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IDEAS for the Bazaar, the Home, Gifts and Sparetime Money-makers—with Many Inexpensive, Easily Made Articles that find a Ready Sale.
Next Month

Also in crochet are the realistic pansy and strawberries, which add such a novel touch to your curtain tiebacks.

An ideal gift or bazaar item is this stuffed turtle toy which measures about 10 inches in length.

On the transfer there will be an apron—made of tie lengths, and a cutting guide for a man’s tie.

The quilt is the new Swirling Autumn Leaf—a dainty appliqué block which features myriad print pieces.

Next month’s items will include charts and directions for the crocheted crib spread shown on cover.

These panholders are made with mercerized crochet cotton of number 5 weight. All thread is used double unless otherwise stated. Half of the given amount may be wound off, then the two strands wound together, or you may use both the outside and inside ends directly from the ball.

Use a number 4 steel hook and crochet very tightly. Gauge: 6 sts to inch, 6 rows to inch. It is important that the work conform to this gauge, otherwise panholders will be larger and material will not come out right. Each should measure approximately 6 inches each way when completed.

**Jack-O-Lantern**

For this you will need about 85 yards of orange, 18 yards of black, 18 of white, 2 of green.

With orange double, ch 23, sk 2 sts. Row 1: 21 sc on ch. This row represents the bottom row on chart; the rest of the panholder is worked by the chart with each square representing a stitch.

Turn work at end of each row and ch 2 to begin each new row. To increase as in row 2, work 1 sc in at base of 2 ch, sc across even, and work 2 sc in last st—this increases work to 24 sts as shown in row 2 on chart. Continue in this manner to row 5, in which 4 white sts occur. Do not finish the last orange st before the white, but draw double strand of white through last two orange loops and work 4 white sc. These white sc are worked over the two orange threads, which are brought through the last two loops of the 4th white sc.

Work 3 orange sc over the white threads, then drop white threads at back of work so they may be picked up 3 sts sooner in the next row, which has 10 white sc.

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May Basket
or
Posy Basket Quilt

There are thirty appliqued blocks 12" square, and twenty blocks quilted with basket design. Cut nine 12 1/2" squares diagonally into halves to make H, and one 13" sq. into fourths makes I. A four inch border of color is added.

Quilt should measure about 89 1/2" by 106".

Material Requirements-
7 3/4 yd. white
1 yd. orchid
1/4 yd. yellow
3/4 yd. rose
14 yd. brown bias tape

F - basket handle
cover with brown bias tape applique.

G - 30 - yellow

E - 30 - orchid

B - 60 - green

C - 60 - green

D - Cut 60 of rose petal may be in deeper shade.

A - 30 of plaid or check
All changes of color are made in this manner, with the color not in use carried along under the sc if it is to be used again in same row. Always carry thread over for desired number of sts if it occurs at a different position in next row.

Do not carry black and white to edge of work, drop them off after sts of features in each row. When a color does not occur again for several rows it may be cut, leaving 1 inch end, crochet over this end in next row, and begin with the color again when it appears on chart.

To decrease as in row 27, sk 1 st, and do not work in last st. After working green stem as shown on chart, ch 4 with green and sl st in st base of last two rows of stem to form loop for hanging. With a double strand of orange, work a row of sc completely around Jack-O-Lantern, evening off rows and shaping as you work.

Black Cat

100 yards black, 12 yards white and 10 yards orange are required.

This is made from chart in same manner as jack-o-lantern. With black double, ch 21, sk 2 sts of ch, sc to end, ch 4, turn, sk 2 sts of ch, 2 sc on ch, sc across, 1 dc in with last sc at end and 1 dc in first loop of first dc (to increase 2 sts at end of row 2).

On last row of ear, work 8 sc on first ear, 2 sl st, ch 1, sc across top of head, ch 1, 2 sl st, 8 sc on other ear and fasten off. Turn work, fasten in 2nd st on head portion, sc across ending with a sl st in next to last st on head, cut, fasten, weave all ends in.

With double strand of black, work a 12-ch loop at top of head and sc over this closely with single strand of black. Whiskers and eyelashes are worked in outline with needle and a single strand of white thread.

Victory Accessories in Crochet

Germantown yarn or knitting worsted is used in making all of these accessories. Use a number 4 bone hook.

