

The Work Basket

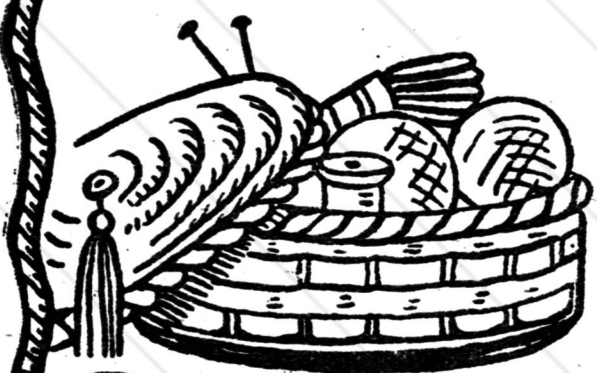
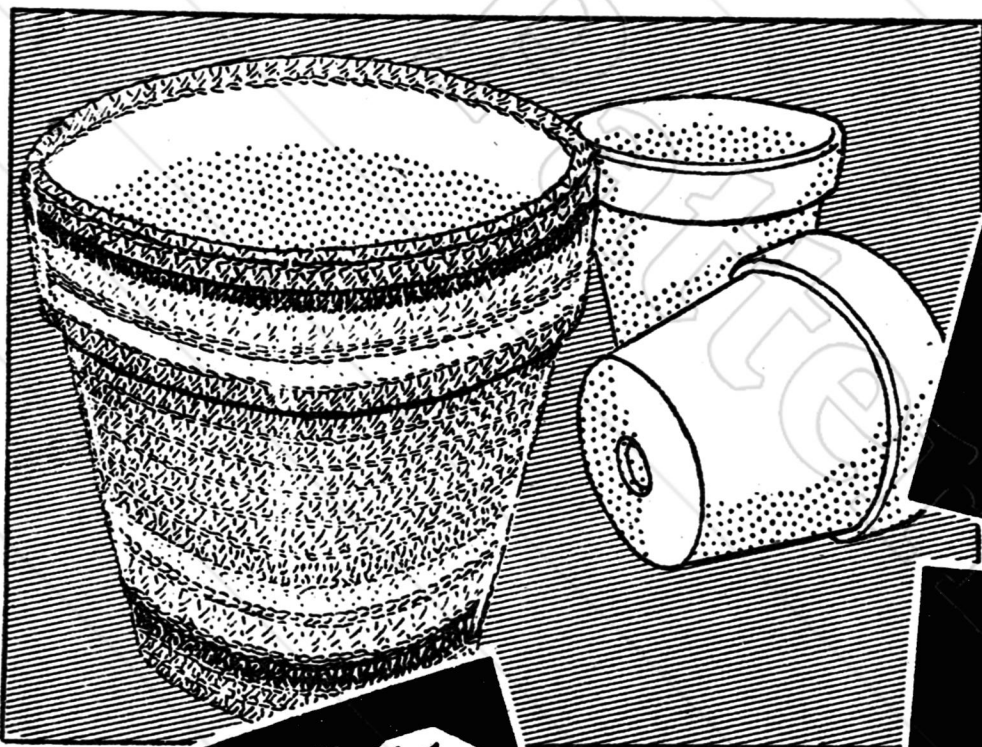
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**IDEAS for the Bazaar, the Home,
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CROCHETED FLOWER POT COVERS

Slip covers, gay and washable, add color to earthen flower pots; they also effectively disguise and decorate tin cans in which flowers may be grown; so a set of slip-covered pots or cans should be a popular bazaar item. If cans are used, punch drainage holes in center of base within a $\frac{3}{4}$ " circle.

Medium green is suggested as a basic color with stripes of red, pale green and yellow, but you may substitute any other color scheme. For a medium-size flower pot (4" across at top) you will need about 70 yards of mercerized, fast color, stringweight thread, in the basic color, and 10 yards of each of the 3 colors chosen for stripes. Use a No. 3 steel hook.

Base: ch 20, sl st in 1st st to form ring, ch 3, 33 dcs in ring, sl st in 3rd st of 3-ch to close rnd. Hereafter insert hook under back loop only of sts of previous rnd. Rnd 2: ch 3, * dc in next st, 2 dcs in next st. Repeat from * around, cl rnd as before. Rnd 3: * dc in each of next 2 sts, 2 dcs in next st. Repeat from * around, cl rnd. Work should now fit base of pot; if not, add additional rnds, increasing as needed to keep work flat, until base is correct size.

Side: If container other than 4" pot is used, fit cover on container as work progresses. If container has straight sides no incs will be needed. For sloping sides, inc as needed, about 4 incs in rnd with 2 plain rnds between. Make last 2 rnds plain, working last rnd closely. The 3 stripes will cover about 1", so space accordingly at top and bottom.

