, just after the blooming season, it requires plenty of water and then is the time to feed it. One ounce of iron sulphate to two gallons of water applied once a month will assure the acidity of the soil. After the new growth has hardened, the plant can get along with less water and no feed until the following spring. It is during the period of active growth that the buds are formed and if neglected at that time, no amount of care in fall or winter can make the plants bloom.

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How to Grow African Violets

The many questions about the growing of African violets received by the Flower and Garden Forum of The WORKBASKET indicate such an interest in the subject that we asked C. L. Quear, conductor of the Forum, to prepare the following article. Mr. Quear is an outstanding authority on all phases of gardening and flower growing.

African violets are started either from leaf cuttings or by dividing an old plant. A healthy green leaf may be made to produce several new plants. Use a sharp knife and make a clean cut square across the leaf stem, leaving the stem an inch to two inches long. Fill a small pot with clean coarse sand. Water it well, then punch a hole in the sand and insert the cutting to a depth of one-half the length of the stem. Several cuttings may be placed in one pot if you desire. Settle the sand lightly, then water it thoroughly. This watering should settle the sand tightly around the stem. Place the pot containing the leaf cutting with the other violets and each day put in a little water at the edge of the pot, just enough to keep the sand moist. In about four weeks the cutting may have put out roots at the base of the stem. The time required for a leaf cutting to root is variable. So long as the leaf remains healthy, rooting may be taking place.

When well rooted it should be transplanted to a 2-inch pot of loamy soil containing no fertilizer. Kept moist but not muddy the rooted leaf will push up a cluster of young plants which may be

removed and potted singly in 2-inch pots. Do not be in a hurry to separate the plants from the mother leaf. Let them become well established before dividing them. It will take from ten to twelve months to produce a new heavy 3-inch blooming size plant from a cutting.

The thick crown of a mature plant can be separated into a number of small plants. The plant is first removed from the pot and the crown gently pulled apart and each small clump potted separately in the smallest pot that will comfortably accommodate it. They will start into growth at once and soon produce new flowering stems.

Violets prefer a light porous rich soil neither acid nor alkaline. To make an ideal soil use three parts good friable garden soil, one part old rotten cow manure, one part peat, and one part sand. Add two heaping tablespoonfuls of super-phosphate to each gallon of soil. Mix enough for your needs for some time and store it for future use. Or go into the woods where leaves have rotted for years and where the ferns grow in the loose black leaf mould soil. Collect some of this loose soil and add super-phosphate to it. Little feeding of the plants will be needed if the above mentioned soil mixture is used.

Water violets any way you wish so long as the foliage is kept dry. Water on the leaves, especially at night, induces rot and produces yellow spots. Cold water is especially injurious. If tap water is used allow it to stand for twenty-four hours or longer to allow the chlorine gas to pass off and to bring it to air temperature. Don't let water stand above the base of the pot for more than three or four hours at any one time. If the plants are being watered from the bottom, after the soil has



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picked up what water it will take, usually within an hour, the remainder should be poured out of the saucer. Once each month the leaves should be thoroughly washed using a fine spray and lukewarm water. This should be done in the morning on a clear day so the leaves will dry before evening. Watering is probably the most important single operation involved in the growing of violets. Practice regularity and uniformity in watering. Plants become accustomed to water at regular intervals and in definite amounts. When the amount and temperature and time have been standardized such procedure should be followed regularly. Plants will respond to

this regularity in an amazing manner. Hit or miss watering as to amount, temperature, and time is bound to bring trouble.

The light requirements of the plants are important. Since light intensity varies with the seasons, the plants must be moved or protected in some way. In summer a north window is about right. In winter an east window and in mid-winter even the full light of a south window is not too much. Too much light causes leaves to curl and turn yellow. Too little light causes stems to become long and weak and retards blooming. The light intensity should be just strong enough so that your hand held above a plant will cast

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variations in temperature retard blooming. The night temperature should average within 10 degrees of the day temperature. A 60 to 70 degree night temperature and a 70 to 80 degree day temperature is ideal.

A moist atmosphere is a great help in violet growing. Setting the plants in moist sand or in pebble filled saucers with water coming just up to the bottom of the pots helps to increase humidity. Any device that helps to keep the air moist will improve the growing conditions. Damp sand around the pots is especially valuable in mid-summer.

A discussion of insects and diseases of violets is a complete subject in itself. Commercial growers are now using sodium selenate with excellent results. A small number of plants may be kept free from the most destructive pests by such treatment. Mix thoroughly exactly one-fourth teaspoonful of sodium selenate with one gallon of water. Label it poison and treat it as such. Water the plants lightly from the

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Very small insects may appear in the soil and swarm to the surface in great clusters when the plants are watered. These are springtails and are harmless. They are unpleasant to have around and may be destroyed by using in the water either clorox, one teaspoonful to one quart of water, or by using a weak solution of nicotine such as black leaf 40. Use nicotine at one-half the strength recommended for use in a spray solution. One watering with either solution once a month should keep this pest under control.

As long as a plant is growing thriftily let it alone. Don't treat for insect pests you don't have or don't expect. Don't

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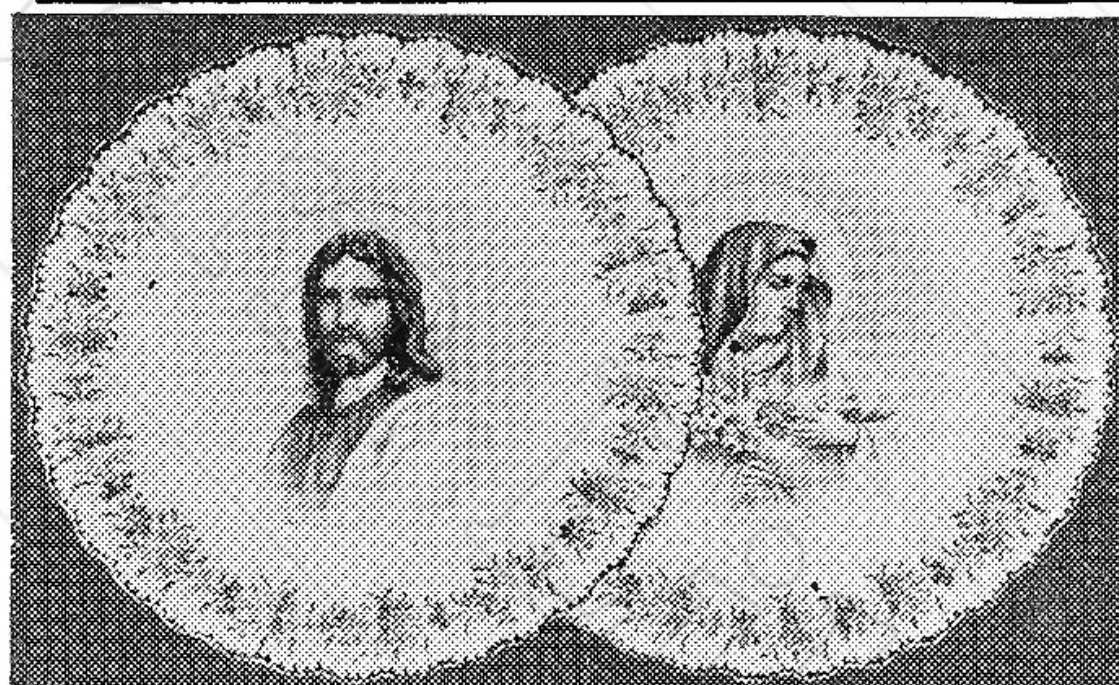


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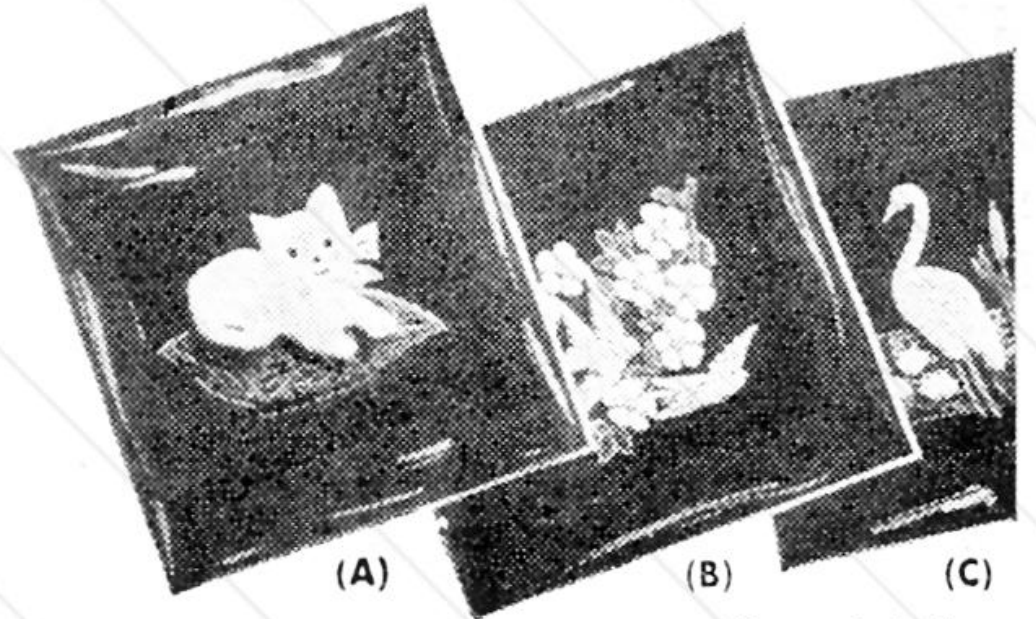
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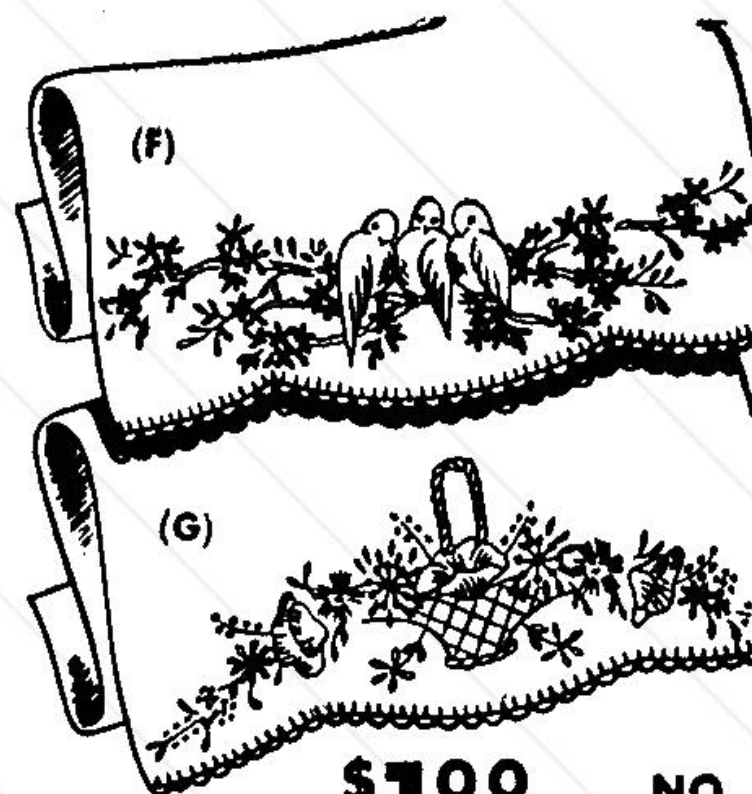


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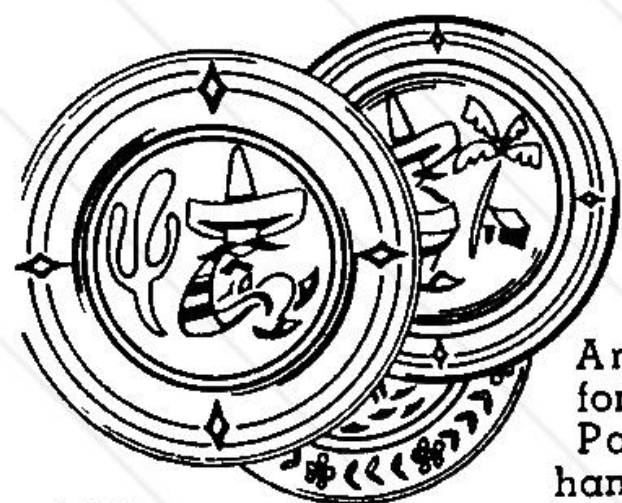
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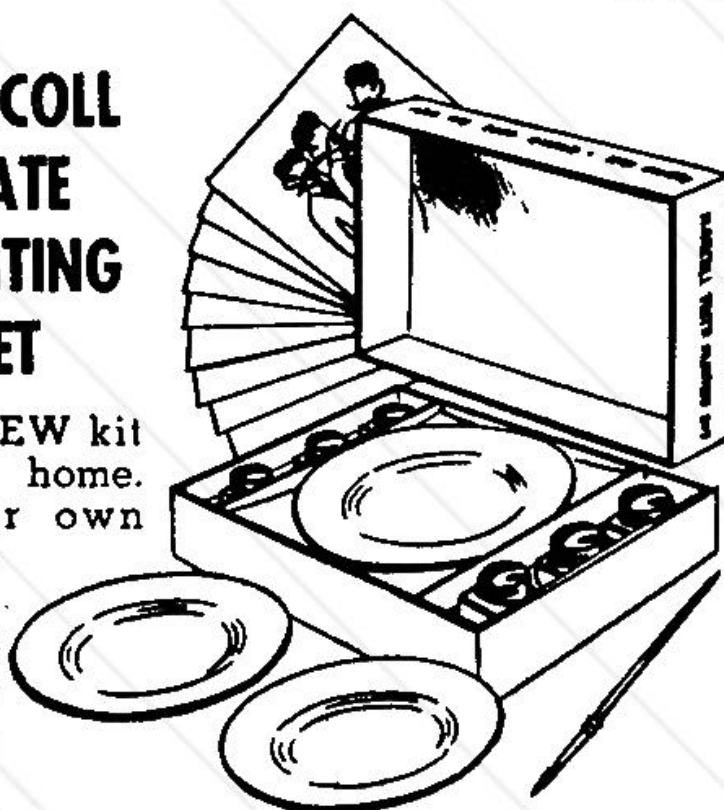


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Tulips That Never Die

Letha Rice

I wonder how many women have looked despairingly at their kitchen windows and wished they might change the exposure, or the light, or the shade, so that plants would grow and blossom in their kitchens. Like many other kitchens, Mrs. E. R. Colter's in Leavenworth, Kansas, was never designed to promote the culture of blooming plants. A north and west exposure made the usual geraniums, begonias and violet plants grow paler and less attractive every day and as for blossoms—they never produced a bud, much less a bloom of any description.

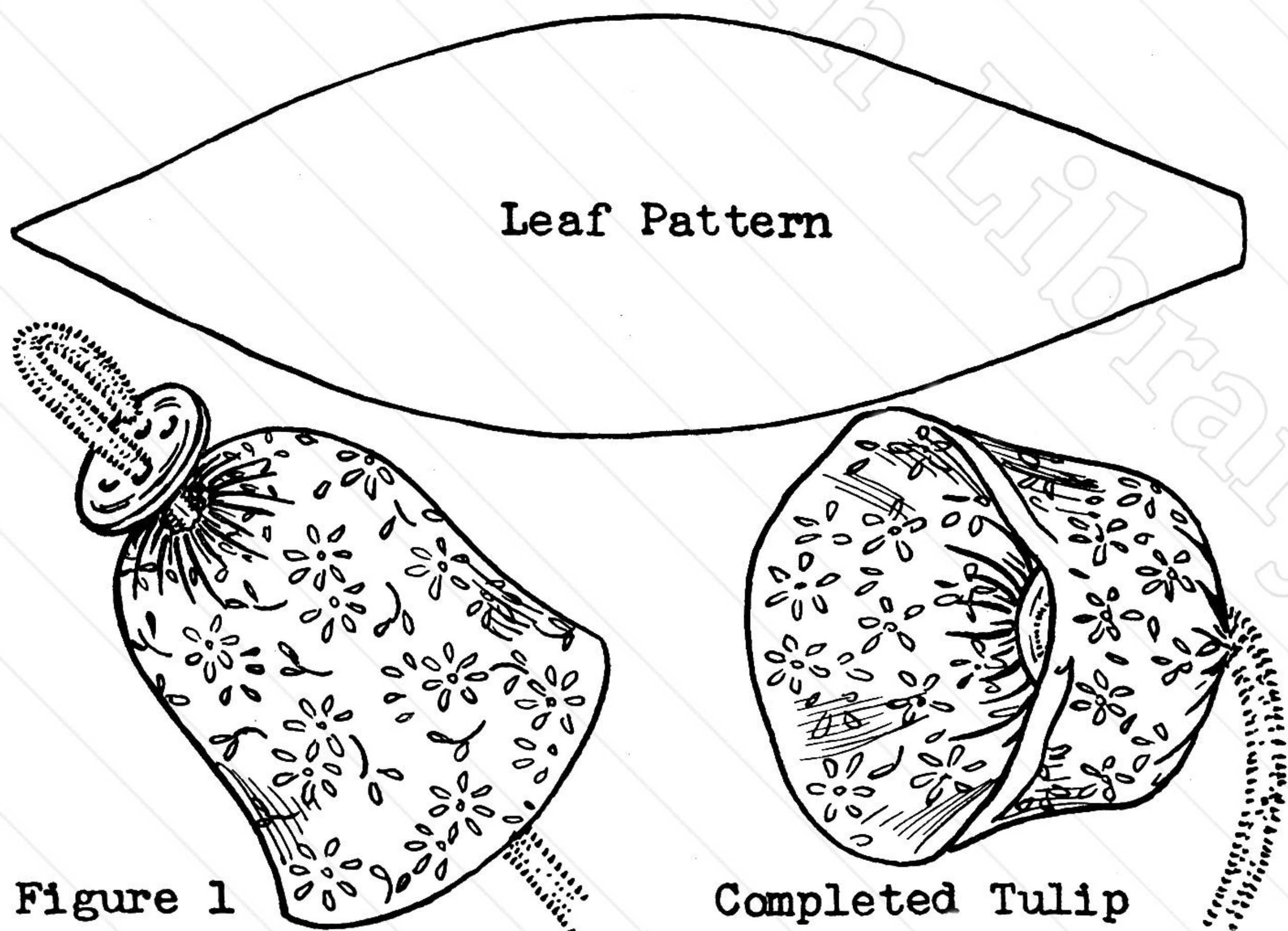
After a recent re-decoration of her kitchen, Mrs. Colter decided that the one thing needed to make it complete was a touch of color at the window, just the color that a blooming plant would give. From her past experience she

knew it was useless to buy any more potted plants for that kitchen window—their life span was so short that they were out of the question. Then an idea came to her to make a plant that would not wither and die, but would supply all the color she desired in her window.

