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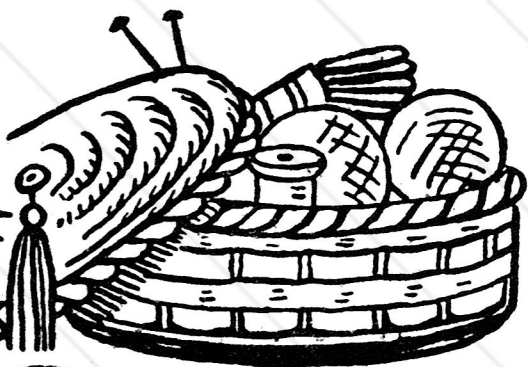
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CROCHETED PONCHO WESKIT

You will need about 4 ounces of sport and sock yarn in any desired shade for small size, 5 ounces for medium, and 6 ounces for large; also No. 0 and No. 3 steel crochet hooks. You will also need 4 pairs of snaps, two buttons 1" in diameter, and a pair of triangular shoulder pads. The gauge with No. 0 hook is 5 trs (trebles) equal 1", and 1 row each of trs and dcs (double crochets) equal 1". General directions are for medium size, 34" to 36" bust measure. Numbers in parentheses are for small size, 28" to 30" bust, and large size, 40" to 42" bust.

BACK: The back is begun at side edge, and is worked up and down from shoulder to waist. Ch (chain) 86 (76 small, 96 large) rather loosely with No. 0 hook having 5 sts (stitches) to 1". Sk (skip) 4 sts of ch, tr in 5th st from hook, tr in each remaining st of ch. There should be 83 (73 small, 93 large) trs in row, counting 4-ch as 1st tr.



The next four rows form the pattern and are repeated in order throughout the work. It will be noted that the shells are worked always over the middle dc of the 3-dc group of previous shell row. The side of work on which the wrong side of shells is up to form "bubbles" over the surface is the right side of work. **NOTE:** If following directions for small or large sizes begin pattern work in 2nd row according to direc-

tions for Row 3; that is, a half-shell is worked at each end of 2nd row. Then work Row 2, then Row 1, and make 4th Row the same as Row 2. Repeat these 4 rows in the order given.

Row 1: ch 3, turn, dc in each of next 2 trs (in turning be sure to skip the end st from which the turning ch emerges). * Sk 3 trs, in next tr work a shell of 7 trs, sk 3 trs, work 1 dc in each of next 3 trs. Repeat from * across row, ending with 1 dc in each of last 2 trs, dc in top st of 4-ch at end. Row 2: ch 4, turn, work 1 tr in each dc and each tr of previous row, tr in top st of ch at end of row. Counting the 4-ch at beginning as 1st tr, there should be 83 (73 small, 93 large) trs in row. Row 3: ch 4, in 1st tr of previous row work a half-shell of 4 trs, * sk 3 trs, work 1 dc in each of next 3 trs, sk 3 trs, work a shell of 7 trs in next tr. Repeat from * across row ending with a half-shell of 4 trs in last tr of previous row, tr in top st of 4-ch at end. Row 4: same as Row 2.

Work 14 (12 small, 16 large) rows in pattern for shoulder. Decreases for back of neck begin in the next row. Row 15: (Row 13 small, Row 17 large) work 78 (68 small, 88 large) trs, sk next tr, work last tr of row in next tr. There will be 79 (69 small, 89 large) trs in row and last tr will be worked in last tr of last shell of previous row. Row 16: (Row 14 small, Row 18 large) ch 3, turn, sk 1 tr, 1 dc in each of next 2 trs, sk 3 trs, shell in next tr; work on across row in pattern, keeping waist edge straight.

Work 8 more rows in pattern for back of neck without increasing or decreasing. Row 25 (Row 23 small, Row 27 large): increases for 2nd shoulder begin in this row. At end of row work 2 trs in last dc, 2 trs in 3-ch at end of row. Row 26 (Row 24 small, Row 28 large): ch 5, sk 3 sts of ch, dc in each of next 2 sts, sk 3 trs, shell in next tr; work in pattern across row. Work 13 (11 small, 15 large) more rows in pattern to complete 2nd shoulder, fasten off.