For side of 4" pot: Work 2 rnds of dcs without inc, closing rnds as before. Rnd 3: draw red through last st (sl st) of rnd 2, drop green (basic color). With red, work dcs in dcs without inc; draw basic color, which was dropped, through last st of rnd, ch 2, work rnd of scs in basic color. 4th dc rnd: draw pale green through last st of previous rnd, work 4th dc rnd in pale green. Make 4 incs in this rnd (2 dcs in 1 of previous rnd) spacing them evenly.

Make another sc rnd with basic color, draw yellow through. Work

5th dc rnd in yellow (no incs). Draw basic color through and work 6th rnd in dcs with basic color (no incs). 7th dc rnd: 4 incs as in Rnd 4. Work 3 more dc rnds without inc. 11th dc rnd: (this is over bulge at base of rim) make 12 incs in rnd, spacing evenly. Work 1 rnd plain. 13th, 14, and 15th dc rnds: 3 stripes of dcs separated by sc rnds in basic color as at lower edge of pot. Make 13th dc rnd yellow (no incs), 14th dc rnd pale green (no incs), 15th dc rnd red (4 incs in rnd). Work 2 more dc rnds in basic color without incs, working last rnd closely. Fasten off. Adjust cover on pot, centering pot on base. Adjust Rnd 11 at base of rim, draw last rnd over edge of pot.

BASKET-OF-VIOLETS SACHET

For one sachet you will need approximately 25 yards No. 30 white crochet cotton, and 11 yards violet, 6 yards green, and $\frac{1}{2}$ yard yellow highly mercerized thread about No. 20. You will need a No. 11 steel hook and about 18" of fine, flexible wire. If you have an old picture wire of twisted strands, 1 strand of that can be used.

BASKET: With white, ch 18, sk 2 sts, sc in next and every remaining st of ch, making 3 scs in last st. Working back along other side of ch, sc in every st, 2 scs in last st, sl st in 2-ch to close rnd. This completes base of basket.

Ch 3, working under back loops of scs only, dc in every sc of previous rnd, sl st in 3rd st of 3-ch to cl rnd. Hereafter work under both loops of sts of previous rnd. Rnds 2 and 3: There are 2 decreases in each rnd. Dec at center of each side of basket by working 1 st in 2 (thrust hook under upper loop of 1st st and lower loop of 2nd st); cl rnds as before.

Work 1 rnd plain. Rnds 5 and 6: 2 increases in each rnd; inc at center of each side (2 dcs in 1). Next 3 rnds: 4 incs in each rnd, spacing incs evenly.

FLARED RIM: Turn work so inside of basket is toward you, ch 5, * tr in next dc, ch 1. Repeat from * around, sl st in 4th st of 5-ch. Ch 5, * tr in

next tr, ch 1. Repeat from * around, cl rnd as before. Ch 4, * dc in next tr, ch 1. Repeat from * around, sl st in 3rd st of 4-ch, fasten off.

With flower color (violet) work 3 scs in each 1-ch space around edge, working over strand of fine wire. Toward close of rnd, overlap ends of wire for about 1" and work over both ends. Sl st in 1st sc to cl rnd, fasten off. Weave thread end into back of work.

HANDLE: Cut two 6" strands of wire for stiffening. Attach to inside of basket at center back, 4 rows from edge of rim, handle ends about 12 to 14 dcs apart. Turn up ends of wire ½" and twist around handle to fasten. Draw a strand of violet through st where handle was attached at right and hold thread double along wire for padding. Attach violet in same st and work scs over wire and padding of handle, keeping scs close and even. Fasten off in st where left end of handle is attached.

VIOLETS: With violet, * ch 5, sk 1 st, sc in next, dc in each of next 2, sl st in next. Repeat from * 4 times, sl st in base of 1st petal, fasten off. Make 5 violets. With yellow, work a French knot in center of each, wrapping thread around needle 4 or 5 times.

LEAVES: With green, ch 14, sk 2 sts, sc in next, hdc in next, dc in each of next 2, 2 trs in each of next 2, 2 long trs (thread over 3 times) in next, long tr in each of next 5, ch 4, sl st in st with last tr. Working up other side of ch, sl st in next st of ch, ch 4, long tr in same st, long tr in each of next 3 sts, 2 trs in each of next 2, dc in each of next 2, sc in next, sl st in next, fasten off. Make 3 leaves.