There followed quite a period of experimenting with various species of flowers. At last, she came up with a miniature tulip that was sufficiently lifelike and bright to be effective. Each blossom was made from a scrap of gayly colored cotton print and the leaves to complete the plant were of leaf green, of course. The method which she worked out required these materials:

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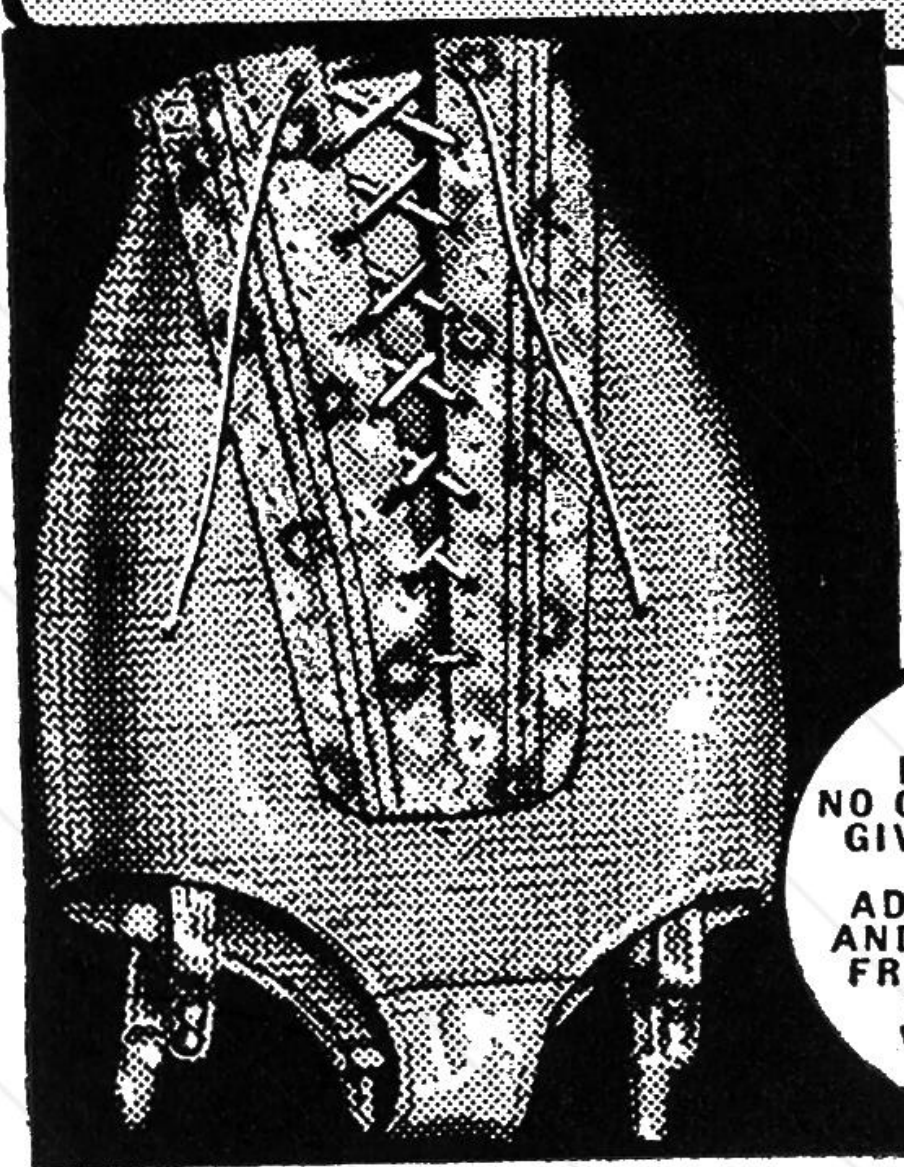
Three-inch clay flower pot painted in bright color.

To make the flowers, each rectangle of cloth is folded over with right sides together and stitched to make a tube 5 inches long. Then the top of this tube is turned back over itself until the raw edge meets the bottom edge evenly, the seam on the inside. Turn under raw edges and run a stout gather-thread around edge. Insert pipe cleaner stem through center of gathers and one

eye of button, pull button down on stem about 1½ inches, fold in half and bring stem back through opposite eye of button (Fig. 1). Twist short end of stem around button to fasten. The button gives the appearance of stamens in center of flower. When this gathering thread is pulled up firmly, the tulip shaped flower begins to take form. The flower is then turned up around this center and the top shaped with the fingers to a life-like form.

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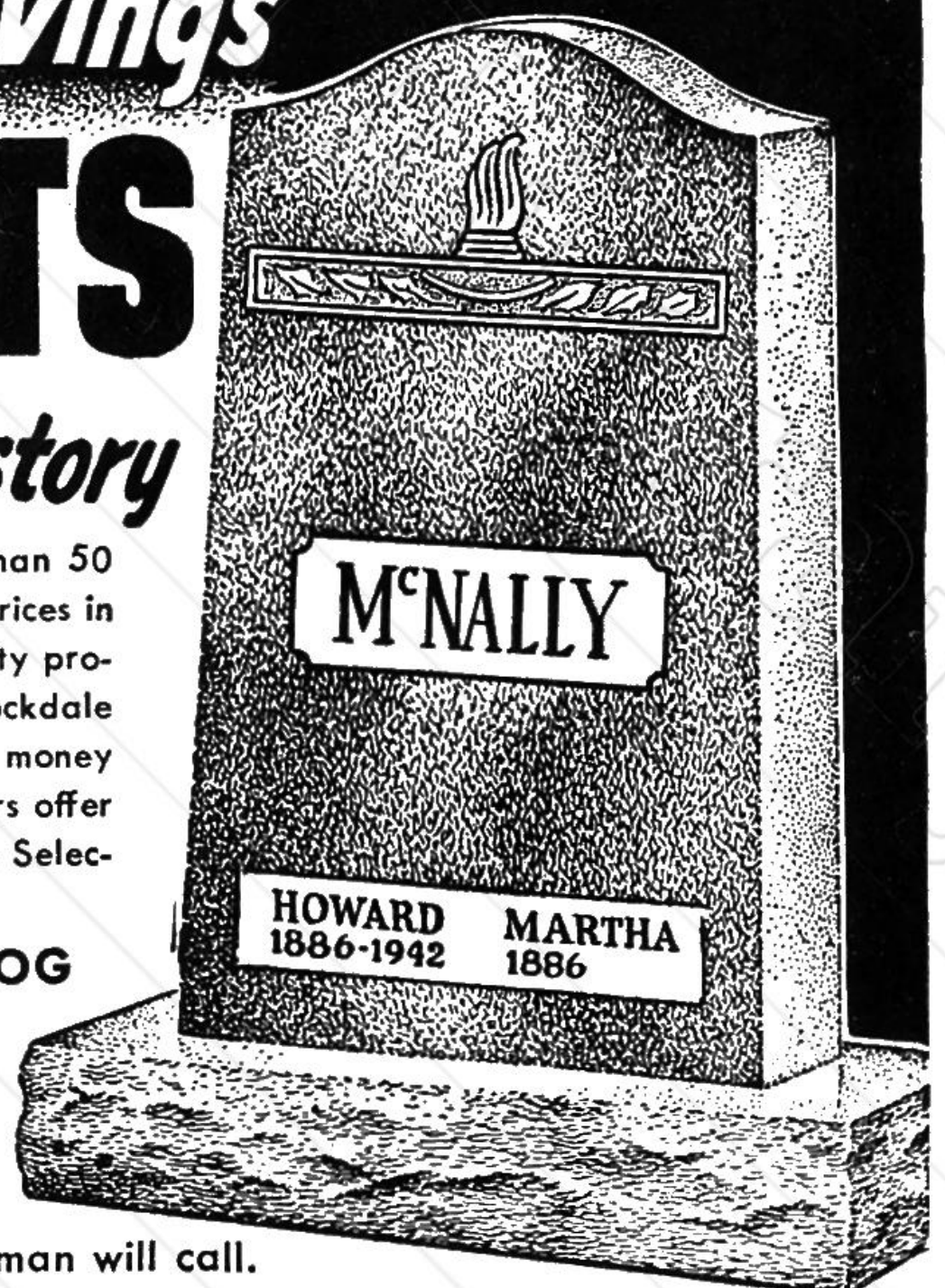
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tainly not of seven different colors, but Mrs. Colter feels that she is justified in taking such liberties with nature in the interest of a bright and cheerful kitchen window.

Immediately after Mrs. Colter's plants "bloomed" at her window, many of her friends saw and were fascinated by the novel decoration. Naturally, many flowers were made as gifts for these same admiring friends. Then, the annual church bazaar was announced and donations of all sorts were solicited from the members. Mrs. Colter volunteered to supply a dozen potted plants for the sale. They proved very effective as a decoration for the booth but they did not remain as a decoration very long. The pots which she had bought at the dime store came in bright enameled colors—red, green, blue, yellow and white, so that each customer could choose the color which she thought most attractive for her own

kitchen color scheme.

After the bazaar, several who had arrived too late to buy the plants came to Mrs. Colter to obtain plants for their homes. She has found making them fun and the price they bring yields a welcome profit for her time. So far, the materials required have been scraps left from her own and her friends' sewing and the only expense has been for the pots, which cost 10 cents each, and the pipe cleaners, which are very inexpensive. The price of 50 cents for a plant nets her a nice sum for her spare time handwork.

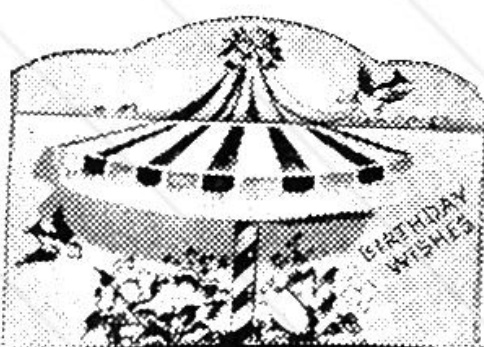


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Abbreviations: Rnd (round); ch (chain); st (stitch); sk (skip); bl (block); lp (loop); sc (single crochet); hdc (half double crochet)—thread over as for dc, insert hook in st and pull through (3 lps on hook), thread over and pull through all lps on hook; tr (treble)—thread over hook twice and work off 2 lps at a time; tr cluster—retain last lp of each tr on hook and pull through all lps at once; tr tr (triple treble)—thread over hook 4 times, work off 2 lps at a time.

To begin, ch 14, join with sl st in first st to form a ring.

Rnd 1: Make 28 sc in ring.

Rnd 2: Ch 4 (for a tr), * 2 tr in next, 1 tr in next, repeat from * around—42 trs. Join with sl st in fourth ch of first ch 4 made.

Rnd 3: Ch 4 (count as a tr), tr in next tr, * 2 tr in next, tr in each of next 2 tr, repeat from * around—56 trs. Join with sl st.

Rnd 4: Ch 4, make 14 groups of 4 trs with 1 ch between groups, join.

Rnd 5: Repeat rnd 4 making a ch 2 between groups.

Rnd 6: Ch 4, tr in each tr of group, * 2 tr over ch 2 sp, ch 1, 2 tr in same sp, tr in each of next 4 trs, repeat from * around—this makes 14 groups of 8 trs.

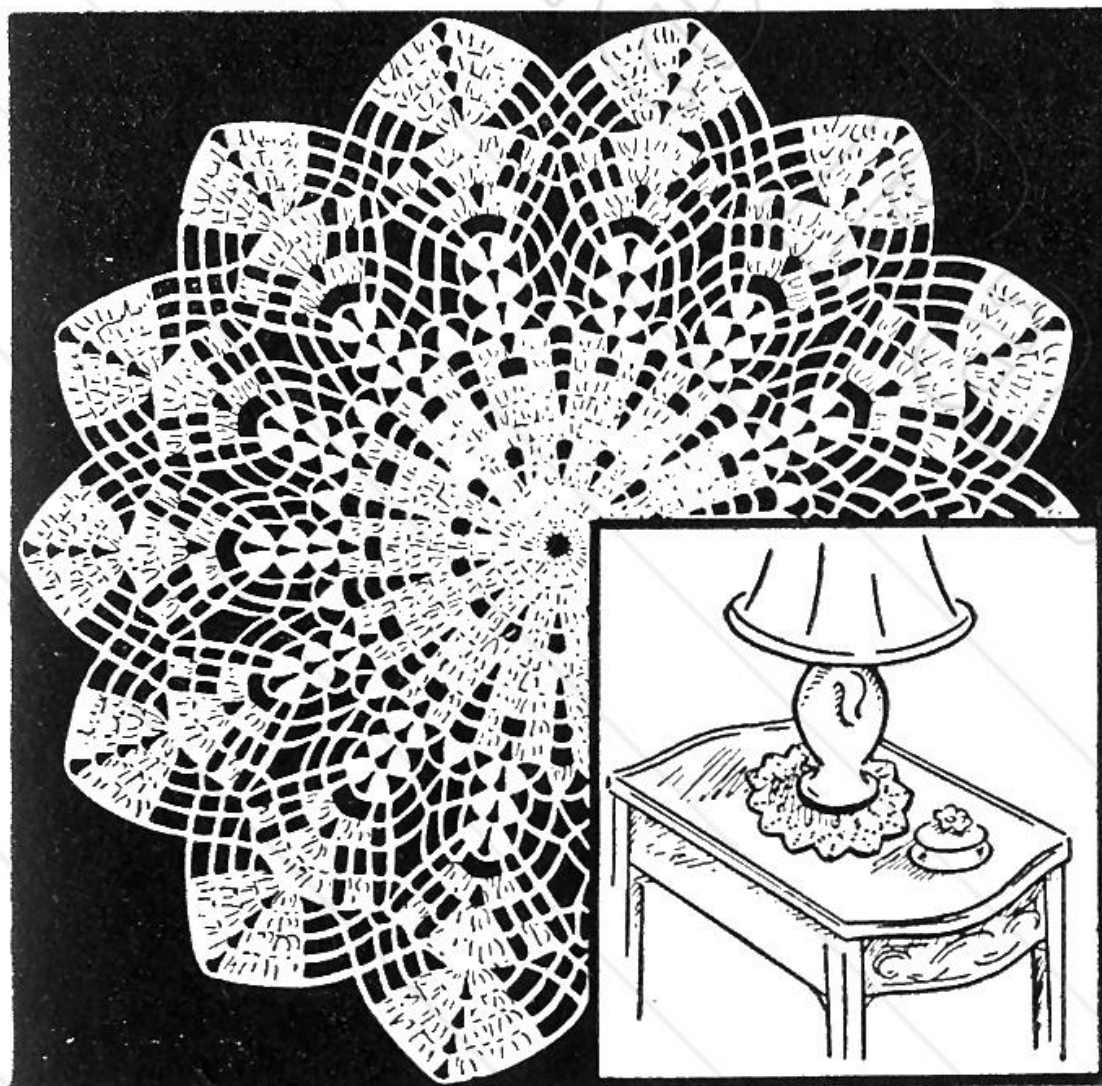
Rnd 7: Ch 1, sl st back 1 st, ch 4, make 14 groups of 8 trs around with ch 2 between groups.

Rnd 8: Make 14 groups of 9 trs around (increase with 2 tr in 5th tr

of each group) with ch 2 between groups.

Rnd 9: Ch 4, tr in each of next 2 trs, * ch 3, sk 3 trs of group, tr in each of last 3 trs of same group, ch 3, tr in each of first 3 trs of next group, repeat from * around, join.

Rnd 10: Ch 4, tr in each of next 2 trs, * 2 tr in sp, ch 3, 2 tr in same sp, tr in each of next 3 trs, ch 3, tr in each of next 3 trs, repeat from * around and join.



Rnd 11: * Ch 4, 4 tr in sp, ch 3, 4 tr in same sp (shell made), ch 3, sc in last tr of group below, ch 4, 3 tr cluster in next sp, ch 4, sc in first tr of next group; repeat from * around, tr at base of first ch 4 made—this brings thread in position to begin next rnd.

Rnd 12: * Ch 4, sc in first tr of shell below, ch 4, shell in shell, ch 4, sc in last tr of same shell, ch 4, sc in tip of tr cluster, repeat from * around and join.

Rnd 13: * Ch 5, sc in first tr of shell, ch 4, shell in shell, ch 4, sc in last tr of same shell below, ch 5, sc in sc at tip of cluster, repeat from * around, ch 2, dc in sc at tip of cluster.

Rnd 14: Ch 5, sc in center of ch, *

ch 6, tr in first tr of shell, ch 2, tr in next tr, ch 6, tr in next to last tr of shell below, ch 2, tr in last tr of same shell, ch 6, sc in center of ch 5 below, ch 5, sc in center of next ch 5 below, repeat from * around, tr tr at base of first ch 5.

Rnd 15: Ch 10 (counts as a tr and ch 6), sc in center of ch 5, * ch 6, tr in first tr, ch 2, tr in next tr, 4 trs in sp, ch 3, 4 trs in same sp, tr in tr, ch 2, tr in next tr, ch 6, sc in center of ch



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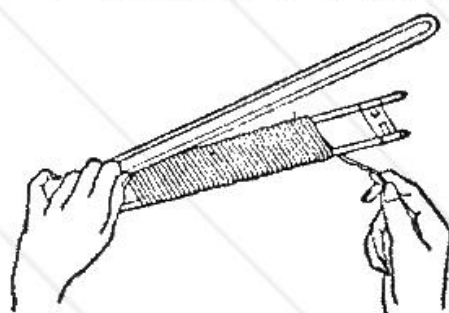
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5, repeat from * around and join in 4th st of first ch 10.

Rnd 16: Ch 7, * tr in next tr, ch 2, tr in first tr of 5 tr group, ch 2, sk 1 tr, tr in next, ch 2, 5 tr in sp, ch 2, sk 2 tr, tr in next, ch 2, sk 1 tr, tr in last tr of second 5 tr group, ch 2, tr in next tr, ch 3, repeat from * around, ch 2, sl st in 4th st of ch 7 first made.

Rnd 17: Ch 7, tr in next tr, ch 2, tr in next tr, * 2 trs in sp, tr in next tr, ch 2, make 9 trs over the 5 tr group below (2 tr in each of first 2 trs, tr in next, 2 tr in each of last 2 trs), ch 2, tr in tr, 2 trs in sp, tr in tr, ch 2, tr in tr, ch 3, tr in tr, ch 2, tr in next tr, repeat from * around, hdc in 4th st of ch 7 first made.