FRONT: The front is begun ex-

actly like the back except that there should be 93 (83 small, 103 large) trs in the 1st row. Ch 96 (86 small, 106 large), sk 4 sts of ch, tr in each remaining st of ch. Follow pattern as given for the back (Rows 1 to 4 in order for medium size; Rows 3, 2, 1, and 2 for small and large sizes) until 15 (13 small, 17 large) rows have been worked. Decreases for neck begin in the next row. For small and large sizes renumber rows as given for back. Row 16: turn, sl st (slip st) in each of next 14 trs, ch 3, sk 1 tr, 1 dc in each of next 2 trs, sk 3 trs, shell in next tr. Continue on in pattern across row. Row 17: work in pattern, work 1 tr in each of 3 dcs in 3-dc group before last shell of previous row, sk 2 trs of shell, tr in 3rd tr of shell. Row 18: turn, sl st in each of next 5 trs, ch 3, sk 1 tr, 1 dc in each of next 2 trs, sk 3 trs, shell in next tr, continue across row in pattern, keeping waist edge straight.

Row 19: same as Row 17. Row 20: same as Row 18. Row 21: work in pattern making last tr in 5th tr of last shell of previous row. Row 22: ch 3, turn, 1 dc in each of next 2 trs, sk 3 trs, shell in next tr, continue in pattern. Row 23: work in pattern. There should be 43 (33 small, 53 large) trs in row. Row 24: increases for 2nd side of neck begin in this row. Ch 7, sk 3 sts of ch, 1 dc in each of next 2 sts of ch, sk next 2 sts of ch and next tr, shell in 2nd tr; continue in pattern. Row 25: work 1 tr in each st of previous row, 2 trs in top st of 3-ch at end of previous row, thread over hook 3 times, thrust hook through st with last tr, draw loop through, work off loops on hook 2 at a time. * Thread over hook 3 times, thrust hook through base of long tr just made, draw loop through, work off loops on hook 2 at a time. Repeat from * 2 times (4 long trs added at end of row), ch 2, long tr in base of last long tr. Row 26: ch 9, sk 3 sts of ch, dc in each of next 2 sts of ch, sk 3 sts of ch, shell in last ch-st, sk tr and 2-ch, 1 dc in each of next 3 trs, sk 3 trs, shell in next tr, sk 3 trs, 1 dc in each of next 3 trs, continue in pattern.

Row 27: work trs across row, 2 trs in top st of 3-ch at end of row. Row

28: ch 13, sk 5 sts of ch, 4 trs in next st, sk 3 sts of ch, 1 dc in each of next 3 sts, sk last st of ch and next 2 trs, shell in next tr, continue in pattern. Row 29: work 1 tr in each st of previous row, 1 tr in each of next 2 sts of 5-ch at end, long tr (thread over 3 times) in same st with last tr, then add 18 more long trs at end of this row, working each long tr into base of previous long tr. There should be 93 (83 small, 103 large) trs in row. Ch 3, turn, 1 dc in each of next 2 dcs, sk 3 trs, shell in next tr, continue in pattern. Work 13 (11 small, 15 large) more rows in pattern over these 93 (83 small, 103 large) trs for 2nd shoulder, fasten off.

Place right sides of front and back together, match the shoulder edges, and overcast together on the wrong side with matching yarn, easing the extra width of front shoulder on to back shoulder.