Press violets and leaves on wrong side on padded surface using a damp cloth. Draw brim and handle into correct shape, press on wrong side. Sprinkle sachet powder on a thin layer of cotton, fold to fit basket. Arrange leaves and flowers as shown in illustration and sew in position with white sewing thread. A bow of white or pastel baby ribbon may be tied on handle if desired. For gifts or bazaars mount the baskets on white or pastel cards, wrap in cellophane and seal to hold in the fragrance.

SHOE BAGS

Those who travel will appreciate a pair of these stretchable, washable shoe bags to protect the contents of their bag, and also protect shoes from scratches. Directions are for shoe bags to fit women's shoes, sizes 5 to 8; the bags will stretch to accommodate high heels. For larger or smaller shoes, change width and length of bag accordingly, increasing or decreasing the number of sts in 1st row (keep it an even number), and the number of rows in straight portion of front and back.

The bags shown were made of ecru bedspread cotton, with orange flowers and edging. You will need about 550 yards of fast color, stringweight thread for the pair, and a No. 6 steel hook. The gauge is 10 dcs equal 1" and 5 rows equal 1". For trim you will need about 64 yards of the flower color for flowers, edging, and ties; 4 yards of green for leaves; and 1 yard of brown for leaf veins and flower centers.

Front of bag (short side): ch 22, sk 3 sts of ch, dc in 4th st from hook, dc in every remaining st (20 dcs counting 3-ch as a dc). In following rows work in back loops of dcs only. Row 2: ch 3, turn, sk 1 dc (3-ch counts as this dc), 2 dcs in each of next 2 sts, dc in every dc until within 3 sts of end of previous row, 2 dcs in each of next 2 sts, dc in 3-ch at end of previous row (24 dcs in row). Repeat this row until there are 9 rows in all (52 dcs in 9th row). Row 10: ch 3, turn, sk 1st dc, 51 dcs in 51 dcs. Repeat Row 10 until you have made 34 rows without increases (44 rows in all), fasten off.

Flap side of bag: Repeat directions given for short side, do not break thread, work 1 more row of 52 dcs. Next row: ch 3, turn, sk 2 dcs, dc in next dc, dcs in dcs across row, sk last dc, dc in 3-ch at end. This row has a decrease of 2 sts. Repeat this row 22 times (6 dcs in last row), fasten off.

Joining: Side up when 1st row of dcs was worked is right side. Place wrong sides together. Working upward from bottom of bag, match the ribs and pin to hold in place. Holding bag with short side up, turn work

so you will be working toward bottom of bag. Attach trimming color at top of short side with a sc, taking st through both front and back of bag and over the dcs along edge. * Ch 2, sc over next dc along edge thrusting hook through both parts of bag. Repeat from * to end of bag, * ch 2, sk 2 dcs, sc between 2nd and 3rd dcs. Repeat from * across end, then work on up other side to top of short side, turn work so upper edge of short side is up, work across top of short side with * ch 2, sk 3 dcs, sc between 3rd and 4th dcs. Repeat from * across but skip only 2 dcs in 2 center groups of dcs, then continue to skip 3 dcs. Turn work so right side (outside) of flap is up and work around flap, spacing to correspond with previous work.

Tie: With same color used for joining, ch 5, 5 dcs in 1st st, drop loop off hook, insert hook in ch-st before 1st dc, catch up loop and draw through, ch 3, sl st in st with dcs; make a firm ch 10" long, hold end of flap right side up, sc in sc at right-hand point of flap tip, sc over next 2-ch, sc in next sc (sc at center tip of flap), sc over next 2-ch, sc in sc at left end of flap tip; ch to equal 10", ch 5 sts more, sk 4 sts, 5 dcs in 5th st from hook, insert hook in st before 1st dc, catch up loop and draw through, ch 3, sl st in st with dcs, fasten off.

Flower: ch 5, sl st in 1st st to form ring, sc in ring, * ch 7, sl st in 3rd st from hook for picot, ch 4, sc in ring. Repeat from * 10 times fastening last ch with sl st in 1st sc made in ring. Leaf: with green, ch 14, sk 4 sts of ch, tr in each of next 4 sts, htr in next, dc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next, sc in next, 3 sc in next (1st st of ch). This becomes the tip of leaf. Turn work around and work back along other side of ch; sc in 1st st, hdc in next, dc in each of next 2 sts, htr in next, tr in each of next 4 sts, ch 4, sl st in st with last tr, fasten off. Make 2 leaves. Weave all thread ends into back of work. Arrange leaves and flower as shown in illustration. Working with brown, back stitch down center of each leaf catching it to bag, fasten leaves down at end, catch flower in place, then work a brown French knot in center of

flower and a ring of French knots around center. Make a 2nd shoe bag in exactly the same way.