Rnd 18: Ch 5, sk 2 trs, * sc in first tr of 4 tr group, ch 5, sk 2 tr, sc in next or last of same tr group, ch 4, 3 trs between 4th and 5th trs of 9 tr group below, ch 3, sk 1 tr, 3 tr between next trs in same group below, ch 4, sc in first tr of next 4 tr group, ch 5, sc in last tr of same group, ch 5, sk 2 tr, repeat from * around, join with ch 2 and hdc at base of first ch made.

Rnd 19: (Ch 4, sc in center of ch 5) twice, * ch 4, tr in each of 3 trs below, (3 tr, ch 3, 3 tr) over ch 3 below, tr in each of next 3 trs, (ch 4, sc in center of ch 5 below) 3 times, repeat from * around, tr at base of first ch made.

Rnd 20: Ch 8, sc in center of ch 4, ch 4, sc in center of next ch, * ch 4, tr in each of next 6 trs below, (3 tr, ch 3, 3 tr) in sp, tr in each of next 6 trs, (ch 4, sc in center of ch below) twice, repeat from * around, end with sl st in 4th st of first ch made.

Rnd 21: Ch 9, * sk one ch 4, sc in center of next, ch 4, tr in each of 9 trs, (3 tr, ch 3, 3 tr) in sp, tr in each of next 9 trs, ch 4, repeat from * around and join as in previous rnd. Cut and fasten thread.

Popcorn Stitch Belt

Here is a pretty belt to dress up any outfit. The popcorn stitch spaced along the belt makes a very decorative trim. Number 10 or 20 thread and a size 9 crochet hook was used to make the model. The finished belt is about 1¼ inch wide. Straw yarn, metallic thread, yarn or heavier cotton thread can be used if desired. Use size of hook to correspond to thread or yarn.

Abbreviations: Ch (chain); dc (double crochet); sc (single crochet); sl st (slip stitch); sk (skip); inc (increase—work 2 sts in one); dec (decrease—work 2 sts off as one); lp (loop); pc st (popcorn stitch—work 4 dcs in one sc, drop lp off hook, insert hook back in first dc made and draw lp through, ch 1 to tighten).

Row 1: Ch 10, sk 3 sts, dc in each of next 6 sts, ch 3 to turn all dc rows.

Rows 2, 3: Repeat row 1.

Row 4: Inc in first st, dc in each of next 2 dc, inc in next, dc in each of next 2 dcs, inc in last.

Rows 5, 6: Work another dc row, inc in first and last dc.

Row 7: Inc in first and last dc, dc in each dc between (14 dc).

Row 8: Dc in each dc across, inc in center.

Rows 9, 10 and 11: Dc in each of next 6 dc, ch 3, turn and work 2 more rows of 6 dc across—this forms the slot to place tongue of buckle through; cut and fasten thread.

Join thread to other side of row 8 and repeat rows 9, 10 and 11. Ch 3, join with sl st to opposite dc, sl st over to outside edge of belt, ch 1 to turn all sc rows.

Row 12: Sc across row—15 sc in all. Repeat last row 25 times.

Row 38: Sc in each of next 7 sc, pc st in next sc, sc in each of last 7 sc.

Row 39: Sc in each sc across, sc in



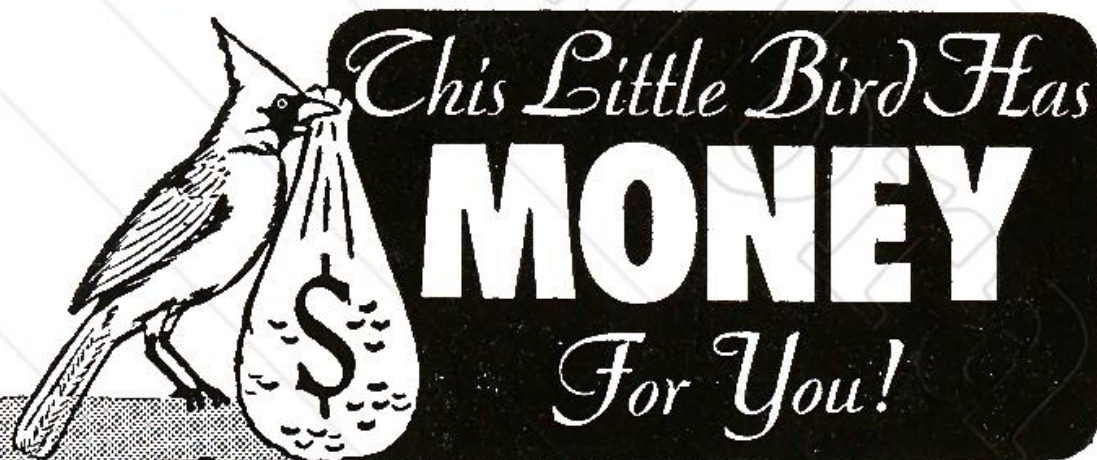
ch 1 back of pc st, sc in remaining scs.

Row 40: Sc in each sc across.

Repeat last row 9 times.

Repeat from row 38 through 49 until belt is about 2¾ inches short of desired length.

Work 9 rows of sc after the last pc st, then sc in 6 sc, ch 3, sk 3 sc, sc in last 6 sc, work 3 rows sc, sc in each st of ch 3. Make 3 eyelets. Work 10 rows of sc after last eyelet. Dec 1 st each end of row, until there are 3 scs across; cut and fasten off.



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Burlap or a fine monk's cloth may be used for the rug foundation. It is quite important to have the foundation strong and free from any broken threads or flaws. Burlap can be purchased at some needlework departments and monk's cloth at the drapery counter. A piece of wide tape or binding may be sewn along the edges of burlap before it is put in frames; this eliminates



the possibility of frayed edges while working. The tape is not needed if the burlap is large enough to extend two or three inches from edge of pattern; merely fold back and baste to prevent raveling. The burlap should be stretched tight with design side up in frame, thumb tack every 2 or 3 inches, making sure it is square on the frame so the borders will be straight.

You can create your own design from simple objects around the home, flowers in the garden, something you have seen in a book or anything you may wish to copy. We have given charts for 4 different designs here, shown in squares; by adding the necessary squares, you can make a rug of any desired size. Mixed designs make an attractive rug (as shown in sketch), but equally pretty would be one with all squares of same design. To prevent having seams when joining squares or blocks for a rug, work to within 2 or 3 inches of edge all around for each block, then overlap the space



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left with adjacent block, baste together and work through double thickness of rug foundation. All the blocks can be joined and basted in this manner—and the hooking can be continuous from one end to the other and across. Each space on the chart could equal 2 or 3 inches, making a 12 or 18 inch square when completed. This would depend on the size rug you wish to make. The border and joining might be one-fourth or one-third of block size, but are not necessary; the rug may consist of blocks only.

To enlarge the design, take a piece of brown wrapping paper and draw a large square the size you want the finished block, divide into same number of spaces as on chart. Draw pattern to fit squares in the same proportion as given. Transfer design to burlap by going over it heavily with a black crayon, then place design face down on burlap and press with a warm iron through a dampened cloth. Thus you have clear and distinct lines to follow. Or you can perforate your pattern by going over design with an unthreaded sewing machine or dressmaker's tracing wheel; sprinkle talcum or cocoa over the perforations rough side up, or use stamping wax on the smooth side. Your design could also be a free hand drawing or may be stenciled. To stencil, thumb tack or tape a sheet of stencil paper over design already drawn. Trace design with hard pencil, then cut on pencil lines with a stencil knife or sharp razor blade. Lay this cut-out stencil on burlap. Outline design with crayon or dab in with stencil paint.

Many rug hookers prefer not to use a frame, but they are available in Art Needlework Departments in retail stores. One can easily be made at home from four strips of soft wood; make sure the boards are smooth. They should be about two inches wide and

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three-fourths inch thick; peg or clamp together. People who do rug hooking as a hobby find it inconvenient to use a frame, because the larger ones must be dismantled to carry in one's car. The smaller frames do have the advantage, however, they need not be taken apart. To hook a 12 or 18 inch square, you will probably prefer to drape it across the lap or spread on table. If no frame is used, it is necessary to check frequently to see that the hooked part of the rug does not curl or cup.

Some rug makers cut and roll all

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Valentine for Year 'Round Use

Mary Ellen Bellah

Who was it said: "Never a heart existed but knew the pierce of pain?" Morbid philosophy for the Valentine season, isn't it! But this heart is no exception. Literally made to be pierced, happily without pain though, it is another version of the ever-popular pincushion.



My own acquaintance with the heart pincushions came about some months ago when two friends, knowing my interest in handmades, sent me similar ones. Each was beautiful, and I could not decide between them. One was all white but for a picoted, powder blue ribbon running through the crocheted bars and coming to a point at every one. A soft bow at the top and a ring hanger in back were finishing touches of beauty and practicability. The other had a pastel cloth heart inside instead of a white one, and to accentuate this coloring, a variegated pastel edging was added, culminating in a triangular, rope-like apparatus. No bow; none really was needed this time.

The design shown here evolved from

the two and combines, I hope, the best of both. This would be largely a matter of personal taste of course, but one may readily see the innumerable possibilities for variety in coloring, form, etc. I have seen striking ones made with a bright red heart under white crochet, and set off by matching red satin ribbon. Every one I have seen has been different in some respect from the last. I often wonder what the original looked like. They have certainly furnished a lively playground for many imaginations.

I am convinced that no evolution is without creative planning somewhere along the line. In the case of this final design, the method was principally trial and error. By eliminating some of the chain bars and weaving the ribbon points at more widely spaced intervals, a substantial saving was made in both time and ribbon, without sacrifice to the general appearance. The ribbon I use is of soft rainbow colors blended perfectly and matching the satiny shaded thread used for edging. It has a "fused, feather edge" that will not ravel despite the hard usage it gets in weaving through the bars.

Here are directions and sketches that should enable anyone who is proficient with a crochet hook to duplicate the novel Valentine in jig-time. Remembering my own delight, I would say, without hesitation, that they make excellent gift items, or, for the mercenary-minded (and who isn't at times?) they sell too! I have turned a number of them at from \$1 to \$1.50, depending upon the extraneous services and expense involved—packaging, postage, insurance, etc.

You will need a tape measure, a pair

of scissors, thimble and needle, white sewing thread, white bedspread-weight cotton, number 5 variegated pearl cotton, 1½ yards variegated ribbon (1 inch wide), and sizes 6 and 9 crochet hooks.

To make the stuffed heart you will need a heart pattern, pastel or white material, long, blunt instrument for stuffing and cotton. Each square on chart in Figure 1 represents ½ inch.

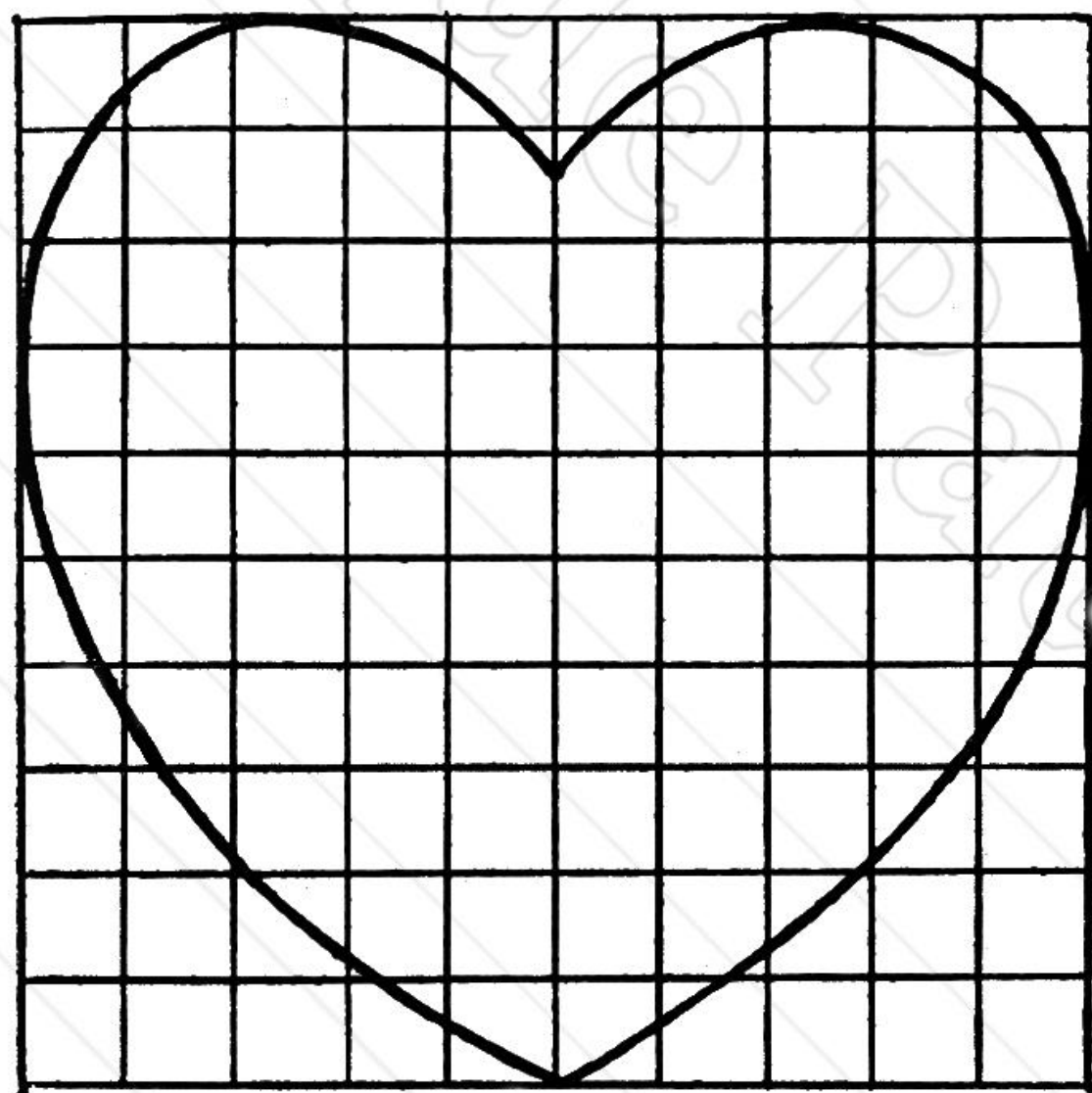


Chart for Heart Pattern
FIGURE 1

Pin heart pattern to double thickness of material. Cut out, allowing ¼ inch for seams. Sew up, leave a 1½ inch opening on one side to stuff. Turn and stuff firmly with cotton. Whip the opening closed with invisible stitches.

Using size 6 crochet hook and bedspread-weight cotton, begin the crochet portion. You will need about 75 yards of white and 10 yards of variegated thread.

Abbreviations: Ch (chain); sl st (slip stitch); dc (double crochet); tr (treble-thread over twice and work off two lps at a time); lp (loop); sc (single

crochet); sp (space); sk (skip); hdc (half double crochet—thread over as for a dc, insert hook in st and pull through, thread over and pull through all 3 lps at once).

In white ch 5, sl st in first st to form a ring. Ch 3 (counts as a dc), 2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc in ring (shell made), ch 3, turn. Shell over shell 5 times, always ch 3 to turn unless otherwise specified. Ch 7, turn, shell over shell 5 times, ch 3, turn.

Row 1: Shell, ch 5, 13 trs in ch-7 lp, ch 5, shell in ring at beginning of work.

Row 2: Shell, ch 5, (tr in tr, ch 1) 13 times, ch 5, shell.

Row 3: Shell, ch 5, (sc, ch 3) in each ch-1 sp between trs (12 times), ch 5, shell.

Rows 4 through 13: Shell, ch 5, (sc, ch 3) in each lp across pineapple, ch 5, shell.

Row 14: Shell, ch 5, sc in ch-3 lp, ch 5, shell, ch 3, turn.

Row 15: Shell, sk the two ch-5 bars, shell in next shell; cut and fasten thread.

The pattern just completed is known in crocheting circles as the "pineapple" pattern and is one of the simplest of designs. This particular piece will form the front (or back . . . it doesn't matter, for they are exactly alike) of the heart cushion. Make another, following the same directions.

Edging—Row 1: Lay the two pieces together, matching very carefully, with the point of the heart up or away from you. There will be two shells at the tip of the point; working through both pieces, join with sl st in the center of shell at the right, shell over shell. Shell in next shell to the left, * shell in each ch-3 lp along side, repeated to top center of heart, shell over next shell, insert padded heart, and repeat from * around in ch-3 lps to beginning shell.

Join with a sl st to top of first ch-3.

Row 2: Sl st to ch-2 sp, ch 3, and complete a shell in same sp, (shell in next shell) 10 times, hdc in each of 3 dc of same shell, hdc between shells, (hdc in each dc, 3 hdc on ch-2, hdc in each dc) of next shell, sc between shells, 3 sc on ch-2 of next shell, sc between shells, repeat directions in parenthesis on next shell, hdc between shells, hdc in each of next 3 dc, shell in ch-2 sp, and in remaining ch-2 sps around. Join with a sl st in top of beginning ch-3; cut and fasten thread.

Colored edging: Using size 9 crochet hook and variegated pearl cotton, join thread between any 2 shells with a sl st, * sc in each dc, (2 sc, ch 3, 2 sc) in ch-2 sp, sc in each dc, between shells, repeated until you reach the hdc, sc in each hdc; repeat from * to beginning shell, join with sl st in first sl st; cut and fasten thread.

Ring: Wrap colored thread around joint of thumb 10 times and cover the ring thus formed with scs, or, use a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch bone ring. Sew to top of heart in

back with white sewing thread.

Bow and Weaving in Ribbon: Cut off 13 inches of ribbon (from the original $1\frac{1}{2}$ yards) and make a bow of it; trim ends. With cushion top up, slip the long remaining ribbon (wrong side out) under the uppermost ch-5 bar on the left-hand side (see Figure 2). Leave about two inches extending from the bar upward to be tacked down later. Bring long end up and over to the left, forming an angle. Raise this angle with the left fingers, and with the right hand fold ribbon over to the right, under and down, making a double-fold point between the first two bars, and slip the long end (again wrong side out) under next bar. (See Figure 3.)