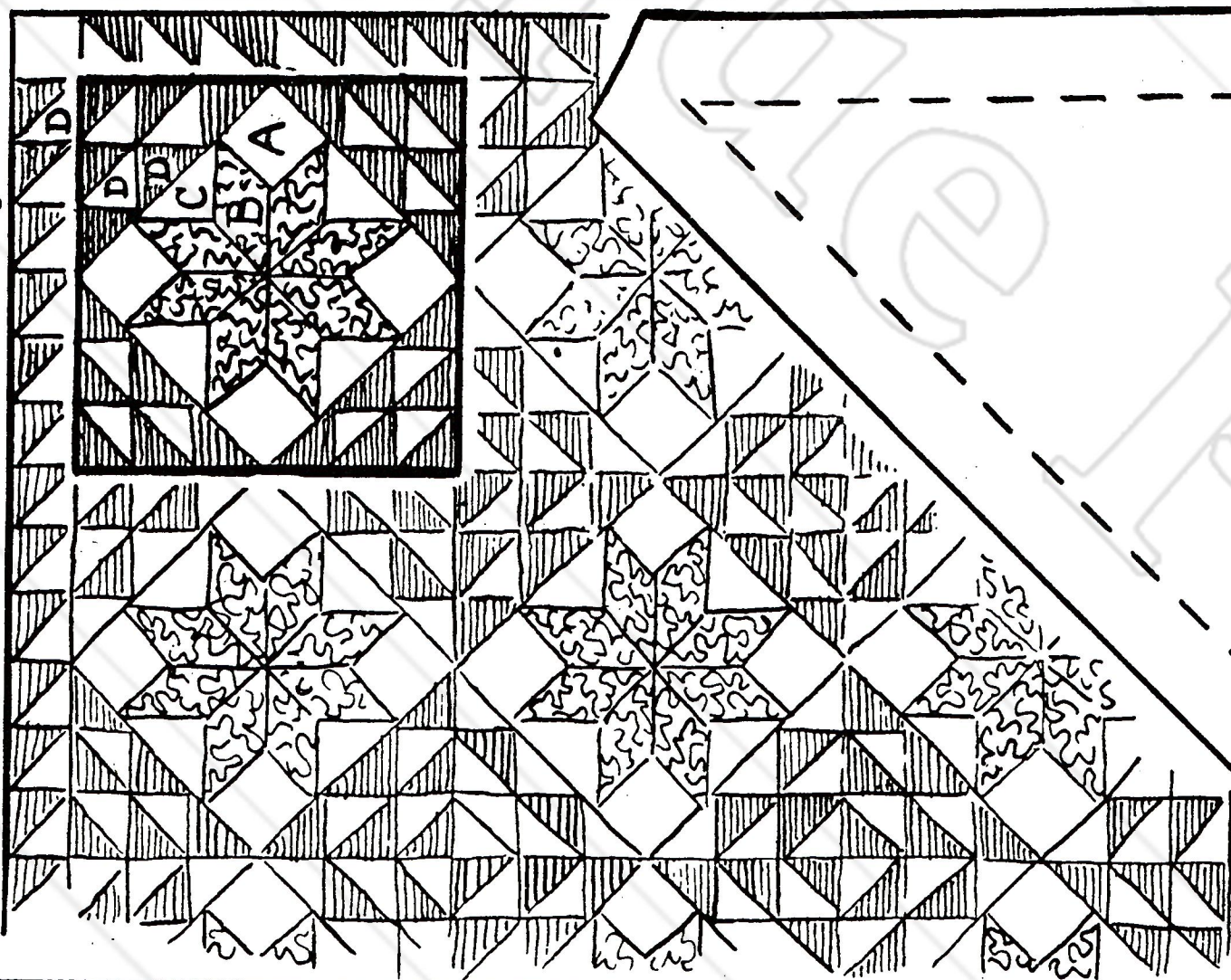
FRONT WAISTBAND: Use No. 3 hook and work quite closely. With right side up and holding lower edge of front up, attach yarn in st at right corner, then working across lower edge, 2 scs (single crochets) over 1st tr, 1 sc in top of this tr, 1 sc over next dc, 1 sc in top of this dc, (2 scs over next tr, sc in top of tr) 3 times, * sk next dc, sc in top of this dc, (sc over next tr, sc in top of tr) 3 times. Repeat from * to center front. There should be about 43 (39 small, 47 large) scs along 1st half of lower edge. Space scs for remaining half to correspond. **NOTE:** this spacing may need to be varied some. Front waistband should be one-half of waist measure plus 3". Multiply by 5 scs to 1" to find correct number of scs for band.