CROCHETED THREAD HOLDER OR BASKET

A thread holder, worn over the left arm bracelet fashion while crocheting, will end the annoyance of thread rolling away. From these directions you may also crochet a lacy, flared basket.

HOLDER: For a bag to hold a 10c ball of thread you will need about 44 yards of highly mercerized crochet cotton, about No. 20, and 12 yards of a contrasting color for edging. Use a No. 8 steel hook. Beginning at center of base, ch 5, sl st in 1st st for ring, ch 2, 11 scs in ring, sl st in 2nd st of 2-ch to close round. Next rnd: ch 3, 2 dcs in each st of past rnd, sl st in 3rd st of 3-ch to cl rnd. Work 4 more rnds of dcs like this but increase only as needed to keep work flat. Count sts in last rnd and inc so there are 70 sts in rnd.

In next rnd shells for sides begin. Ch 4, tr in base of ch, * ch 3, 2 trs in same st with last tr (a shell), sk 4 sts, 2 trs in next st. Repeat from * around, ch 3, 2 trs in same st (to complete shell), sl st in 4th st of 4-ch to cl rnd. Sl st in next tr, sl st over 3-ch, ch 4, tr over same 3-ch, ch 3, 2 trs in same space, * over next 3-ch work 2 trs, ch 3, 2 trs (a shell). Repeat from * around, sl st in 4th st of 4-ch of 1st shell. Make 4 more shell rnds like this one.

Handle: Ch 4, shell in next shell, tr between this and next shell. * Ch 4, turn, shell in shell, tr in 4th st of 4-ch. Repeat from * until there are 21 shells in handle. Lay end of handle against opposite edge of holder, right sides together and shells matching. Sl st handle to holder, fasten off.

With right side of handle up, attach edging color with a sc in 1st sp along side of handle, * 7 dc in next sp, sc in next sp. Repeat from * along handle, sc between shells at base of handle. Working along top of holder, * 7 dcs over 3-ch of next shell, sc between this and next shell. Repeat from * to complete rnd, sl st in 1st sc to cl rnd, fasten off, weave thread

ends into back of work. Make shell edging on other side of handle.

To accommodate a larger ball of thread the size of the holder may be increased. Make the base as large as the base of the ball by working additional dc rnds. Have the number of sts in the last rnd one divisible by 10—for example, 60, 70, 80. Work as many rnds of shells as needed to makes sides slightly higher than the ball of thread. The basket directions may be enlarged in the same way.

BASKET: Directions are to accommodate a cheese glass 1¾" across at base, 2" at top, and 3½" high. You will need about 85 yards of white or pastel mercerized crochet cotton, No. 30, and a No. 11 steel hook.

Follow thread holder directions for base (5 dc rnds). Follow directions for shell rnds until 11 shell rnds have been made. No increases in shells are necessary as the st will stretch to take care of a slight flare in the container. Rnd 12: Turn work so inside of basket is toward you. Sl st in next tr and over next 3-ch. Work shell rnds as before but increase center ch of shells—in this rnd ch 4 in center of shells. Rnd 13: ch 6. Rnd 14: ch 7. Rnd 15: ch 9. Rnd 16: ch 11. Rnd 17: ch 13.