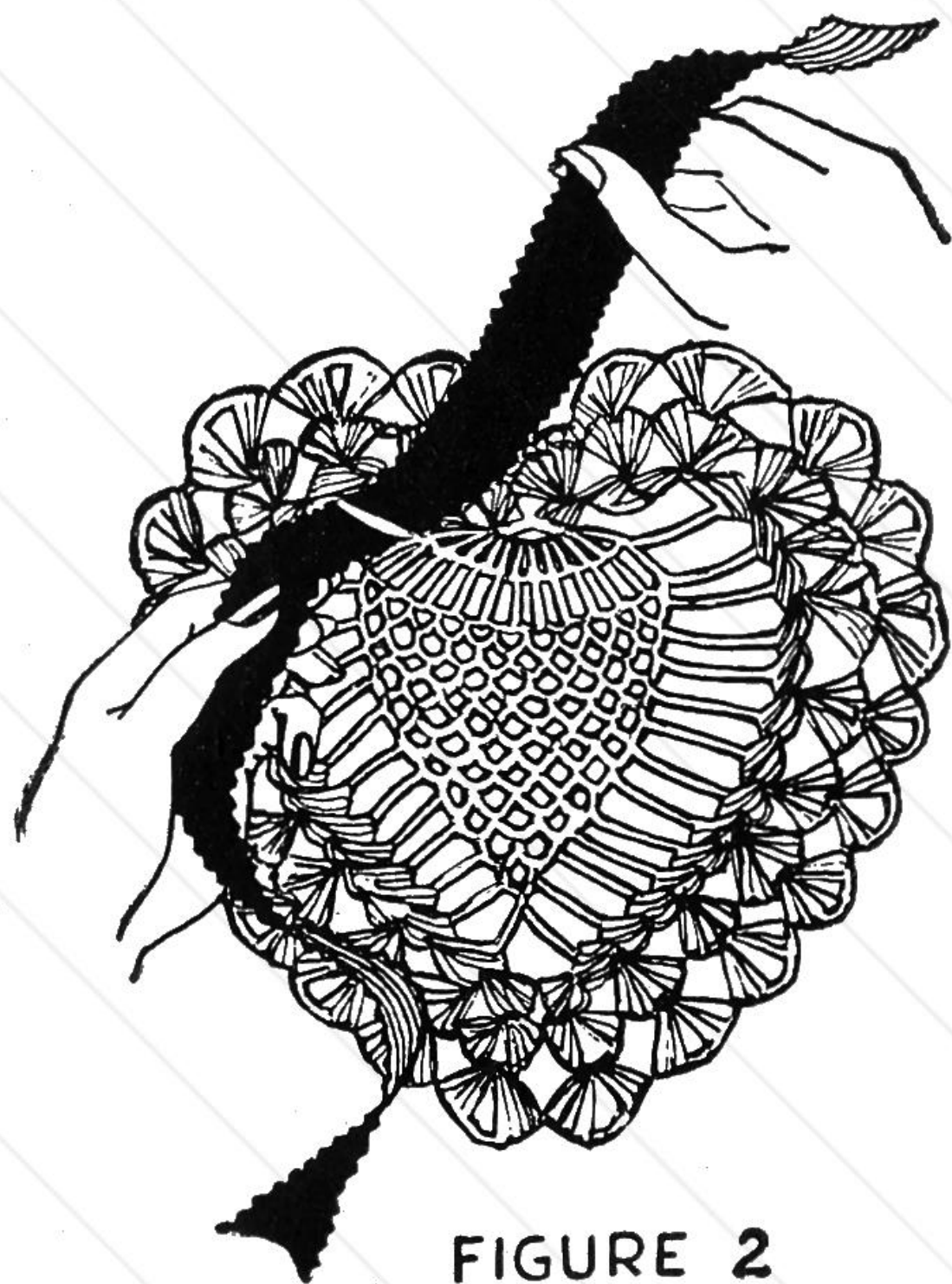


FIGURE 2



FIGURE 3

Continue making these double-fold points over alternate bars, except the one at the very bottom of the heart and the last one on the right side. These will be made between bars, as was the first one.

When you have finished weaving, clip the ends so that they are of equal length and gather them with a needle and thread, one on top of the other, pulling the thread down tightly. Tack these gathered ends down, and tack the bow on top.

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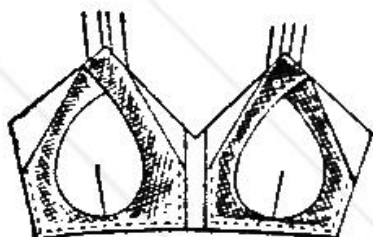
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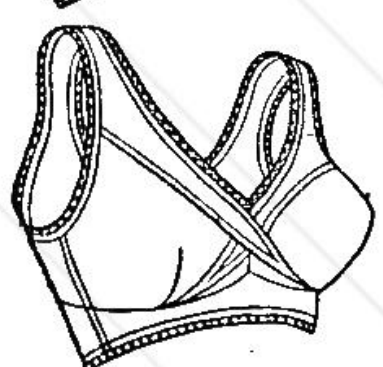
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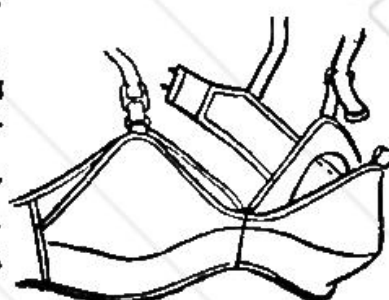


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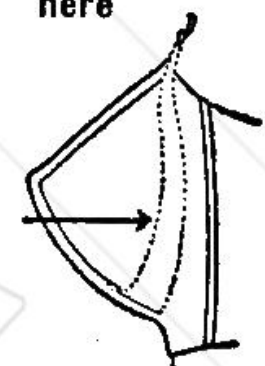
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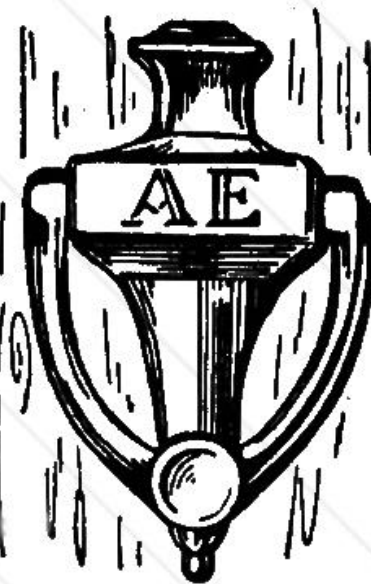
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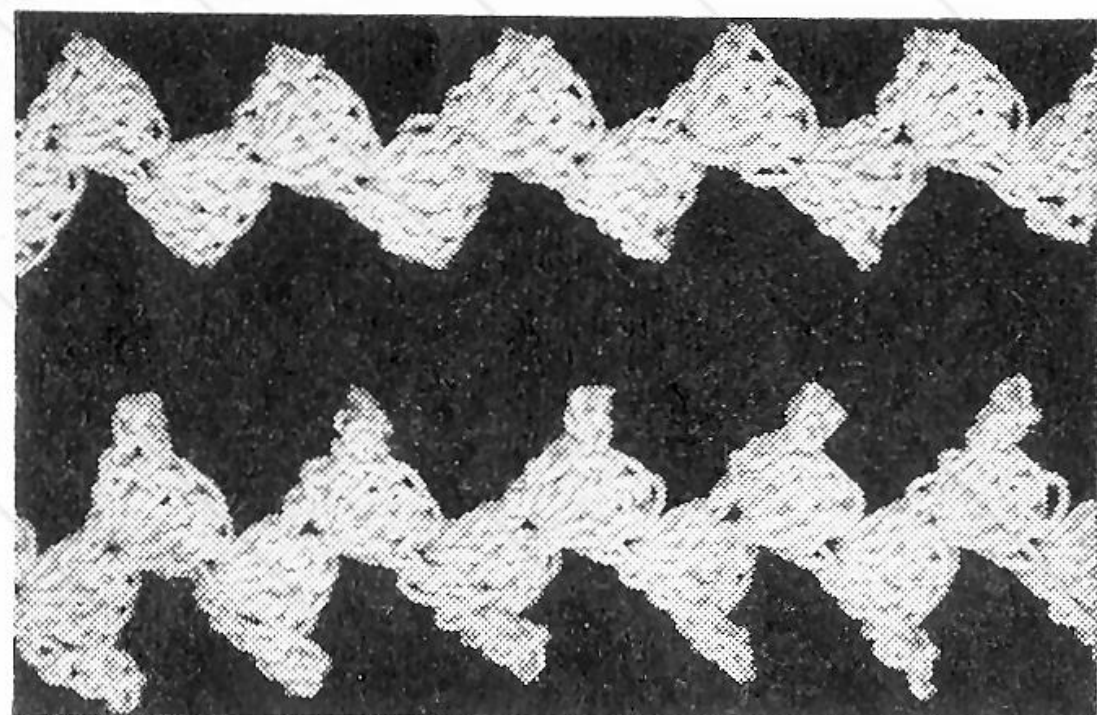
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Repeat until the edge is of desired length.

A picot may be made on each point to form a tip for sewing on; for it, make a ch of 6 instead of 3, sl st into fourth st from hook and proceed as above. Two colors may be used, alternating every row. If desired, a two-color braid may be made by working the ch and 2 dc in one color, then 3 dc in another color; this results in a slightly wider braid.

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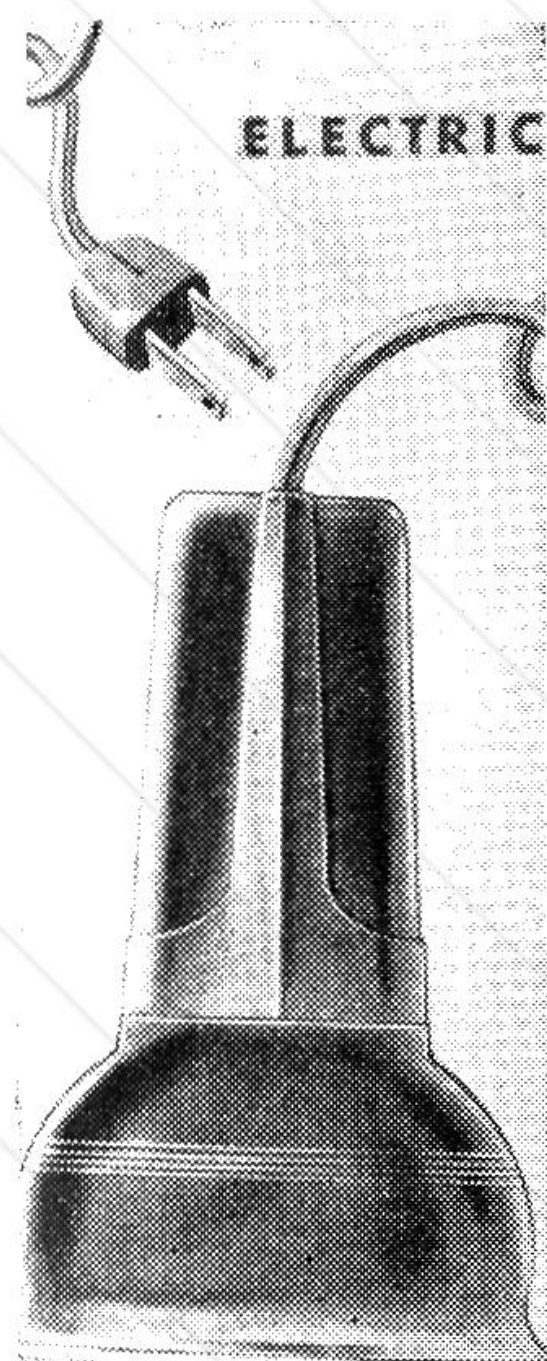
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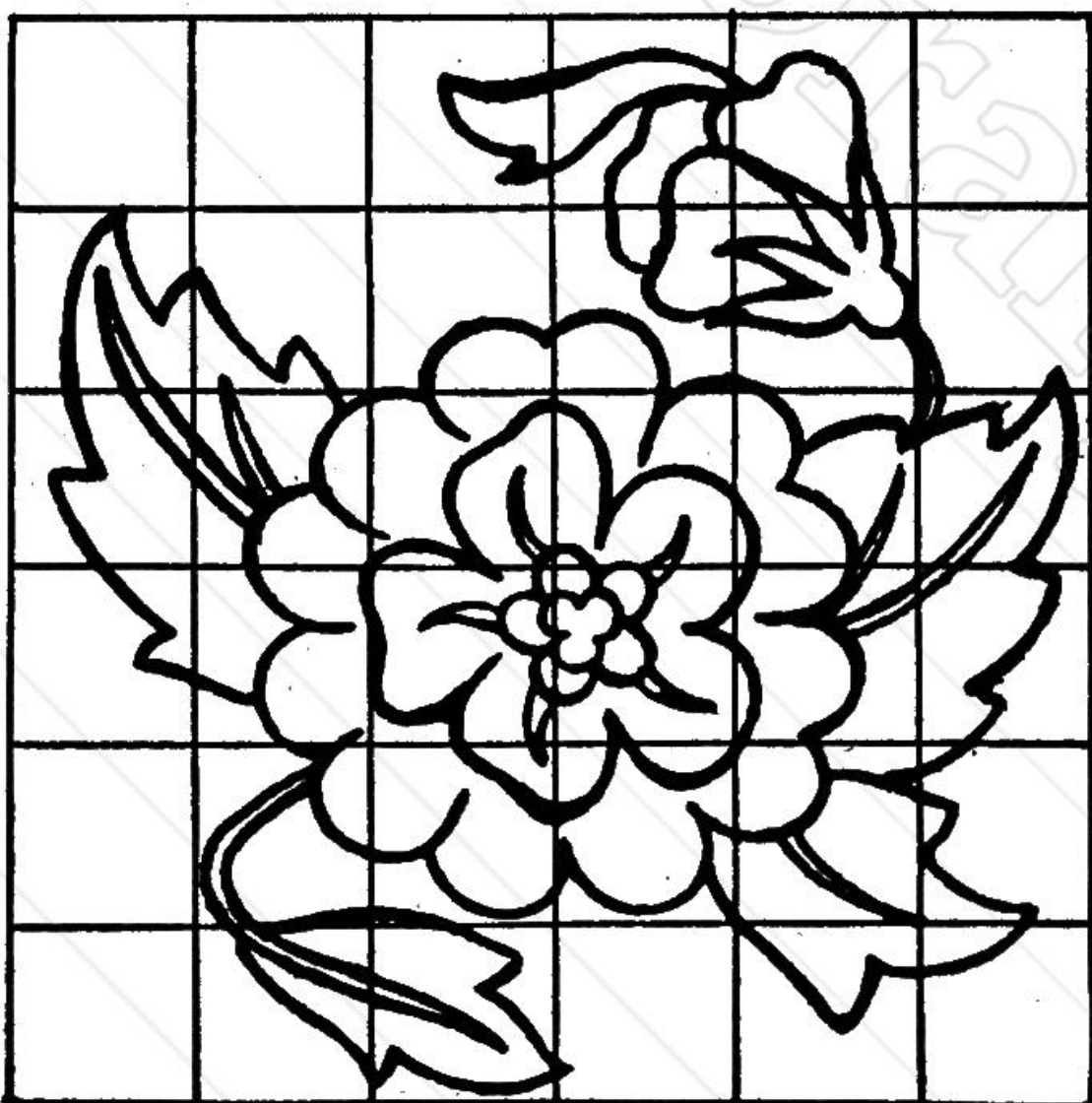
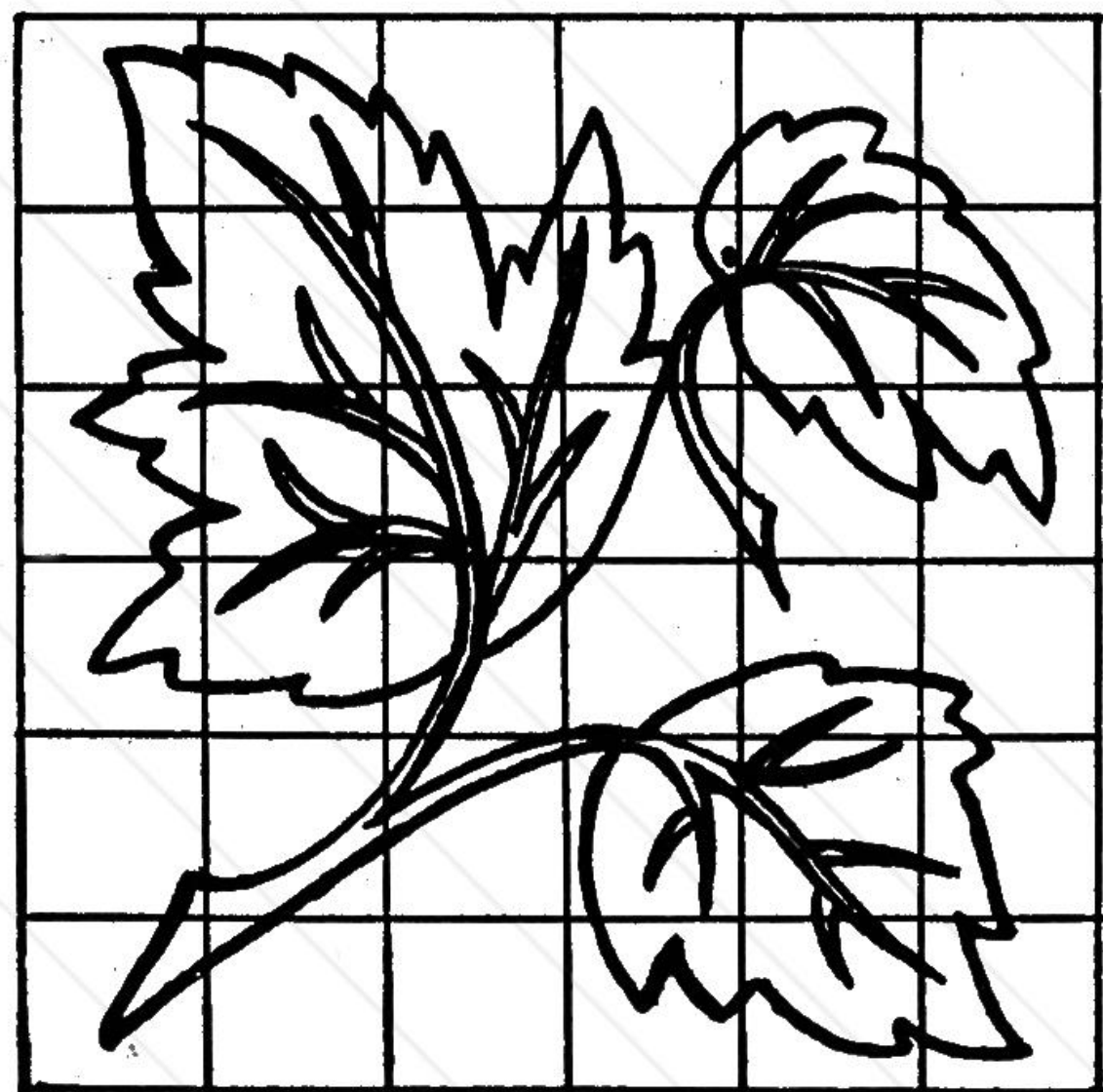
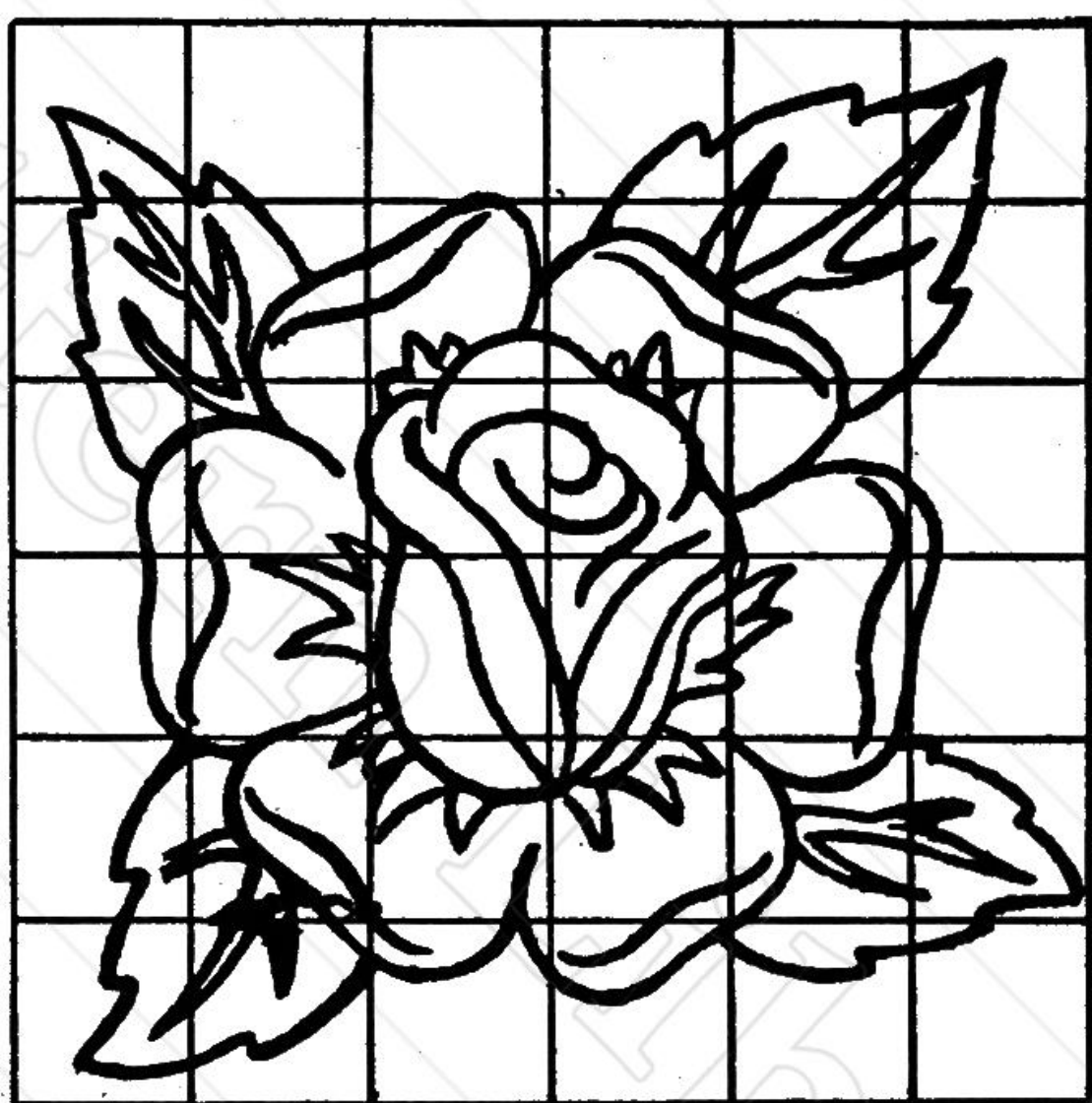
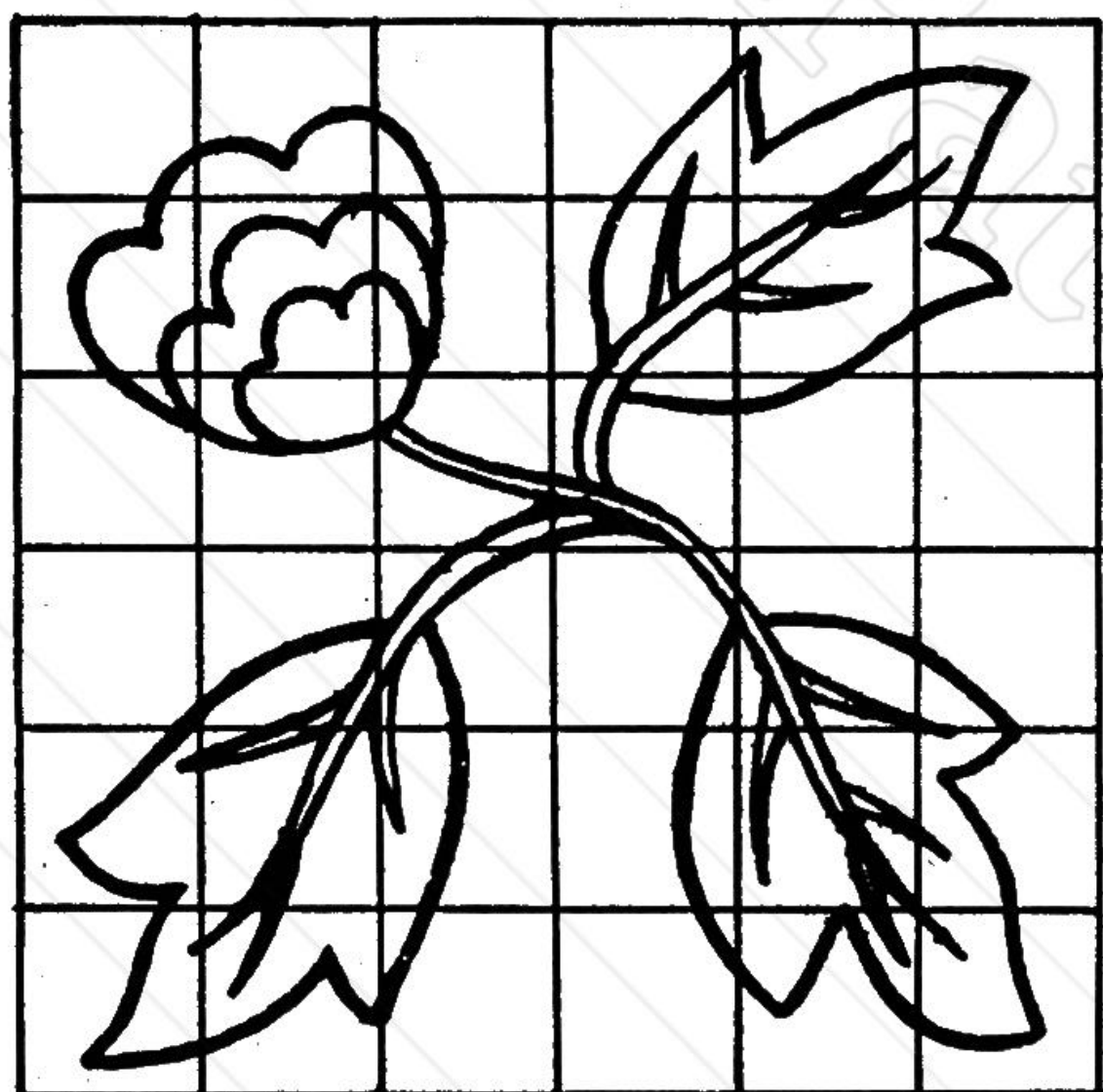
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their materials at once; some cut strips from the piece as they are required. If you are using stockings, blankets, etc., cut materials into strips of uniform width, one-third to one-half inch, depending on the weight of materials. It is necessary to cut thinner materials wider than the heavier and more bulky materials. If old material is used, it is most important to have it thoroughly cleaned or washed. The less torn and worn material that you use, the longer the life of your rug will be. You can dye any of these materials or yarns