Row 2: ch 3, turn, 1 dc in each dc of previous row, dc in top st of 3-ch at end. Row 3: same as Row 2. Row 4: buttonholes are made in this row. Ch 3, turn, 1 dc in each of next 2 dcs, ch 3, sl in next dc, ch 6, sk 6 dcs, sl st in next dc. Turn, sl st in each st of ch just made, sl st in each st of previous 3-ch, turn, 1 dc in each st of 6-ch (6 dcs worked into ch), 1 dc in each dc of previous row until within 11 dcs of end (3-ch at end counts as 11th dc). Ch 3, sl st in

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Diamond Star Quilt

Finished quilt with a 3" border measures 96" by 114"



A
120
White

Sketch shows blocks pieced and set together. A single block has been heavily outlined. Thirty of these pieced blocks make up quilt. There are five across a and six up and down.

Border is optional. If pieced as sketched you will need to cut four 3 1/2" squares for four corners, 132 co-

C
120
White

B
240
Print

D
540 color
540 white

lored pieces and 132 white pieces by pattern D.

Quilt around pieces.

Material requirements for making top of quilt without pieced border are about 6 1/4 yds. of white, 3 yds. of print, and 4 1/2 yds. of color.

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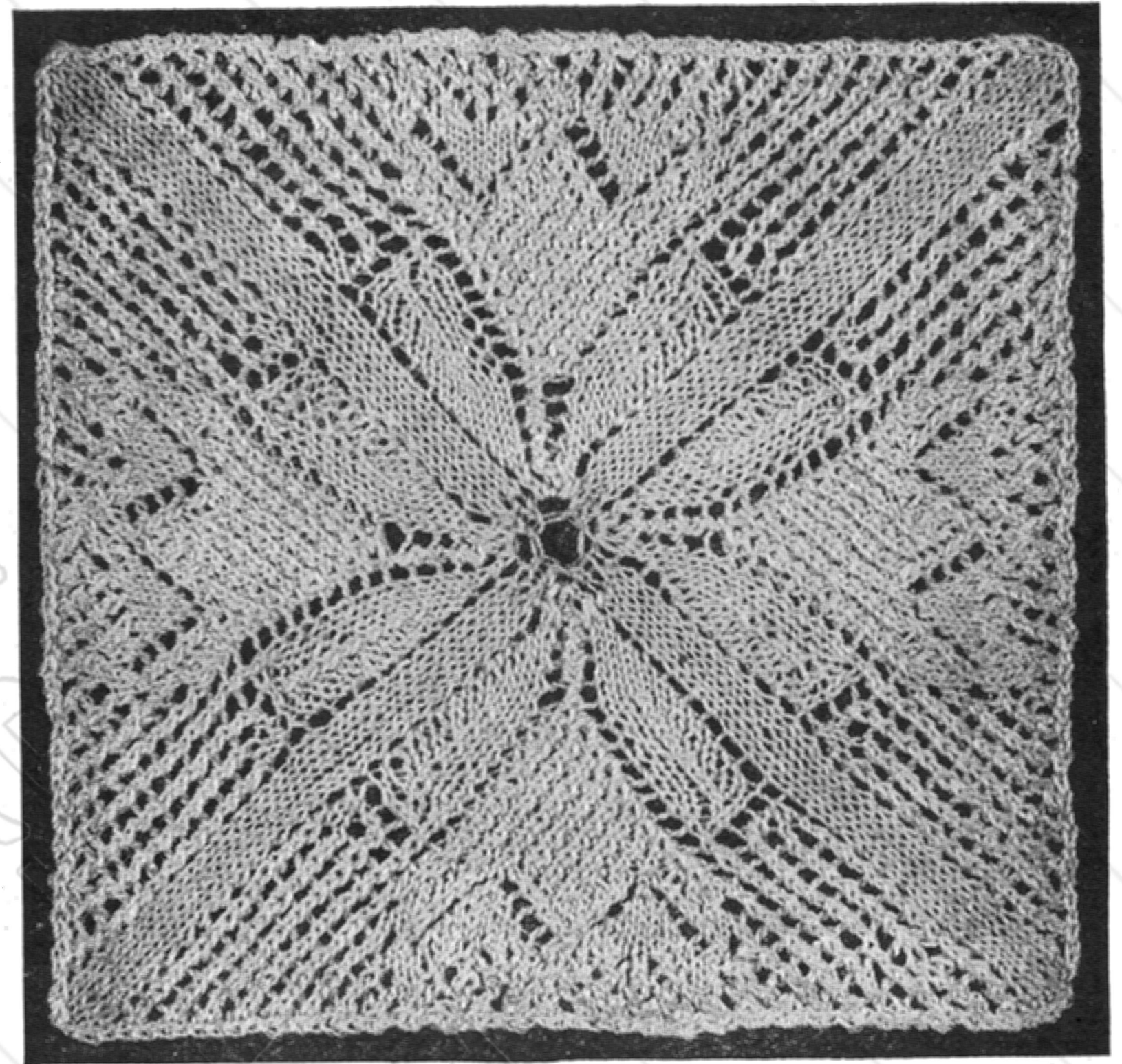
next dc, ch 6, sk 6 dcs, sl st in next dc, turn, sl st in each st of 6-ch, sl st in each st of 3-ch, turn, 1 dc in each st of 6-ch, 1 dc in each of next 3 dcs, dc in top st of 3-ch at end. Work 2 more dc rows, turn work so right side is up, then working up end of band, 2 scs over last dc, sc in base of dc, then work 1 sc over each dc, 1 sc in base of each dc until pattern portion is reached. Work 1 sc in each st along armhole edge, working very closely so work will be held in to 5 sts to an inch.