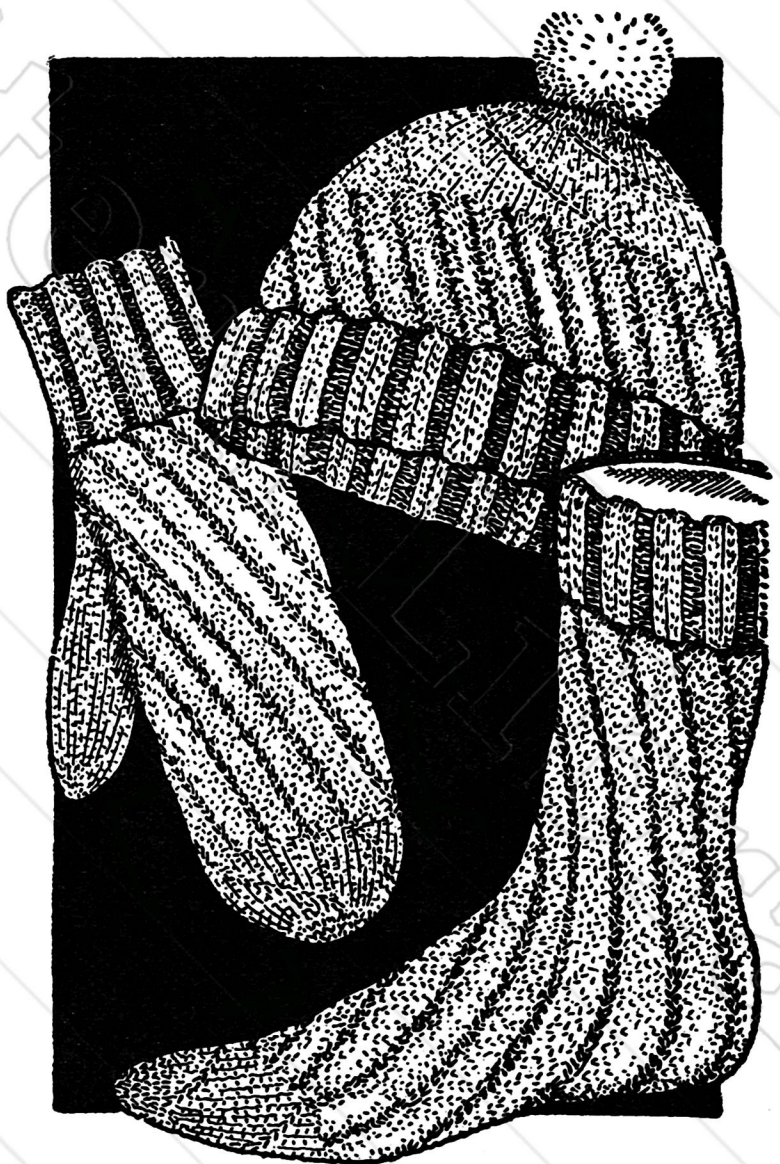
Rnd 18: ch 3, * sk 1st st of next 13-ch, dc in 2nd st, (ch 2, sk 1 st, tr in next st) twice; (ch 2, tr in next st) twice; ch 2, sk 1 st, tr in next st; ch 2, sk 1 st, dc in next st; dc between shells. Repeat from * around, sl st in 3rd st of 3-ch to cl rnd. Ch 2, * sc in next dc, (2 sc over next 2-ch, sc in next tr) 4 times; ch 9, turn, sk 1 tr, sl st in sc over next tr; turn, 12 scs over 9-ch loop; 2 scs over next 2-ch, sc in next tr, 2 scs over next 2-ch, sc in each of next 2 dcs. Repeat from * around, sl st in 2nd st of 2-ch to cl rnd, fasten off.

Handle: With outside of basket to you, fold rim flat against basket and attach thread between any 2 shells of the 11th rnd. Ch 4, over 3-ch of next shell work 2 trs, ch 3, 2 trs; tr between this and next shell. * Ch 4, turn, over 3-ch work 2 trs, ch 3, 2 trs, tr in 4th st of 4-ch of previous row. Repeat from * until there are 30 shells in handle; sl st to correspond-

ing position on opposite side of basket.

With right side of handle up, attach thread in st adjoining st in which handle is fastened, (4 scs in 1st sp of handle, sc in next st) twice, * sc in next sp; ch 5, turn, sk 3 scs, sl st in next sc; turn, 7 scs over 5-ch loop; 3 scs in next sp, sc in next st, 4 scs in next sp, sc in next st. Repeat from * across handle, sl st in st adjoining handle, fasten off. Work edging along other side of handle.

Stiffen basket with heavy starch, draw in place over container. Place a strip of cardboard, bent in hoop shape, in glass to support handle until it is dry. As rim dries, pull it into shape shown in the illustration.



JEFFY KNIT SOCKS, CAP, AND MITTENS

This practical and easy-to-knit set is appropriate for either men or women. The mittens have no right or left and no heel shaping is required for the socks for the spiral stitch adjusts itself to fit.