as you prefer with commercial dye.

One method that has been used quite successfully in dyeing is to place a piece of cloth into the dye pan containing warm water, sprinkle dry dye over it; add another small piece of damp cloth or two, sprinkle more dry dye, and so on, until you have up to a dozen layers; water may be added as needed. This may stand a few hours or may be boiled without stirring, then rinsed and set as is your custom. The result is a variety of shades, some pieces slightly spotted with darker color, making entirely lovely flowers.



As with everything in life, one gets closest to perfection when following a definite plan. This applies very specially to rugs. Plan color distribution on paper or on your rug fabric, using school crayons or chalk. You will not

regret drawing out a flower, say a rose, perhaps, shading it on paper, with the deepest color in the center; then number the shades and stick to this map when it comes to working the flower.

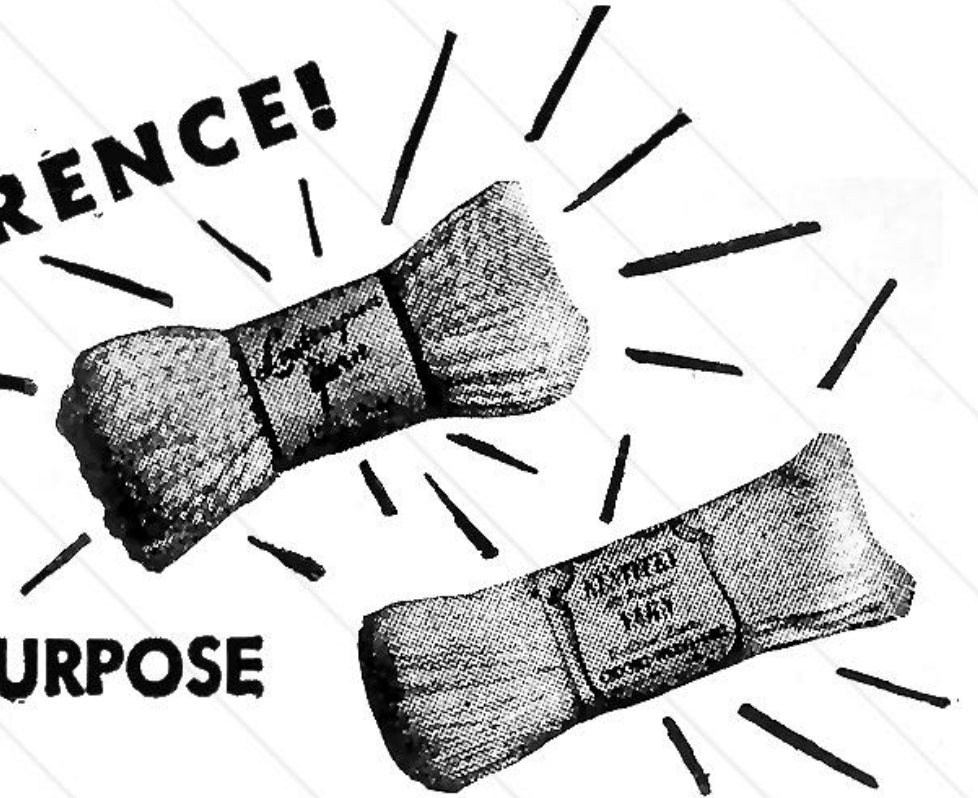
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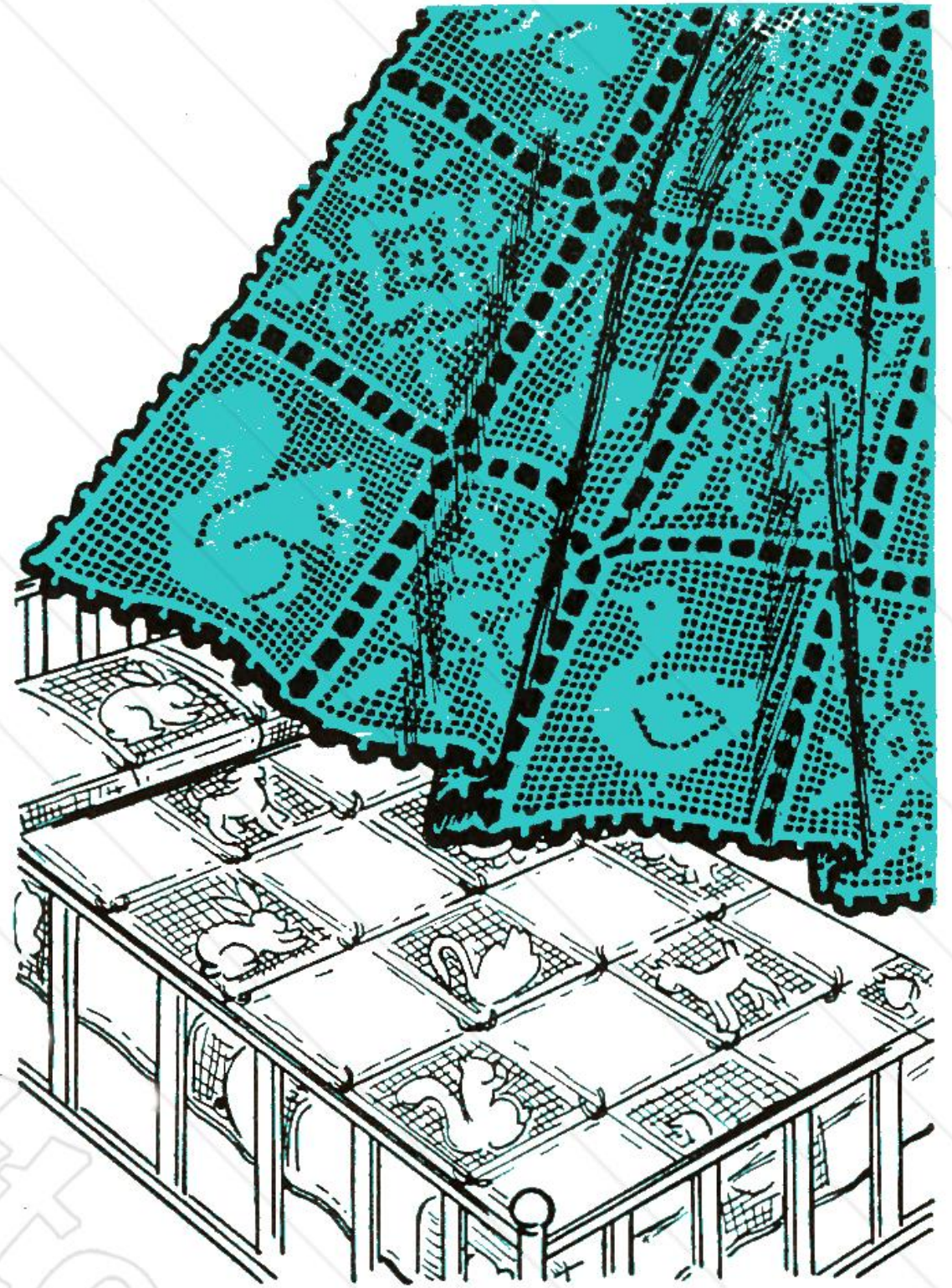
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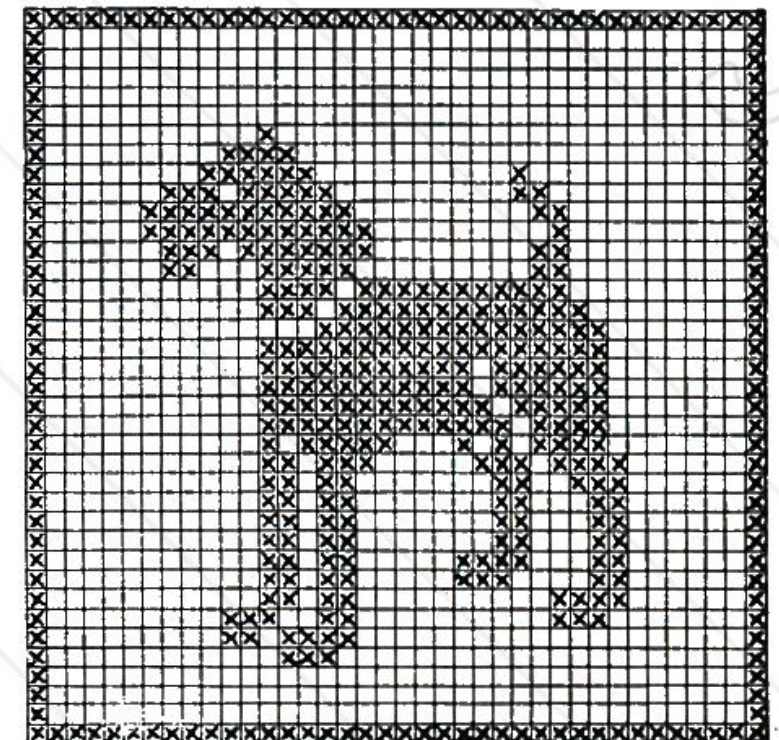
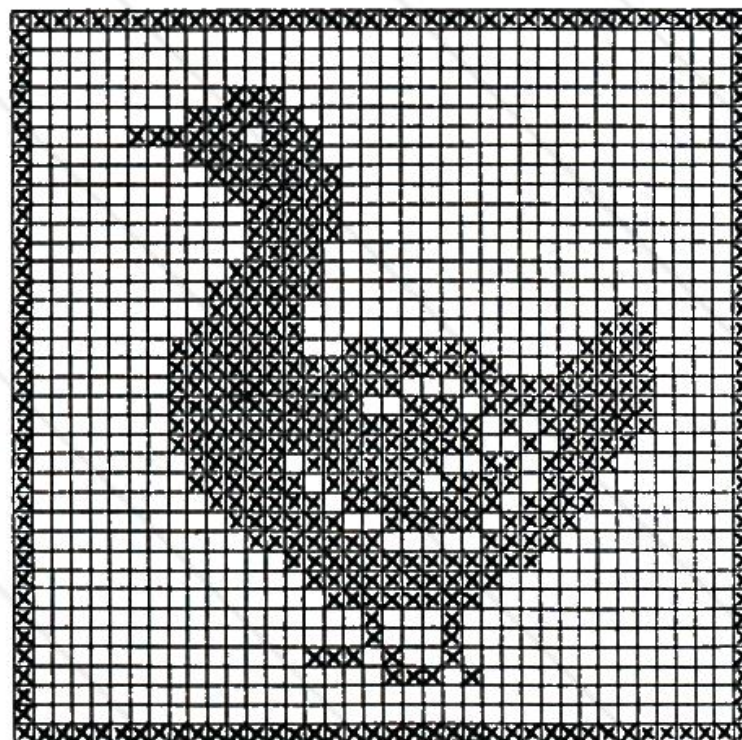
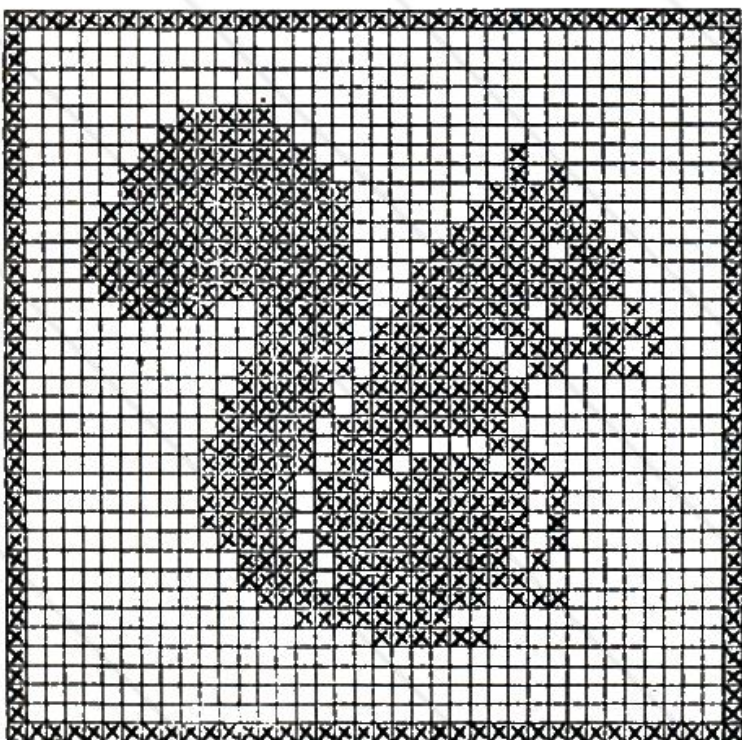
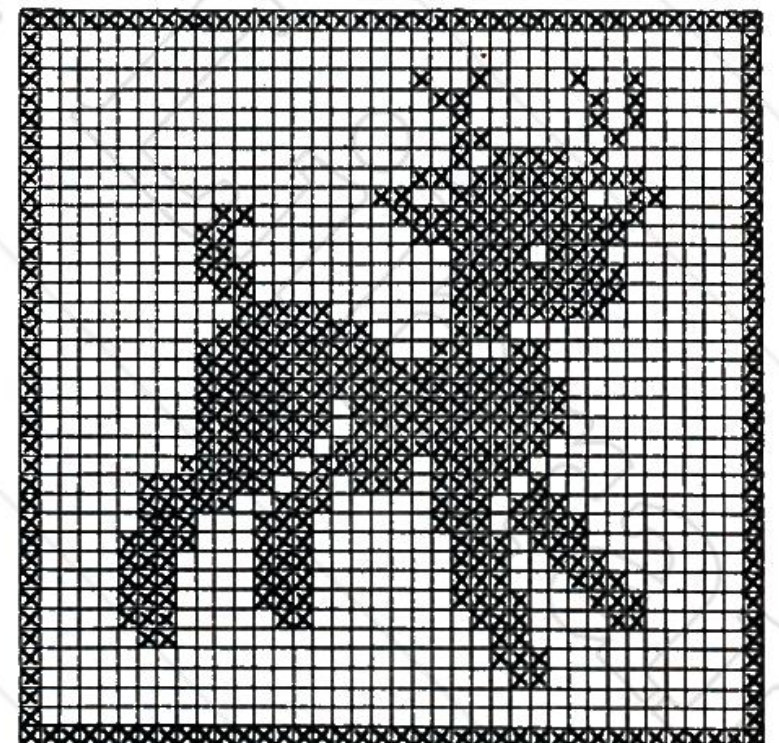
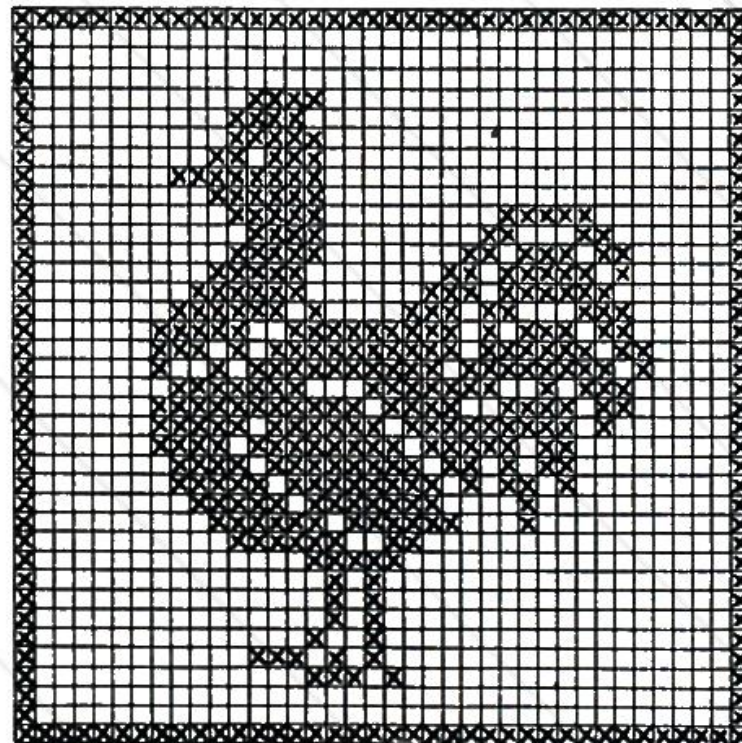
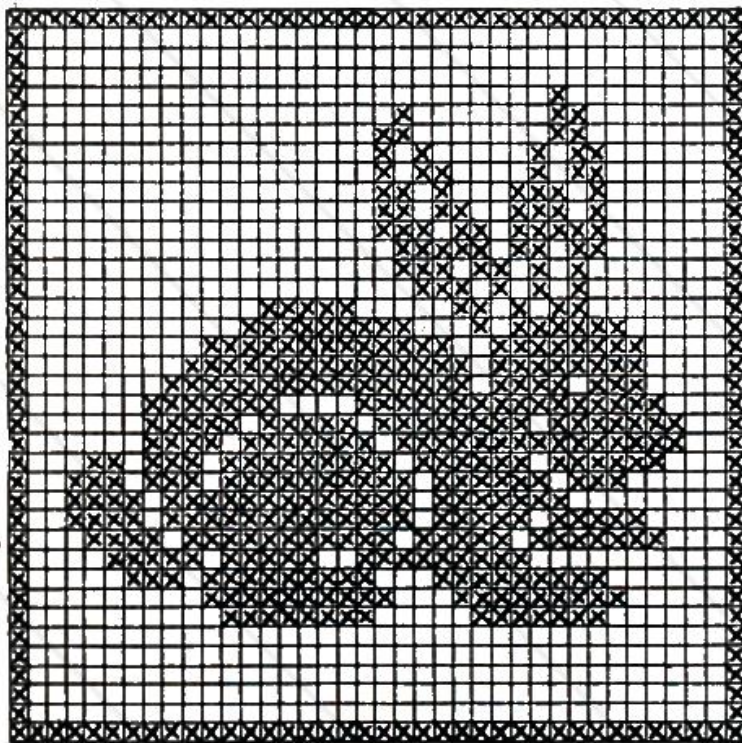
Nursery Spread