When corner of back is reached, ch 3, then working across waist edge of back, work back waistband according to directions given for front. Back waistband should measure about 1" less than front band. Work 5 more rows of dcs to complete back waistband (omit buttonholes), turn, work up along end of band as given for front, work scs along armhole edge as before, and along end of front waistband, fasten off.

NECK BAND: with right side up and using No. 3 hook, attach yarn at

shoulder seam. Working around neck edge, work 48 scs (closely) along each side of front neck, 28 scs along back neck edge. Sl st in 1st sc, ch 3, work 1 dc in each sc around. Miter the V at point of neck by working 2 sts together at each side of center front. To do this, thread over, thrust the hook through the upper loop of 1st sc and lower loop of 2nd sc. Thread over and draw loop through, thread over and complete the dc. Sl st in top st of beginning 3-ch to close round, ch 3, work 1 dc in each dc of previous rnd, mitering the V by working 2 sts together at each side of center front as before, sl st to close round, fasten off.

FINISHING: sew buttons in place to fit or about 1" back from end of back waistband. Overlap sides and sew snap fasteners in place at 2½" and 5" up from waistband. Cover triangular shoulder pads with material to match blouse which is to be worn beneath weskit, or with material to match weskit. Pads may be made quite easily. Cut two 8" squares of material.



"TULIP SQUARE" KNITTED BEDSPREAD

Here's a bedspread made up of knitted squares in a conventional tulip design. It has several points of interest: the point where pairs of tulips are joined, the wheel of eight rays where blocks are joined, and the center formed by the joining of leaves.

The spread may be made in cream, ecru, or white mercerized, string-weight crochet cotton; or in a pastel shade. Each block requires approximately 90 yards of thread; a set of 5 double-pointed steel knitting needles or pins, No. 13 is used.

To estimate the amount of thread required, multiply the number of blocks required for the spread you wish to make by the number of yards needed for one block. Count the number of blocks along 2 sides and 1 end of the spread. The fringe will require about 28 yards of thread per block. Multiply this number by the number of edge blocks counted. Divide the

total yardage by the number of yards in each ball, or skein, of the thread you plan to use to find the number of balls, or skeins, needed. Size will vary, but a block made with bedspread thread, which is about like number 5 cotton, with number 13 steel needles or pins, will be from 7 to 9 inches square, depending on the tightness of your knitting. You will need a set of 5 needles, for the block is worked square from the beginning.

The block is begun at the center and worked quite loosely for easy handling. Cast on 2 sts (stitches) on each of 4 needles. Join, taking care not to twist sts. Rnd(round) 1—* K(knit) into back of next st, O(over), k into back of next st. Repeat from * around (3 sts now on each needle). Rnd 2—and all other even rnds—K around. Directions for even rnds will not be repeated.