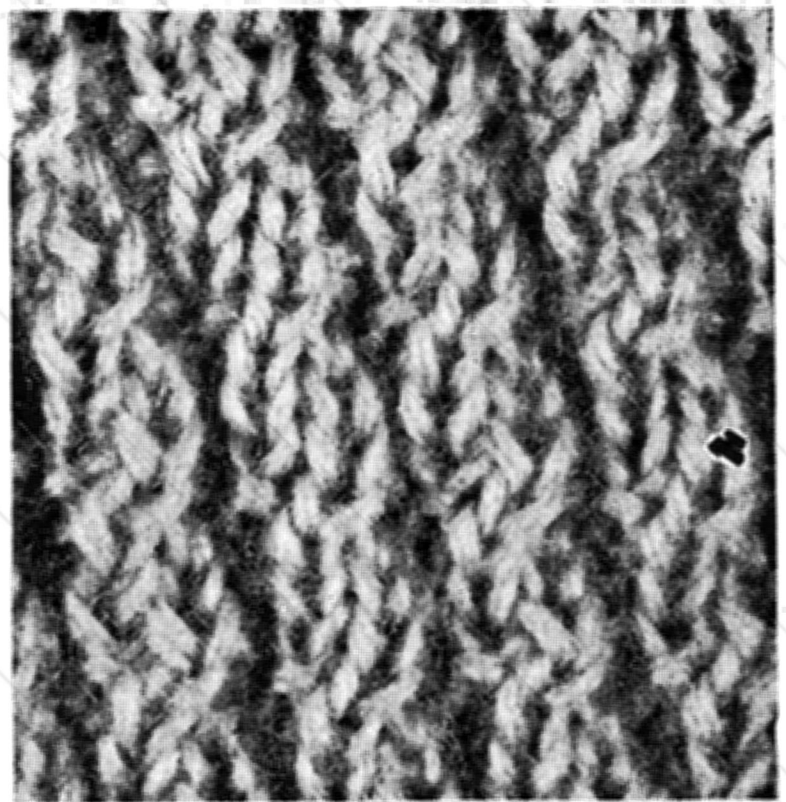
The set requires about 7 oz. of Germantown yarn if made in one

color; 4 oz. for socks, 1½ oz. for cap, and 2½ oz. for mittens. If made in two colors as illustrated, the set requires about 5½ oz. of the basic color and 1½ oz. of a contrasting color for trimming. With No. 12 steel sock needles (about No. 2 bone) the gauge in stockinette st is 11 sts equal 2" and 7 rows equal 1". Cast about 18 sts on 1 needle and work several rows in stockinette (k across row, p back) to check your gauge. Directions are for small, medium, and large sizes; these correspond roughly with children's sizes 10 to 14 years, average women's sizes, and average men's sizes. To make directions easier to follow, go through before you begin and mark all numbers for the size you are going to make.

SOCK: Directions are for ankle length socks. For regular socks for children and men make pattern portion 2" longer than given. For knee length, make pattern portion 8" longer than given. Beginning at the top with ribbing color, cast 40 sts (small) 48 (medium), 56 (large) on 3 needles. Divide the sts as evenly as possible on the 3 needles. Arrange needles in a triangle being careful not to twist sts. Working along the outside with the 4th needle, knit sts off 1st needle in ribbing of k 2, p 2. When all sts have been knit off 1st needle, use this needle to knit sts off 2nd needle. Continue in this way around and around. Yarn left hanging from cast-on sts will serve to mark the beginning of each rnd. When ribbing measures 1½" (small), 2" (medium), 2½" (large), change to main color at beginning of a new rnd and work in pattern st.

PATTERN: p 2, k 2 for 4 rnds. Rnd 5: k 1, * p 2, k 2. Repeat from * to end of rnd (the spiral is moved 1 st to left). Make 3 more rnds like this. Next 4 rnds: k 2, p 2 around. Rnd 13: p 1, * k 2, p 2. Repeat from * to end of rnd. Make 3 more rnds like this one.

These 16 rnds form the pattern. Repeat from Rnd 1 until pattern st measures 9" (small), 10" (medium), or 11" (large). Work around in stockinette (k every st in circular knitting) for ½" (small), ¾" (medium), or 1" (large), then at beginning of a



new rnd begin decreases for toe. On each needle, sl the 1st st, k 1, pass the slipped st over (p s s o), k remainder of sts on needle—3 decs in rnd. Next rnd: on each needle, k 1, sl 1, k 1, p s s o, k the remainder of sts on needle. Next rnd: on each needle, k 2, sl 1, k 1, p s s o, k the remainder of sts on needle. Continue to dec in this way in every rnd, moving the decs 1 st to the left each time. Markers, small thread loops of a contrasting color, may be slipped on needles after each dec to mark the position of decs in next rnd. When there are 12 sts left in rnd, cut yarn, draw end through all sts and pull up to form a ring, pull yarn end through ring to inside, thread into a darning needle and whip over and over on inside to fasten. Make 2nd sock in same manner.

CAP: With ribbing color cast 96 sts (small), 108 (medium), 120 (large) on 3 needles, dividing sts evenly. K 2, p 2 for ribbing. When ribbing measures 1½" change to main color at beginning of a new rnd and work in pattern st. When pattern st measures 4" (small), 4½" (medium), or 5" (large), change to stockinette st. Decreasing begins in 1st rnd of plain knitting. There are 4 decs in each rnd. Beginning on 1st needle * sl 1, k 1, p s s o, k 22 (small), 25 (medium), 28 (large). Repeat from * around. Rnd 2: k 1, * sl 1, k 1, p s s o, k 21 (small), 24 (medium), 27 (large). Repeat from * around. Continue to dec in this way in every rnd, moving the

dec 1 st to the left each time as was done at toe of sock. When there are 12 sts left in rnd, fasten off as given for sock.