Little tots will adore this nursery spread worked in filet crochet. The crocheter will find it very simple to make. There are nine different designs given and an alternate block. You may use this alternate block or a block of fabric to set the quilt together. Each block measures about 9½ inches. We suggest making it 5 wide and 7 blocks long; thus having a quilt about 47½ x 66½ inches. 18 crocheted animal and fowl blocks and 17 alternate or fabric blocks are required for the spread illustrated. Approximately twenty-250 yard balls of number 20 mercerized crochet thread are required to make these blocks; one and one-half yards of fabric. If the alternate block is crocheted, you will need an additional fifteen-250 yard balls of thread. Use a number 10 crochet hook. If a larger cover is desired add more motifs for length and width.

Gauge: 4 blocks or spaces equal one inch.

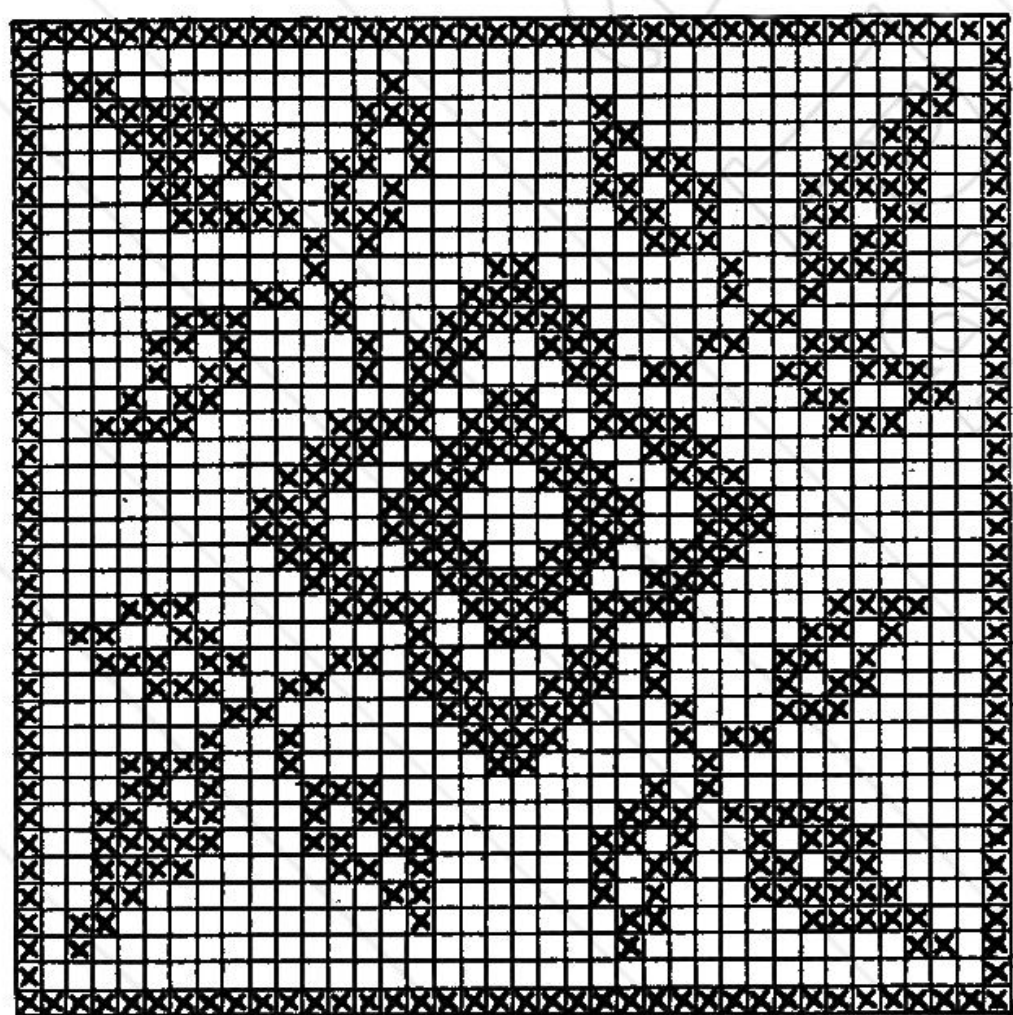


Abbreviations: Sps (spaces); bls (blocks); ch (chain); sk (skip); dc (double crochet); sp (space); sts (stitches).



General Filet Directions

Filet crochet is composed of sps and bls or open and solid squares. A foundation ch is made into which bls or sps or both are worked. For a foundation ch, make three times as many sts as there are squares, plus the necessary sts to turn, 3 for bls and 5 for sps. In following rows the bls and sps are worked over the bls and sps of the previous row. A sp is formed by a dc, ch 2, sk 2 sts of previous row, dc in third st. A bl is composed of 4 dcs. If



worked over a sp, a dc is made in the dc of the previous row, 2 dcs are worked over the next 2-ch, dc in next dc. In working 2 or more adjoining bls, there will be 4 dcs in the first bl and 3 dcs in each additional bl.

Each block is worked across from side to side. Start at top or bottom and work from right to left. To begin,

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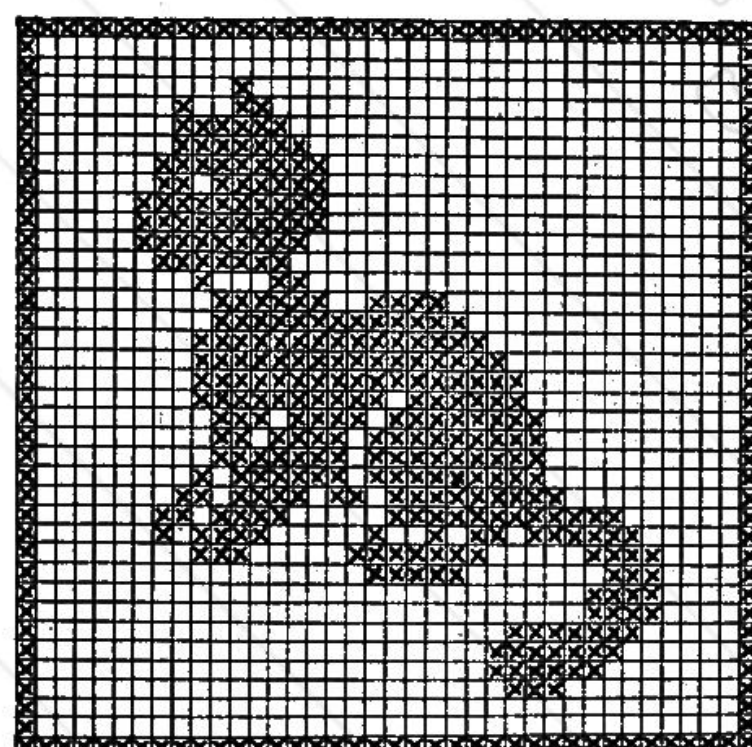
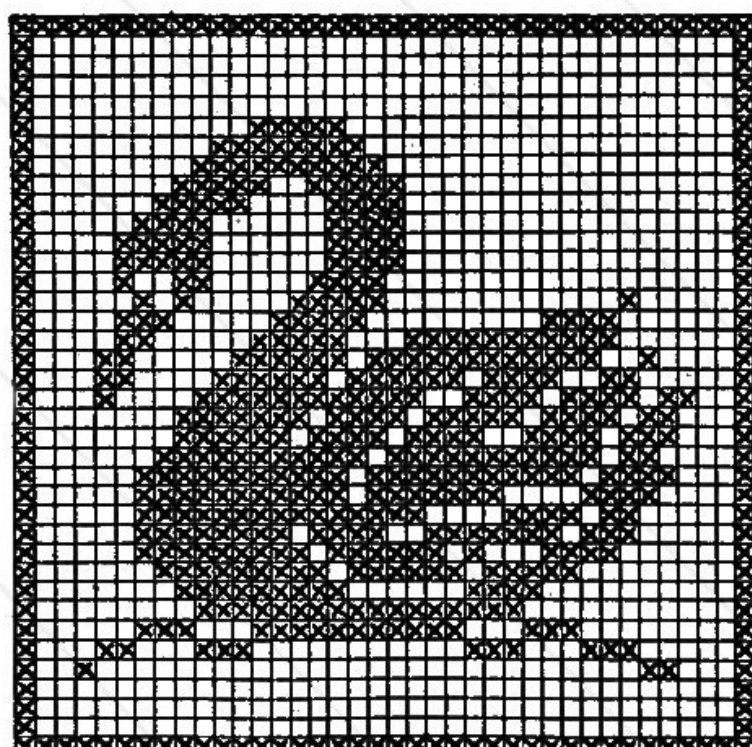
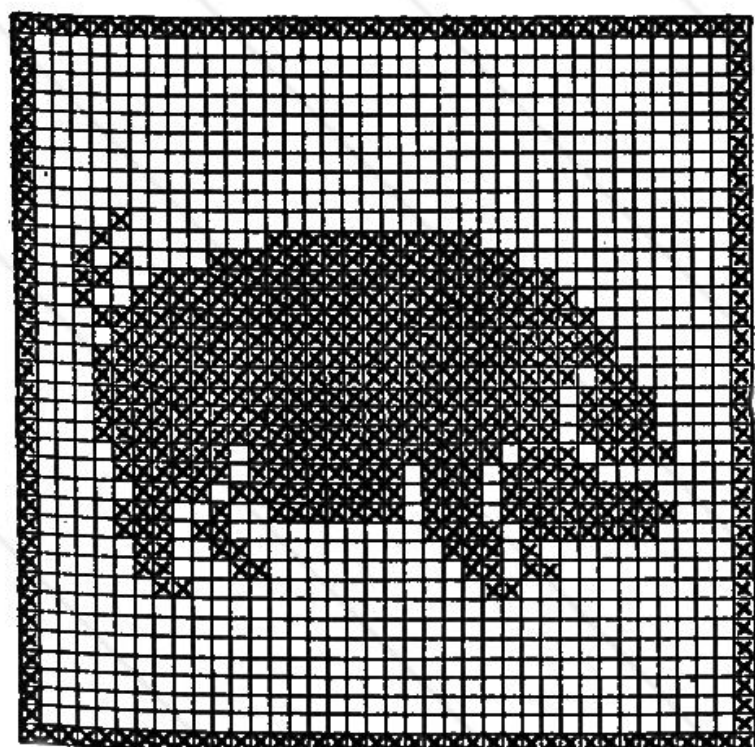
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Work two of each design, some in reverse, and seventeen of the alternate block. If the crocheted animal blocks are set together with fabric blocks, cut a square the same size as crocheted motif allowing $\frac{3}{8}$ inch on all sides for a very narrow hem. Work a row of sc over hem. Sew the crocheted motifs and fabric squares together as shown in illustration. If the spread is made completely of crocheted blocks, sc or sew the blocks together. Or make an equal number of picots evenly spaced on all sides of the alternate and animal blocks; join together by picots. This also makes a firm and attractive joining.