The originals were made of blue with inside V of white and outside of red. For a skating set of scarf and helmet, order may be reversed if desired, and the set made of white with red and blue used for the V.

SCARF: About 300 yards of blue, 25 yards white and 15 yards red are needed. The scarf is begun at center and one half completed first; the other half is then worked. A pebbled effect is achieved by working in the front loop of one stitch and back loop of next. Begin with a ch of 35, sk 1 st of ch and sc back to end of ch, ch 1, turn. In the next row the pattern stitch begins. To work pattern st, sk st at base of 1 ch, sc in front loop only of next st, sc in back loop only of next st and continue alternating from front to back, to end of row. Work an sc in 1 ch at end to make straight firm edge. Ch 1, turn at end of each row, and always sk st at base of 1 ch. Continue with rows of pattern st until work measures about 18". Cut yarn and fasten.

Turn work, sk first 8 sts, and fasten in next st, ch 1, work 17 pattern sts leaving 8 sts at other end of row. Ch 1, turn, sk st at base of ch, 16 pattern sts (leaving 1 st at end of row), ch 1, turn.
Sk st at base of 1 ch, 15 pattern sts. Continue, making one less st in each row until only one st remains, cut and fasten.

Begin with white in st of last long row, where first short row begins. Sides of V will be irregular, work an sc in each small "point" and an sc in between points—about 18 to side of V, work 3 sc in tip of V and 18 sc on other side. Work 2 sl st in next 2 of 8 sts left on last long row, ch 1, turn, and work pattern st around V (3 sts in 1 at point). Work an extra st when necessary at beginning and end of row to fill in to blue, 2 sl st on blue and repeat for 4 rows. Then work 2 rows of red in same way to finish V to edge of scarf.

Other half of scarf is worked identically on opposite side of beginning chain.

PURSE: For an envelope bag about 12" wide, ch 71, sk 1 st and work rows of pattern st until work measures 14", cut yarn, fasten. Turn work, sk first 8 sts at right and work a blue V point as on end of scarf. Complete V with white and red, then fasten blue in on other or left side of V, increase in first st and work blue pattern st to end (about 36 sts). Work back to V, inc in end st to fill in to diagonal line of V. Continue, inc at beginning of one row and end of next where they must join V. Work until this portion is even with tip of V. Then sew V and flap together.

DOTS: Ch 3, sl st in end to form ring, 8 sc on ring, sl st to close, ch 1, 2 sc in each st of last rnd, cut fasten. Make 3.

DASH: Ch 8, sk 1 st, sc in remaining sts, ch 1, turn and work back.

Dots may also be formed by 3 plain white buttons, openings may be left on flap to serve as buttonholes and the buttons sewed to under portion so they serve as fastening for bag. To make buttonholes, determine position, then ch 2 and sk 2 sts of previous row before continuing with pattern. Bag may merely be lined, or may be stiffened with buckram or cardboard.

The HAT is a blue pill box with separate V on front.

With blue ch 4, sl st in first st to form ring, 8 sc in ring, sc tightly in a continuous round, increasing as needed to keep work flat until the circumference of the circle is equal to head size desired. A circle 7 inches across will measure about 22 inches around. If you prefer your pill box slightly larger at top than at bottom, begin with a little larger circle and decrease gradually to head size. The rest of hat is worked in pattern st, sl st to taper off last sc rnd, then ch 1 to begin first pattern rnd, close each rnd with sl st and turn at end of each pattern rnd and work back. If sides of hat are to be straight, work rnds of pattern st even (without increasing) to depth of about 4 inches.

If hat is larger at top of crown, decrease a few sts in each rnd and fit to head. More rnds of pattern may be added if a higher hat is desired. Work 4 or 5 rnds of sc at bottom and turn under to form head band.

V—ch 37 with white, sk 1, 17 sc on ch, 3 sc in 1, 18 sc, ch 1, turn. Inc in first st, work pattern to point, 3 sts in center st on point, pattern st to end, inc in end st. Work 4 rows, then two of red. Sew V to front of hat with tip free below edge.

To make HELMET, first make a skull cap to fit head. The top circle of about 6 inch width is in plain sc, then the rest is made in pattern st. The ear flaps are worked as V on scarf; place flaps about 3" apart at back, tie with crocheted cord.

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