For a boy's or man's cap make a pompon of the ribbing color. Cut 2 cardboard circles 2" across. Cut a small hole in center. Holding the circles together, wrap yarn around circles, bringing it through the hole in center and over the rim. When full, clip yarn around the entire edge. Slip a double strand of yarn between the circles, wrap around the yarn at center 2 or 3 times, draw tight and tie leaving ends to attach pompon to cap. Slash circles to center hole and pull them out, fluff pompon into a ball, trim to even if necessary, sew to center crown of hat.

For a girl's or woman's cap make a tassel by wrapping yarn around a card 6" wide. Slip a double strand of yarn under yarn at one edge of card and tie leaving ends for attaching tassel to cap. Clip strands at other edge of card. Wrap the tassel closely with yarn for about 1/2", starting 3/4" below top. Tie and weave ends under wrapping. Attach to cap at center crown.

MITTENS: With ribbing color cast 36 sts (small), 42 (medium), 52 (large) on 3 needles, dividing sts evenly. K in ribbing of k 2, p 2 for 2" (small), 2 1/2" (medium), 3" (large). At beginning of a new rnd change to main color and knit in pattern st for 8 rnds (small), 10 (medium), 12 (large). At beginning of new rnd begin incs for thumb. Keep 1st st in pattern, inc in next st (to inc, k into front of st, without slipping it off left needle k into back of same st—2 sts knit in 1), k 2, inc in next st, work remainder of rnd in pattern. Rnd 2: Work in pattern keeping sts for thumb between incs in stockinette (k every st). Rnd 3: k 1 in pattern, inc in next, k 4, inc in next, k in pattern. Rnd 4 and all even rnds same as Rnd 2.

Sts between incs are taken off for thumb on a st holder—a safety pin may be used. For small sizes, work Rnd 4, at beginning of Rnd 5 k 2 sts in pattern, take off next 8 sts for thumb, cast on 4 sts to take the place

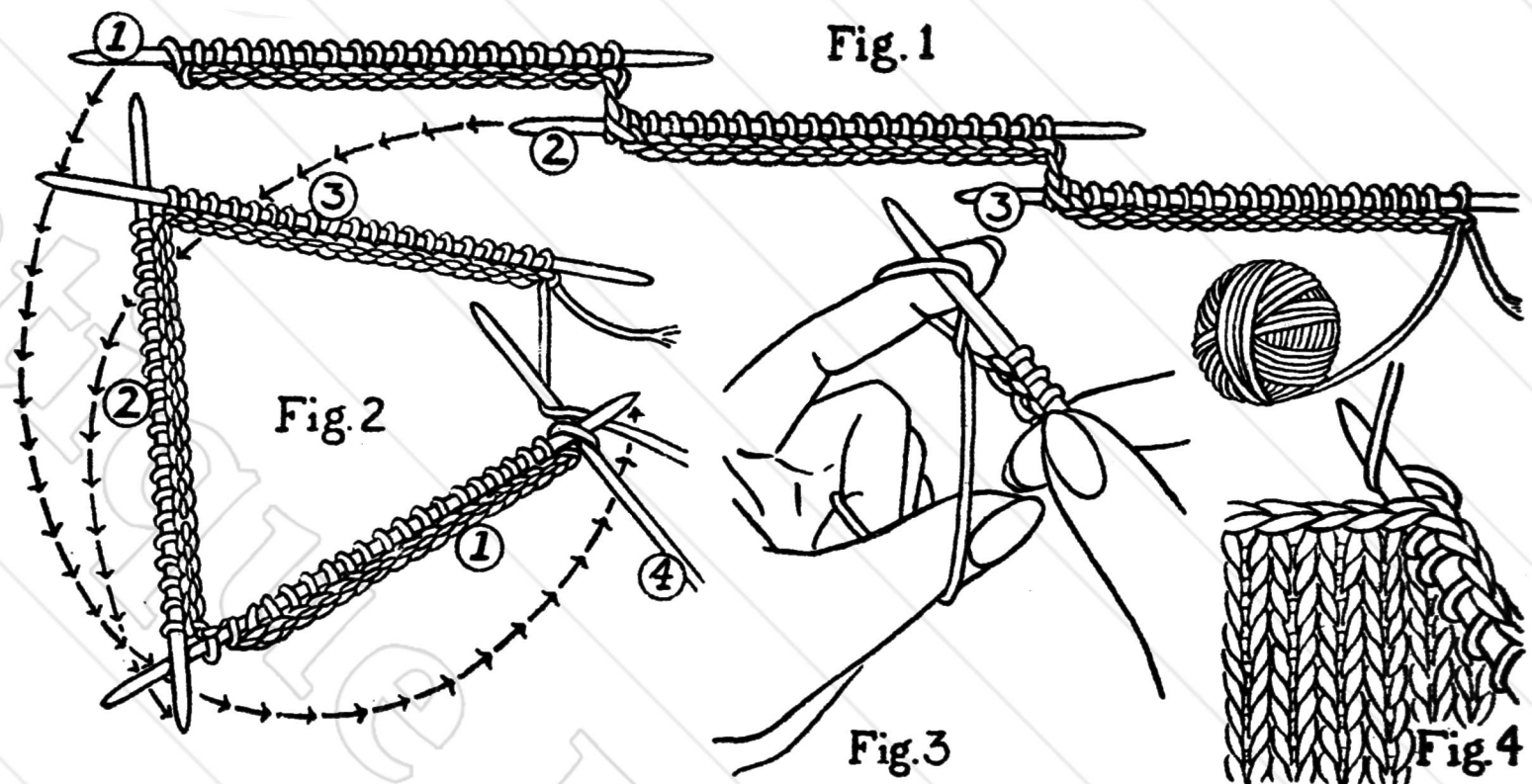
of those taken off, k remainder of rnd in pattern. Medium size: work Rnd 4. Rnd 5: k 1 in pattern, inc in next, k 6, inc in next, k in pattern. Work Rnd 6, then at beginning of Rnd 7, k 2 sts in pattern, take next 10 sts off for thumb, cast on 6 sts to take their place, k in pattern. Large size: work Rnd 6. Rnd 7: k 1 in pattern, inc in next, k 8, inc in next, k in pattern. Work Rnd 8, at beginning of Rnd 9 k 2 sts in pattern, take next 12 sts off for thumb, cast on 8 sts to take their place, k in pattern.