Rnd 3- * k and p(purl) into next st; O; k, p, k into next st; O, k, p, into

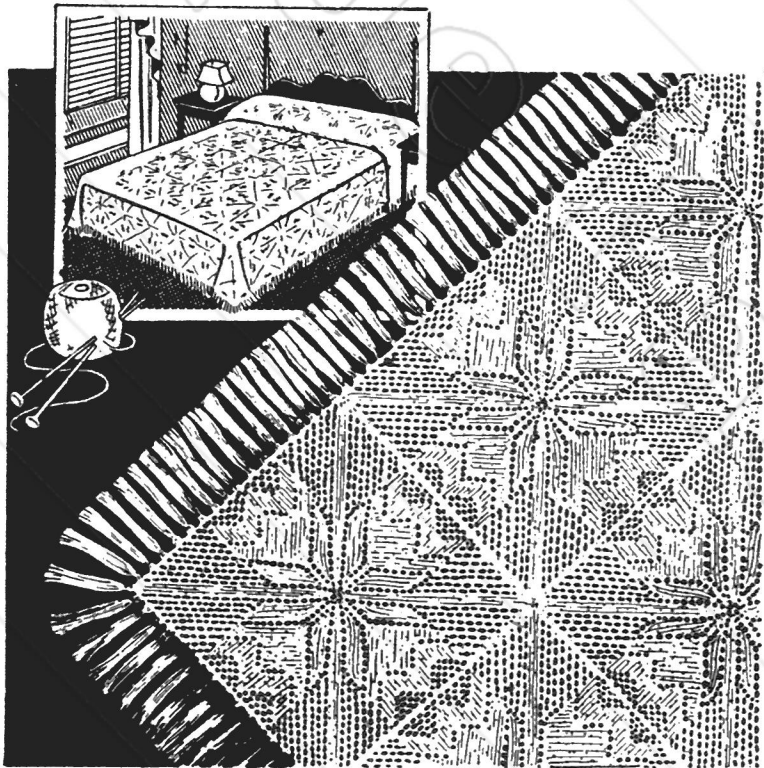
next st. Repeat from * around. Rnd 5- * k 2, O, k 2 tog(together), O, k 1, O, sl(slip) 1, k 1, pssso(pass slipped st over knitted st), O, k 2. Repeat from * around. Rnd 7- * (k 2, O) twice; sl 1, k 2 tog, pssso, (O, k 2) twice. Repeat from * around. Rnd 9- * k 2, O, k 3, O, sl 1, k 2 tog, pssso, O, k 3, O, k 2. Repeat from * around. Rnd 11- * k 2, O, k 4, O, sl 1, k 2 tog, pssso, O, k 4, O, k 2. Repeat from * around. Rnd 13- * k 2, O, k 5, O, sl 1, k 2 tog, pssso, O, k 5, O, k 2. Repeat from * around. Rnd 15- * k 2, O, k 2, k 2 tog, k 2, O, k 1, k the 2d st on left-hand needle, k the 1st st on left-hand needle, slip both sts off left-hand needle (hereafter this will be called "twist next 2 sts"); O, k 2, sl 1, k 1, pssso, k 2, O, k 2. Repeat from * around. Rnd 17- * k 2, O, k 2, k 2 tog, k 2, O, k 1, (twist next 2 sts)

twice; O, k 2, sl 1, k 1, pssso, k 2, O, k 2. Repeat from * around. Rnd 19- * k 2, O, k 2, k 2 tog, k 2, O, k 1, (twist next 2 sts) 3 times; O, k 2, sl 1, k 1, pssso, k 2, O, k 2. Repeat from * around.

Rnd 21- * k 2, O, k 2, k 2 tog, k 2, O, k 1, (twist next 2 sts) 4 times; O, k 2, sl 1, k 1, pssso, k 2, O, k 2. Repeat from * around. Rnd 23- * k 2, O, k 2, k 2 tog, k 2, O, k 1, (twist next 2 sts) 5 times; O, k 2, sl 1, k 1, pssso, k 2, O, k 2. Repeat from * around. Rnd 25- * k 2, (O, k 1) twice; k 2 tog, k 2, O, k 1, (twist next 2 sts) 6 times; O, k 2, sl 1, k 1, pssso, (k 1, O) twice; k 2. Repeat from * around. Rnd 27- * k 2, O, k 3, O, sl 1, k 1, pssso, k 2 tog, O, k 1, (twist next 2 sts) 7 times; O, sl 1, k 1, pssso, k 2 tog, O, k 3, O, k 2. Repeat from * around. Rnd 29- * k 2, O, k 2 tog,

O, k 1, (O, k 2 tog) twice; O, k 1, (twist next 2 sts) 8 times; (O, sl 1, k 1, pssso) twice; O, k 1, O, sl 1, k 1, pssso, O, k 2. Repeat from * around.

