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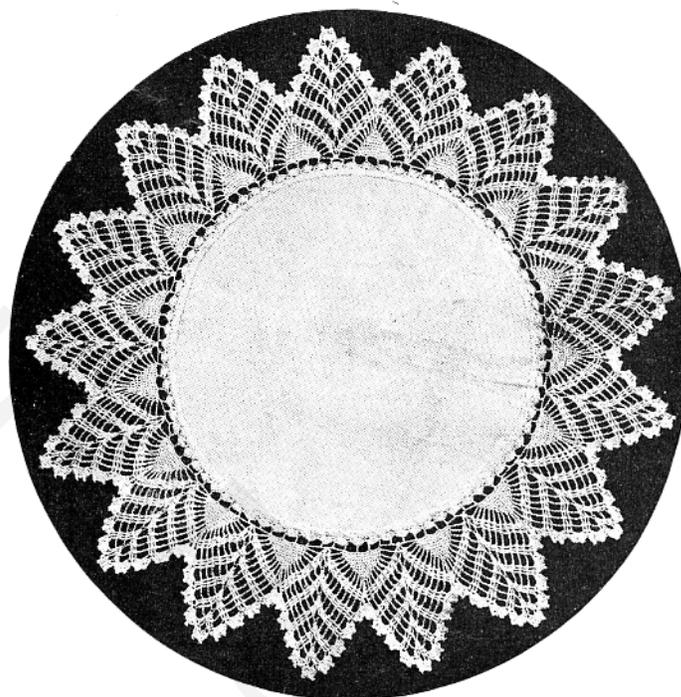
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# Centerpiece with Vandyke Leaf-Border

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**STRIKE** a circle on linen of the size desired — the model has a center about eleven and one-half inches in diameter — stitch the line, cut outside and fold or roll a narrow hem, basting it. By stitching with unthreaded needle just inside the hem you will form tiny openings through which to put your hook, and can work more rapidly and evenly.

1. Double crochet (or buttonhole, if preferred) all around the edge.
2. Miss 2 doubles, 6 trebles between next 2 stitches, miss 2, fasten with a double in next; repeat.
3. Chain 6, a treble in 5th treble of next shell, chain 3, miss 4, 1 treble; repeat around, joining to 3d of 6 chain. Six spaces are allowed for each repeat of the border, or 102 spaces for the seventeen leaves. Hence one may miss a stitch more or less to make the requisite number of spaces.
4. Make 7 doubles in 1st space, 5 in 2d and 7 in 3d, chain 3, miss 1 space, 3 double trebles in next, chain 3, miss 1, repeat.
5. Make 17 doubles over 19 doubles, missing 1st and last, chain 3, 2 trebles in 1st double treble, 1 in next, chain 3, 1 in same place, 2 in next, chain 3; repeat.
6. Fifteen doubles over 17 doubles, chain 3, 3 trebles in 3 trebles, chain 3, 3 trebles in 2d of 3 chain, chain 3, 3 trebles in 3 trebles, chain 3; repeat.
7. Thirteen doubles over 15 doubles, chain 3, 3 trebles in 3 trebles, chain 3, widen (that is, make 2 trebles, in 1st of 3 trebles at center of leaf, 1 in 2d, chain 3, 1 in same place and 2 in 3d), chain 3, 3 trebles in- 3 trebles, chain 3; repeat.
8. Eleven doubles over 13 doubles, (chain 3, 3 trebles in 3 trebles) twice, chain 3, 3 trebles in 2d of 3 chain, chain 3, (3 trebles in 3 trebles, chain 3) twice; repeat.
9. Nine doubles over 11 doubles, (chain 3, 3 trebles in 3 trebles) twice, chain 3, widen, chain 3, (chain 3, 3 trebles in 3 trebles) twice, chain 3; repeat.
10. Seven doubles over 9 doubles, (chain 3, 3 trebles in 3 trebles) 3 times, chain 3, 3 trebles in 2d of 3 chain, chain 3, (3 trebles in 3 trebles, chain 3) 3 times; repeat.
11. Five doubles over 7 doubles, (chain 3, 3 trebles in 3 trebles) 3 times, chain 3, widen, chain 3, (3 trebles in 3 trebles, chain 3) 3 times; repeat.

12. Three doubles over 5 doubles, (chain 3, 3 trebles in 3 trebles) 4 times, chain 3, 3 trebles in 2d of 3 chain, chain 3, (3 trebles in 3 trebles, chain 3) 4 times; repeat.

13. A double in 2d of 3 doubles, (chain 3, 3 trebles in 3 trebles) 4 times, chain 3, widen, chain 3, (3 trebles in 3 trebles, chain 3) 4 times; repeat, fastening last chain where 1st started.

14. Slip up 1st chain to 1st of 3 trebles, catch in last treble of preceding group, \* chain 3, 3 double trebles under 3 chain, chain 3, fasten in top of last double treble for picot, 3 double trebles, picot, 3 double trebles, all in same space, fasten in 2d of 3 trebles; repeat around the leaf, making a shell in each space and fastening in 2d of 3 trebles; after last shell chain 3, fasten in 2d of next 3 trebles, also in 2d of next group, together, and repeat from \*.

This border may be made wider or narrower by starting with a greater or less number of doubles for the pyramid. Made of No. 40 crochet-cotton it is very effective, and quickly worked