In knitting the next rnd, k the cast-on sts in pattern. Continue in pattern until work measures 5" (small), 5 1/2" (medium), 6" (large) beyond the ribbing. Divide the sts as evenly as possible on the 3 needles. Working in stockinette (k every st), dec as given for socks (3 decs in rnd), knitting 1 rnd without decs between the dec rnds. When 5 dec and 5 plain rnds have been made, drop the plain rnds and dec in every rnd. When 12 sts remain in rnd, draw yarn end through sts, fasten on inside.

THUMB: with 1 needle pick up sts taken off for thumb. With 2nd needle pick up a st between the 1st needle and the sts that were cast on, then pick up half the cast-on sts. With 3rd needle pick up remainder of cast-on sts and 1 st between the cast-on sts and the 1st needle. Divide sts as evenly as possible on the 3 needles, work around in stockinette until thumb (from cast-on sts) measures 1 3/4" (small), 2 1/4" (medium), 2 3/4" (large), then dec as for the socks for 4 or 5 rnds (no plain rnd between), draw yarn end through remaining sts and fasten off. Make second mitten in the same way.

To Subscribers:

In this issue of your Workbasket the quilt pattern has been omitted to make room for the collection of items shown on the cover, which we believe you will enjoy making for fall bazaars and Christmas gifts. The next issue will have a quilt pattern, as usual.



ROUND KNITTING

Cast the correct number of sts on 1st needle. This is usually $\frac{1}{3}$ the number given for the 1st rnd but directions may specify a certain number of sts for each needle. Hold a 2nd needle to left and slightly ahead of 1st needle. Cast the required number of sts on this needle. In the same manner cast the required number of sts on a 3rd needle.

Lay the three needles on a table and arrange as shown in Fig. 1, being sure the sts are not twisted on needles. Swing left point of 1st needle down and around to right, following the path of the arrows, so it will be in the position shown in Fig. 2. Arrange other needles, and overlap points, as illustrated.

Insert 4th needle in end st on 1st needle (Fig. 2), yarn over needle and knit this st on to 4th needle. Draw

this st close to last st which was cast on, thus drawing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd needles into a triangle. Holding point of triangle formed by 1st and 3rd needles toward you, knit remainder of sts on 1st needle off onto 4th needle. When last st has been knit off 1st needle, insert 1st needle in end st on 2nd needle and knit sts off 2nd needle. As sts are knit off a needle, use this needle to knit sts off the succeeding needle. Continue to work around and around the outside of the triangle in this manner.

Fig. 3 shows casting on sts in the middle of work with the ball thread. Use this method to cast on sts for side of palm of mitten to take the place of sts removed for the thumb.

Fig. 4 shows picking up sts along an edge, as in picking up sts to form inside of thumb of mitten.

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