Rnd 31- * k 2, (O, k 2 tog) 4 times; O, k 1, (twist next 2 sts) 9 times; (O, sl 1, k 1, pssso) 4 times; O, k 2. Repeat from * around. Rnd 33- * k 2, (O, k 2 tog) 4 times; O, k 1, (twist next 2 sts) 10 times; (O, sl 1, k 1, pssso) 4 times; O, k 2. Repeat from * around. Rnd 35- * k 2, (O, k 2 tog)



4 times; O, k 1, twist next 2 sts, k 1, k 2 tog, O, k 1, O, sl 1, k 1, pssso, (twist next 2 sts) twice; k 1, k 2 tog, O, k 1, O, sl 1, k 1, pssso, twist next 2 sts, k 2, (O, sl 1, k 1, pssso) 4 times; O, k 2. Repeat from * around.

Rnd 37- * k 2, (O, k 2 tog) 5 times; O, k 2, k 2 tog, O, k 3, O, sl 1, k 1, pssso, twist next 2 sts, k 1, k 2 tog, O, k 3, O, sl 1, k 1, pssso, twist next 2 sts, (O, sl 1, k 1, pssso) 5 times; O, k 2. Repeat from * around. Rnd 39- * k 2, (O, k 2 tog) 5 times; O, k 2, k 2 tog, O, k 5, O, sl 1, k 1, pssso, k 1, k 2 tog, O, k 5, O, sl 1, k 1, pssso, k 2, (O, sl 1, k 1, pssso) 5 times; O, k 2. Repeat from * around. Rnd 41- * k 2, (O, k 2 tog) 7 times;

O, k 7, O, sl 1, k 2 tog, pssso (this marks the tip point of the middle tulip petal), O, k 7, (O, sl 1, k 1, pssso) 7 times; O, k 2. Repeat from * around.

Rnd 43- * k 2, (O, k 2 tog) 6 times; O, k 4, k 2 tog, O, k 1, O, sl 1, k 1, pssso, k 5, k 2 tog, O, k 1, O, sl 1, k 1, pssso, k 4, (O, sl 1, k 1, pssso) 6 times; O, k 2. Repeat from * around. Rnd 45- * k 2, (O, k 2 tog) 7 times; O, k 2, k 2 tog, (O, k 2 tog) twice, O, sl 1, k 1, pssso; pick up st between needles, k it, k next st, pick up another st, k it; k 2 tog, (O, sl 1, k 1, pssso) 3 times, O, k 2, (O, sl 1, k 1, pssso) 7 times; O, k 2. Repeat from * around. Rnd 47- * k 2, (O, k 2 tog) 7 times; O, k 2, (k 2 tog, O) 4 times; k 2 tog, sl 1, k 1, pssso, (O, sl 1, k 1, pssso) 4 times, k 2, (O, sl 1, k 1, pssso) 7 times, O, k 2. Repeat from * around. Rnd 49- * k 2, (O, k 2 tog) 13 times; (O, sl 1, k 1, pssso) 13 times; O, k 2. Repeat from * around. Rnd 50- k around as usual, bind off in next rnd purling all sts and binding off loosely.

Pin each block out to a perfect square, placing it face down on a padded surface. Steam with a damp cloth. Whip squares together on the wrong side with matching thread.

FRINGE—Wrap string 4 times from end to end around a yard stick. Cut at top and bottom of stick and you will have 8 strands 36" long. Cut the group of strands into 4 groups, each 9" long. Working from the wrong side, thrust a large bone or steel crochet hook through space on edge of spread, double a 9" group of strands, insert the hook in the loop made by doubling and draw through spread. Turn work to right side and draw both ends of strands through loop. Pull up tight against spread. Tie fringe in this manner in about every other space along two sides and across one end of spread. Brush fringe out and trim to an even length of 3½"

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