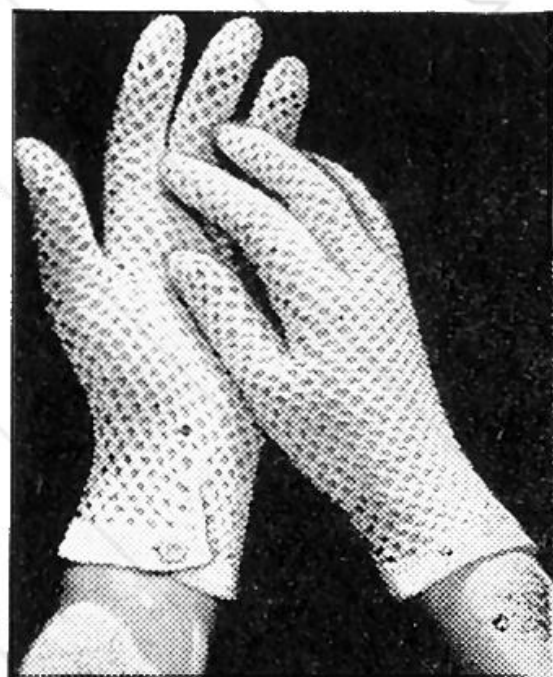


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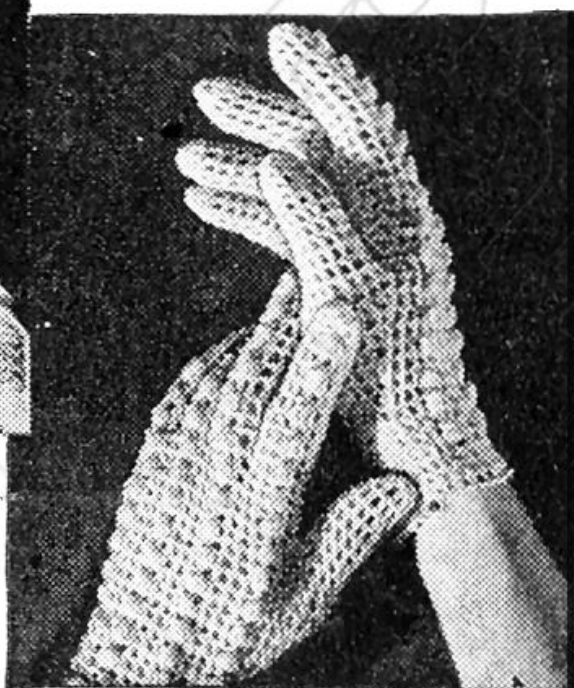
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If we look at our memory hearth, we find it lined with rows of "Cinderella" foods. It often takes little time to adorn them in ball gowns, but they are too often left in their drab monotonous forms. Often they have splendid food value and are even indispensable to balanced meals. In our use of them, we often show a lack of the ingenuity and imagination which are two ingredients that should form a larger percentage of every meal. For some, gingerbread is uninteresting. Yet it is rich in iron-containing molasses. Don't just top it

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A friend of mine won her new husband's heart with the homey dish of creamed dried beef served with piping hot baked potatoes. His business had kept him traveling and few hotels served this. To many it doesn't sound inviting. But lift dried beef from the ranks of the usual by making it the main theme of a casserole in which you include celery, pimiento, rice, chopped hard-cooked eggs, mushrooms, green pepper minced, and a cream sauce for a blender. Or use it with noodles, chopped eggs, and concentrated tomato soup, to stuff peppers. It no longer leaves us unmoved!

Cabbage didn't attain the heights by being a famous cartoon character's preference. Chop it fine, cooking barely five minutes, and serve it with a delicate lemony Hollandaise sauce.

Carrots might seem to defy the imagination. Here are ways to send them to the prince's ball. Serve them a la king, which is merely creamed with mushrooms and pimiento. Cook them with sliced celery and use a cream curry sauce. Grate them raw, mix with egg, shape in balls, and roll in bread crumbs. Saute them in butter. In any of these forms, carrots become almost a new vegetable.

Applesauce is almost a stand-by when we feed small children. In desperation, we put the last cup of it in applesauce cake. At least it makes a nice moist cake. But even applesauce can be varied. Instead of sweetening with white or brown sugar, try honey.

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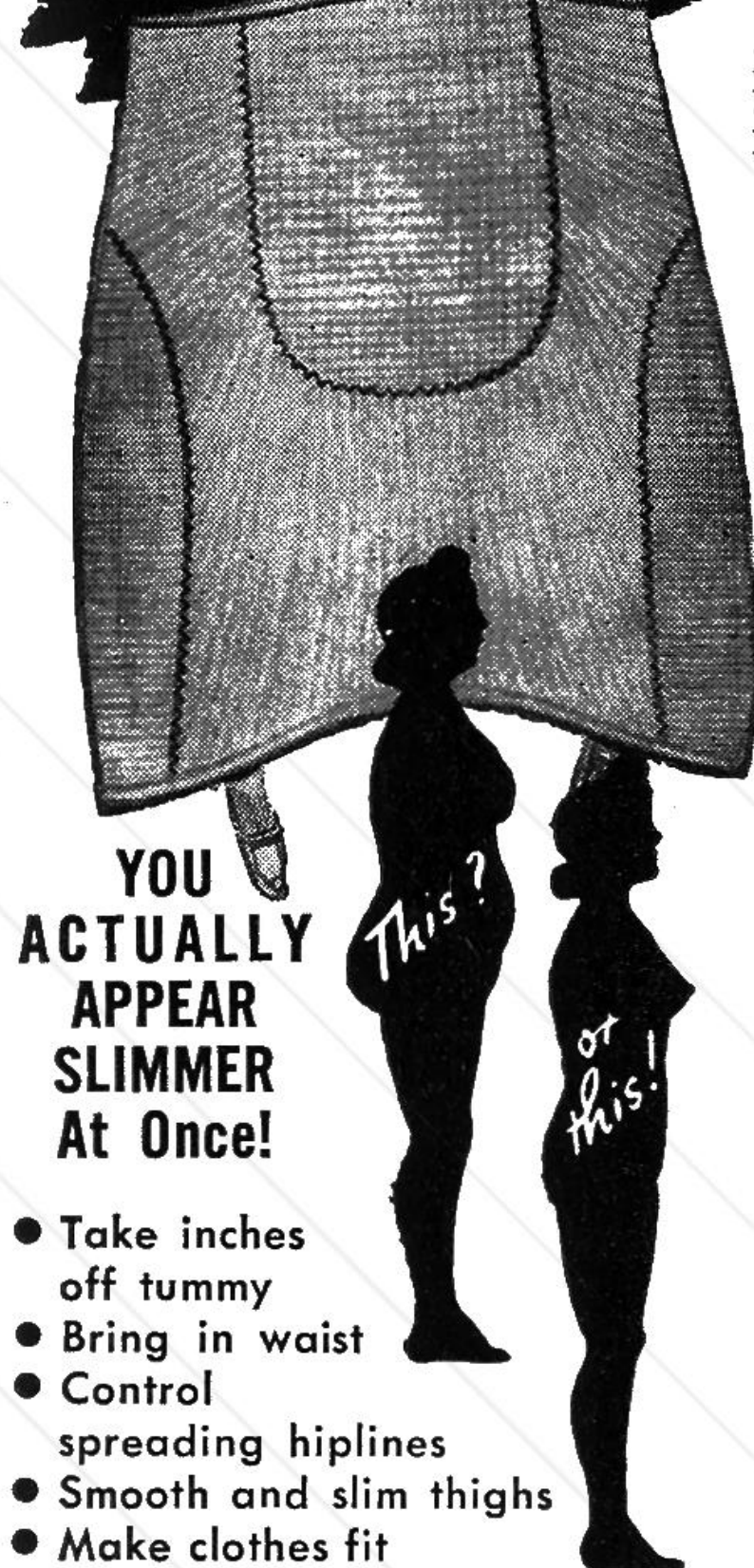
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For hand painting, trace the doll lightly on material, outline in colors of textile paint, using a pointed water color brush. Dry brush technique will give a fine shaded effect. A water color brush is best when dry brushing small areas, but a small stencil brush is suggested for the larger spaces. To dry

brush, dip the tip of brush in paint and brush across a blotter or cloth until excess paint is removed, then apply paint to the design by brushing away from edge or that portion which should be darker. If you prefer, hold a blotter or piece of paper at edge of design and brush in toward design—this method is very good when stencil brush is used.

Suggested Color Scheme: Hearts, bow, lips, ribbon on hat—red; hair, shoes—black; grass, leaves—green; eyes, hat, pants, stems—brown; ruffle on Valentine—pink or white; bell flowers—blue, pink or yellow; shirt—white; jacket, stockings—yellow; buckles—silver; face and hands—flesh tones or outline in black.

In The Future



In a coming issue of the WORK-BASKET will be directions for a child's cardigan and rompers in sizes 1 and 2. A design may be worked in duplicate stitch on the front of either one if desired.

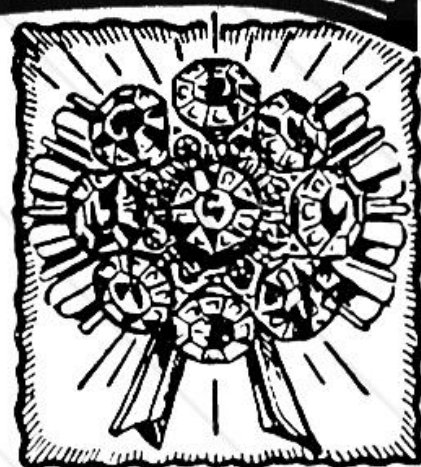
Odds and ends of thread can be used to crochet these flower earrings. They may be starched or dipped in sugar solution, then put on earring backs.

Looking for something to put on the ends of pillow slips? Why not decorate them with this attractive crochet rose insertion? Made in shades of pink and rose, the edge is especially pretty but any desired color may be used.

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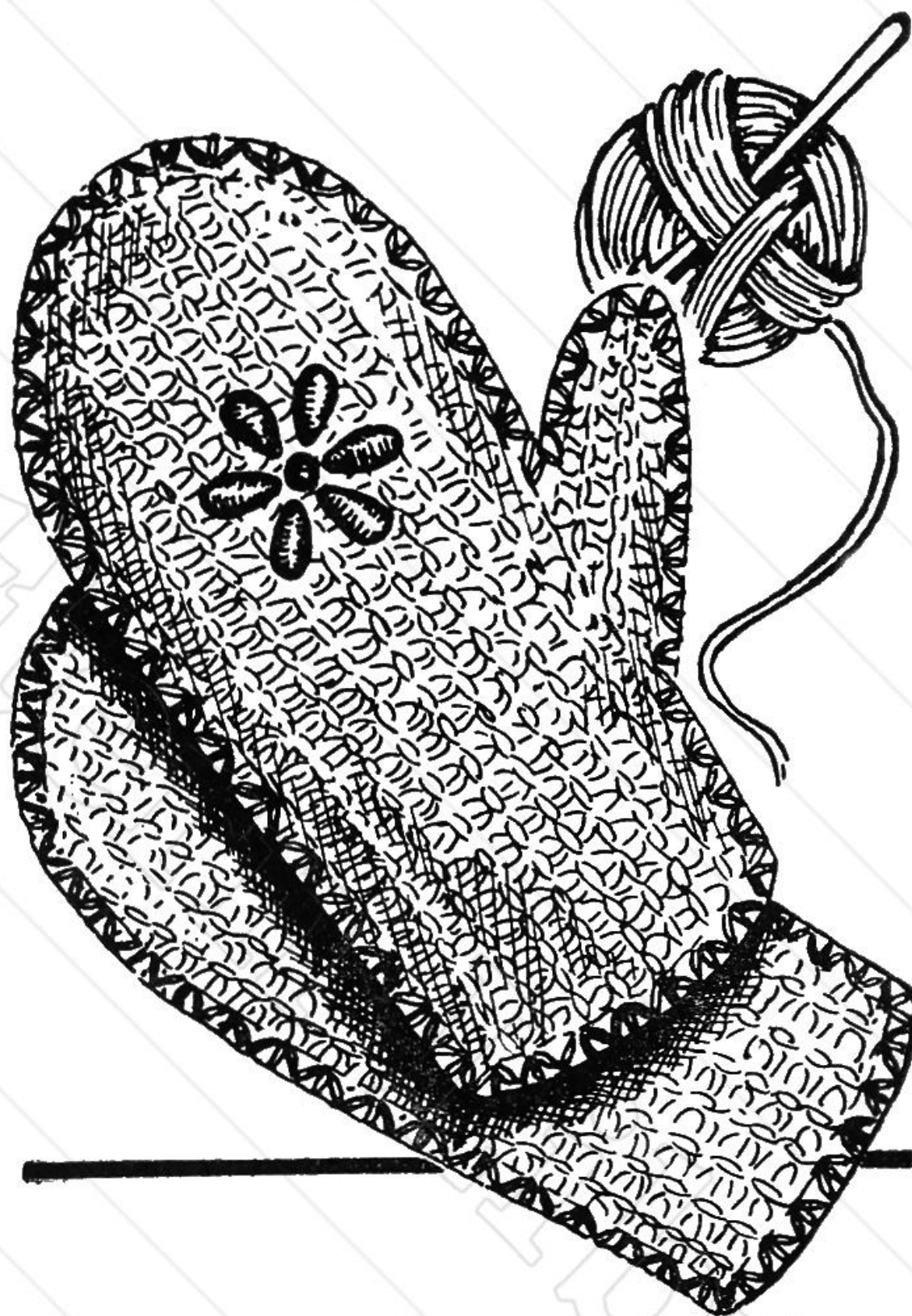
Crocheted Mittens Are Quick

One day I suddenly took a notion to make a pair of mittens for my young daughter; I started looking around for a pattern or instructions. I wanted to crochet them of wool yarn, with nothing too elaborate in the design. It seemed a simple requirement.

I soon found, however, that apparently nobody had ever taken the trouble to print directions for simple crocheted mittens. I found plenty of patterns for knitted mittens in various stitches but they all required more time than I cared to spend. Consoling myself with the thought that crochet can be easily ripped out if it didn't turn out right, I decided to make my own pattern.

I bought two one-ounce skeins of medium weight yarn and a small ball of black for contrasting trim. My bone crochet hook (Number 2) proved to be of acceptable size to carry the yarn. I

drew an outline pattern on a sheet of paper. This was an outline of my hand laid flat on the paper, traced with a pencil. This I used as a guide in a general way so that I could tell the approximate size. By my "trial and error" method, I learned that my tendency



was to make the mittens too large. They will stretch some and a rather snug fit is desirable.

Ch (chain) 36, sc (single crochet) in second st (stitch) from hook, * ch 1, sk (skip) 1 st of ch, sc in next st, repeat from * across row, ch 1, turn.

Row 2: Sc in sc, * ch 1, sc in next sc, repeat from * across row, ch 1, sc in same place (an increase for shape of fingers), ch 1, turn.

Row 3: Sc in first sc, ch 1 and repeat across row. Ch 1, turn.

Row 4: Same as row 2.

Row 5: Same as row 3.

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Row 12: Continue pattern until next to last st of the row is reached, this makes a decrease and shapes the fingers.

Row 13: Continue in pattern with no decrease.

Row 14: Same as row 12.

Row 15: Same as row 13.

Row 16: Same as row 14.

Row 17: Crochet down on this row until seven sc have been made with ch 1 between. Then ch 7 for the thumb. Turn and sc in second st from the hook. Ch 1, sk one st of ch, sc in next st, repeat to end of ch. Then join with sl st (slip stitch) to large part. Turn, ch 1, sl st to next st of large part. Ch 1, sc in sc of last row, ch 1 and continue down thumb. Increase one at the end. Turn and crochet the pattern back. Continue this thumb section until you have five rows with the end rounded thumb fashion. When you reach the main part of the mitten, continue down the row till the wrist is reached at the end of the row; fasten off.

Make three more sections exactly like the first, which makes four half-mittens.

Lay two halves together, matching carefully. Now with the contrasting colored yarn, I single crocheted the two halves of each mitten together, working around hand and thumb and then finishing with a row around the wrist. Care must be taken to work each stitch through both thicknesses and at an even distance from the edge. Threading a bit of the contrasting yarn in a needle, I embroidered a small flower on the center-back of each mitten, to make right and left hands more easily distinguishable.

That completed the mittens. The cost: sixty cents. The time: two hours.

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If there is a possibility that you do not have enough of any one color—say for the background, for instance, work up what you have, first on one end, then an equal amount on the other end; thus your distribution is balanced and filling-in need not be lopsided.

Flowers can be worked in shades of yellow, pink or other desired colors. Refer to your seed catalog for shading of colors. It is best to go around all motifs with one row, then fill in all spaces in center of flower design. Outline leaves and stems in dark green, make veins lighter green. Plaids have been found excellent for leaves and veins.

There are many different types of rug hooks on the market today. The automatic hookers and punch needles have a gauge which assures loops of

uniform height. The side up on which you work will become the back of rug. The pile of the rug formed by loops is worked on the under or right side of rug. No knots are tied. The yarn or strip of material is cut from the needle on top side when the end is reached, thread a new strand of yarn or strip of material in needle and begin next loop in same hole. Leave two or three inches of yarn loose, to be clipped off later. Thread rug needle according to directions that come with needle. For a straight outer edge, put in the outside rows first. Set gauge for shorter pile in the first two outside rows. The remainder of rug is worked with higher pile. You will find this gives a nice rounded edge to the rug.

If you are using a standard rug hook, one that resembles a heavy steel crochet hook, hold yarn or strip of material beneath the part of burlap on which you wish to begin. Hold strip loosely between the third and fourth fingers of left hand. Insert hook between two meshes of material. The weight of yarn will determine whether you pull loops through every second or third mesh of burlap. This kind of hook brings the loops to the top side and it becomes the right side of rug.

Punch automatic rug hooker or punch needle into foundation until the gauge touches the burlap, raise needle to surface of cloth and make another loop. Be careful and do not raise the needle above the burlap between one loop and the next — just lift it far enough to slide over to make next loop. Always insert needle vertically, being sure the yarn or strip of material runs freely and does not catch. The open side of the needle should always face ahead of the work. If needle is accidentally raised too high, pull loop out and make it over. If rows are punched too close together, the yarn will pack



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in the pattern creating a tendency to curl. The other extreme should be watched also. Experience will soon teach you the proper distance between rows—about 2 threads of burlap between loops and 2 threads of burlap between rows of loops usually works out nicely; but this again depends on thickness of material or yarn used. Remember to keep burlap stretched tightly on frame. Hook to within 2 or 3 inches of edge, unless there is a binding already on, then this binding strip is used for facing.

Upon completion of rug and before it is removed from frame, check for any open places; fill in with loops. The loops may be clipped with sharp scissors if you wish, this gives a velvety surface. If you like, after the loops are clipped, you can bevel off the outline of design with sharp scissors held

at an angle. Never cut loops less than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in the lowest part of design. Remove from frame, fold edge under and hem down on back unless the tape is on; use carpet warp or heavy linen thread. If the corners are bulky, cut away some of the excess burlap, to mitre them. A newly completed rug should be placed face down and walked on for about a week. Some people like to use regular rug sizing on the back, some paint on cooked starch to prevent curling; but this spoils the soft texture you have worked for. There is tape or rubber covered mesh that may be sewed to the back to make a scatter rug skid proof, but common jar rubbers sewed to the corners will do the work. A rubber coating can be bought, which, when painted on the back makes a rug lie flat, and also locks the stitches, but it is not essential.

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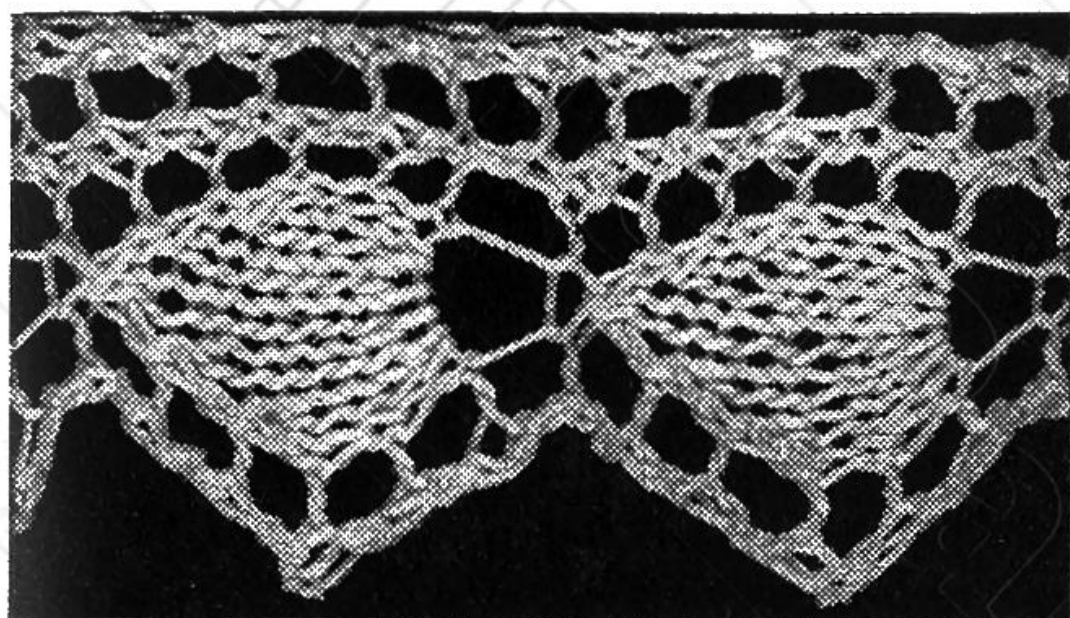
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Abbreviations: Sts (stitches); k (knit); p (purl); tog (together); O (yarn over).

To begin, cast on 8 sts.

Row 1: K 1 row.

Row 2: K 1, (k 2 tog, O) twice, k 1, O, k 2 tog.

Row 3: K 2, p 1, k 5.

Row 4: K 1, (k 2 tog, O) twice, make 7 sts in next st—to do this (k 1, O) 3 times and k 1, O, k 2 tog.

Row 5: K 2, p 7, k 5.

Row 6: K 1, (k 2 tog, O) twice, k 7, O, k 2 tog.

Row 7: Same as row 5.

Row 8: Same as row 6.

Row 9: Same as row 5.

Row 10: K 1, (k 2 tog, O) twice, k 2 tog through back of sts, k 3, k 2 tog, O, k 2 tog.

Row 11: K 2, p 5, k 5.

Row 12: K 1, (k 2 tog, O) twice, k 2 tog, k 1, k 2 tog, O, k 2 tog.

Row 13: K 2, p 3, k 5.

Row 14: K 1, (k 2 tog, O) twice, k 3 tog, O, k 2 tog.

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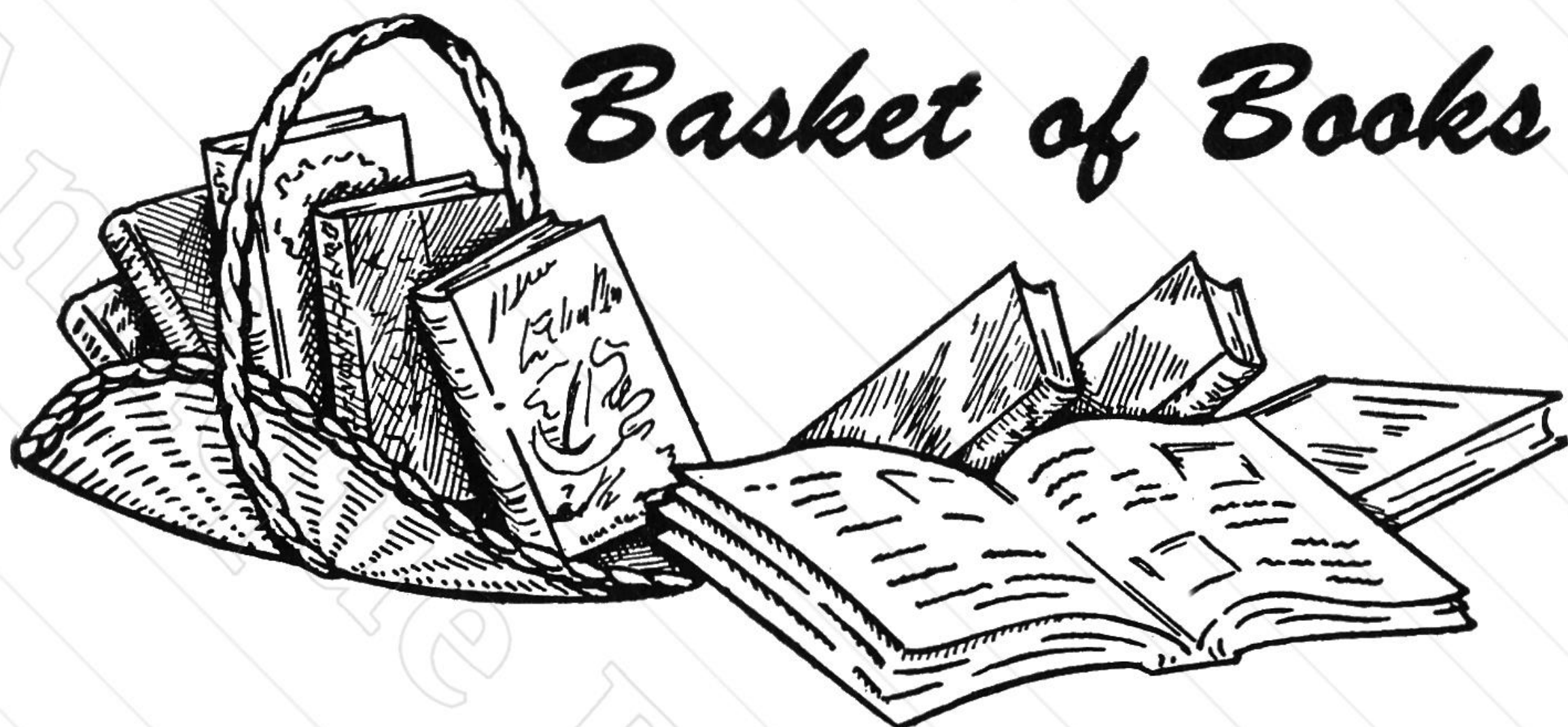
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Mary Emma Showalter
(459 pages; illustrated; John C. Winston Co., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; \$4.50 *de luxe* edition, \$3.50 plain edition)

With painstaking care, deep interest, and obvious affection for her subject, Mary Emma Showalter has gathered together in this beautiful cookbook the best of the Mennonite recipes of the United States and Canada. Here are the age-old recipes brought over by the Dutch, the Germans, the Swiss and the Russians and preserved for posterity in handwritten notebooks that were an inevitable component of every Mennonite kitchen a generation or so ago. With the arrival of a profusion of modern cookbooks, many of these old notebooks were either lost or destroyed. Miss Showalter herself admits to contempt for them when she went to high school and took home economics. In later years, however, after visiting Men-

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nonite communities all over the country and noting the similarity in the cooking wherever she went, she arrived at a belated appreciation of the scorned notebooks and imposed on herself the task of salvaging the lore they contained. She says:

"Two factors were responsible for my desire to collect these old recipes and have them published. The first was the realization that in many instances our mothers would be the last generation to use them. The second was the realization, on my own part, of how much I had learned to appreciate many of these fine old recipes. So this book is an attempt to preserve for posterity our own peculiar type of cookery that has been handed down for many generations."

As might be expected, most of the recipes were impractical in their original form for the modern housewife. They called for a pinch of this and a dash of that, "a dab of cinnamon" or "ten blubs of molasses." In order that they be usable today, all of them have

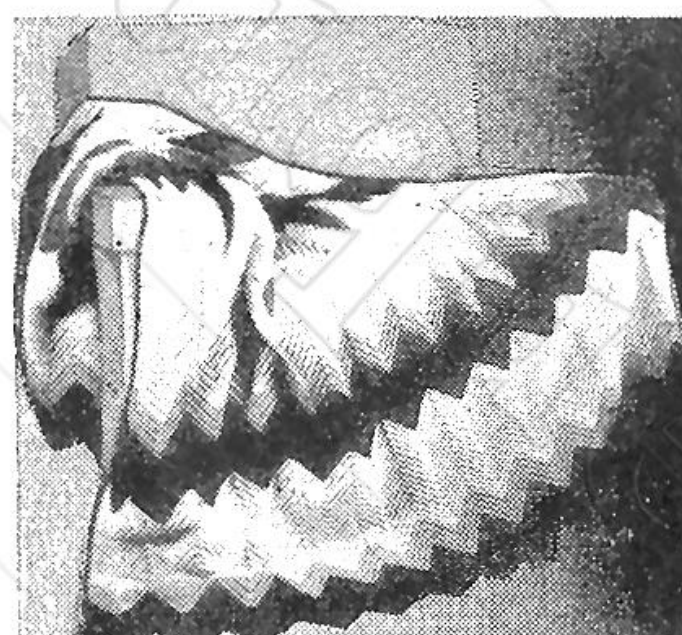
been tested and the ingredients have been measured by standard measuring equipment. Also, Miss Showalter has included many modern recipes since salads and casserole dishes played no part in her grandmother's cookery. All told, according to the author, "this collection is a compilation of approximately 1,400 recipes, chosen from more than 5,000 recipes sent in. They come to you from most of the Mennonite communities in the United States and Canada."

Here, for instance, are to be found recipes for such specialties as Russian Easter bread (paska), sour cream corn bread, corn soup with rivels, pluma moos, which is a soup made with raisins and dried prunes, piroshki (meat tarts), pickled pig's feet or souse, roasted pig's stomach also known as Dutch goose, wiggle glacé, which is an old German dish involving a chicken, noodles, and assorted other ingredients, and a fine recipe for hot German potato salad. Here too, though, are hundreds of recipes for all the standard dishes that appeal to lovers of good food everywhere. Delectable cakes are described as are all kinds of pickles, jellies, desserts, cheese and egg dishes, meats, poultry, fish, soups, vegetables and breads. The de luxe edition is thumb indexed, a fact which greatly simplifies its use.

To enhance its appeal, this book contains charming illustrations drawn by Naomi Nissley, and several full page color illustrations that make one's mouth water. There is a fine picture entitled "Big Dumplings and Little Dumplings" and the one of grandmother's table is bound to stir warm memories in all but the very young. "Mennonite Community Cookbook" is a book to look at and read with delight but beyond that it is definitely a book to use again, and again, and again.

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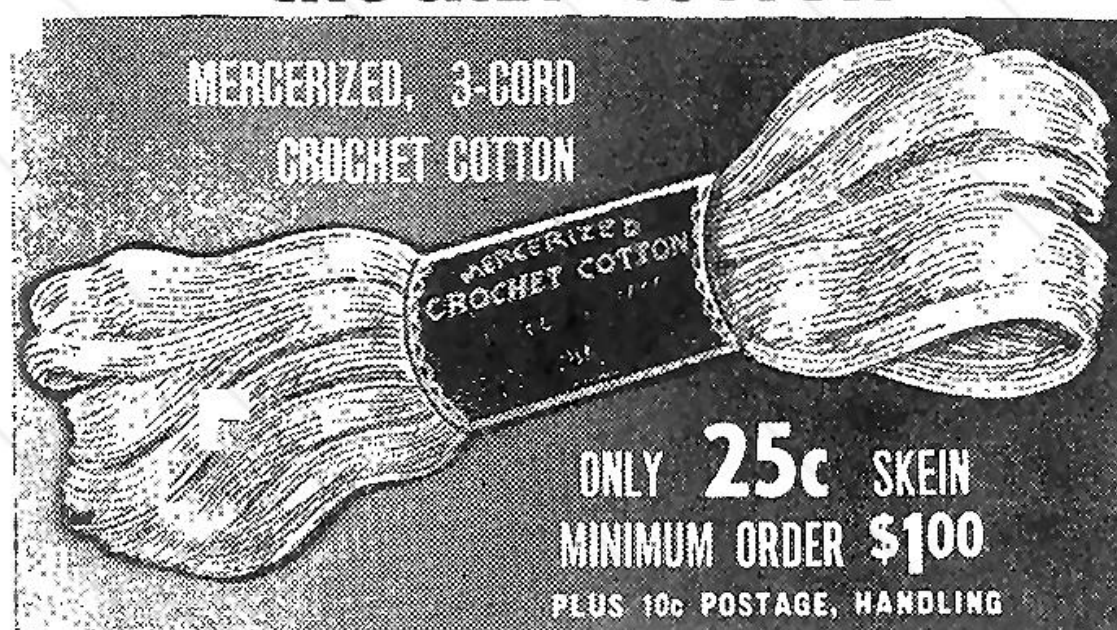
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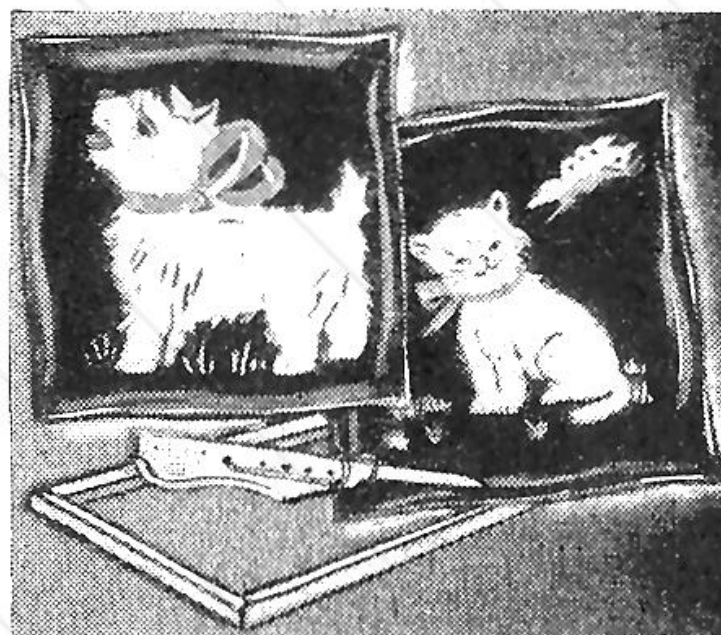
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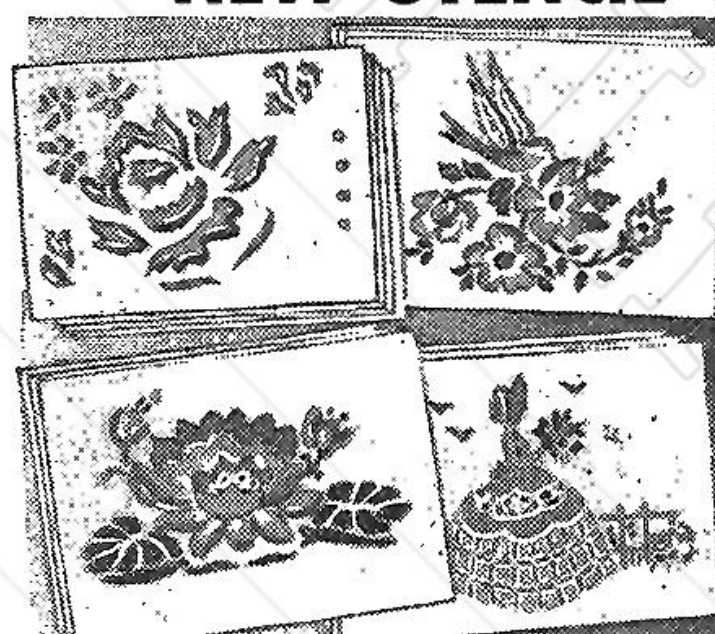
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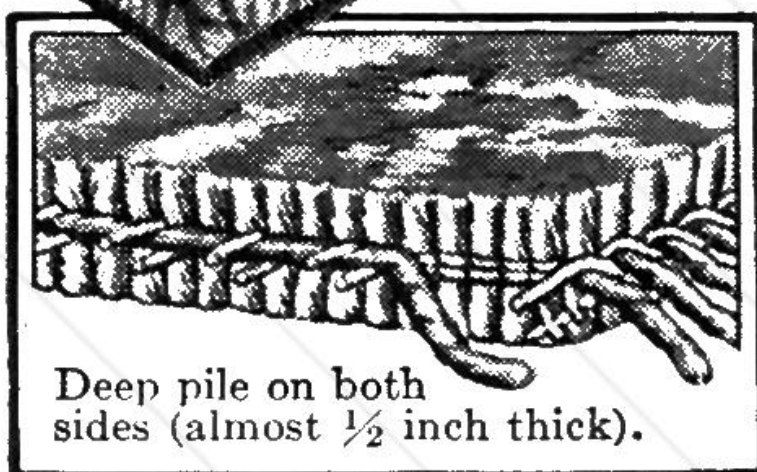
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