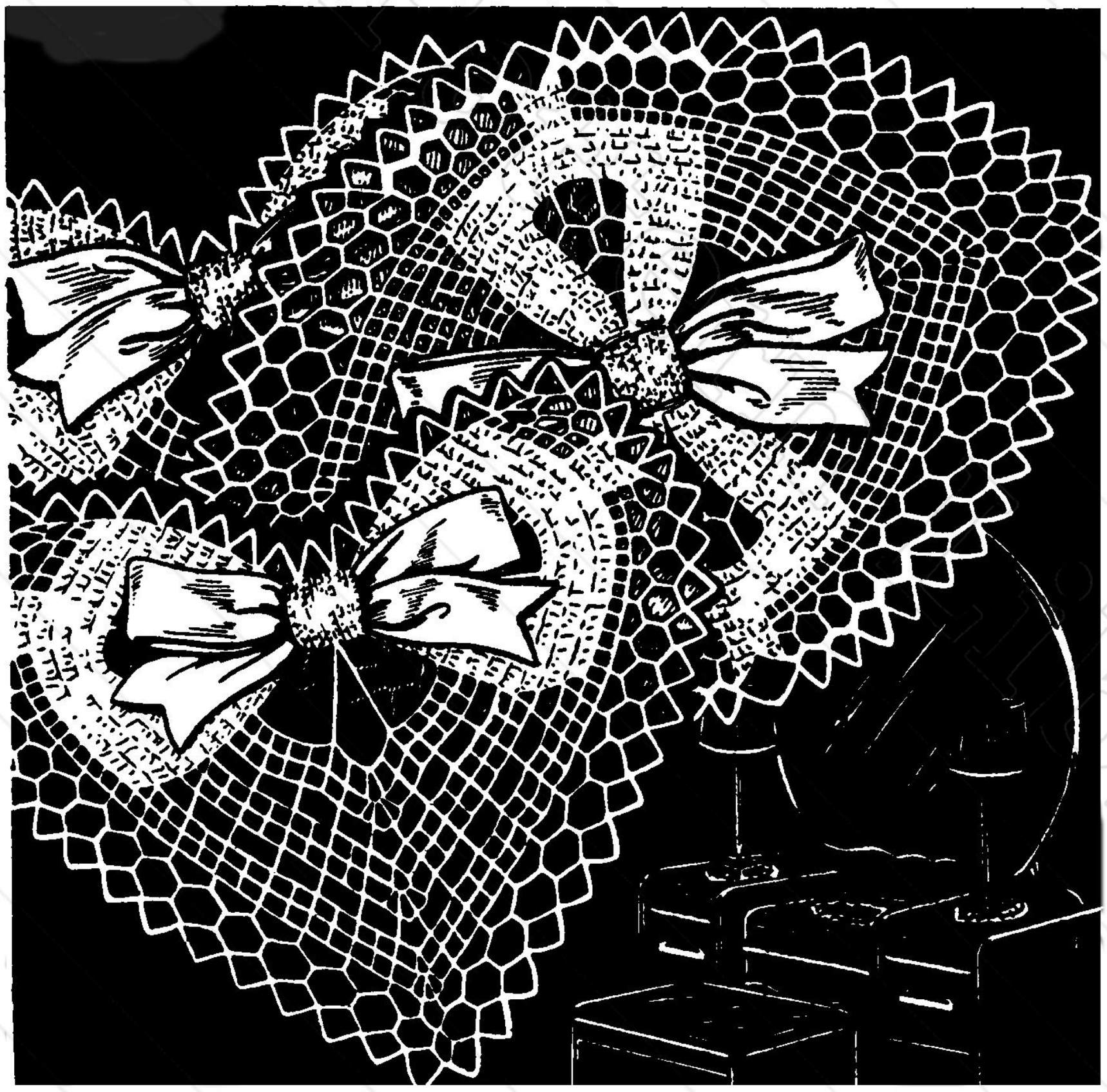
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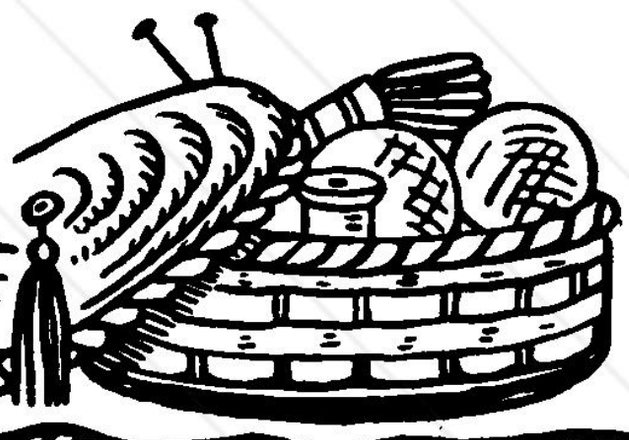
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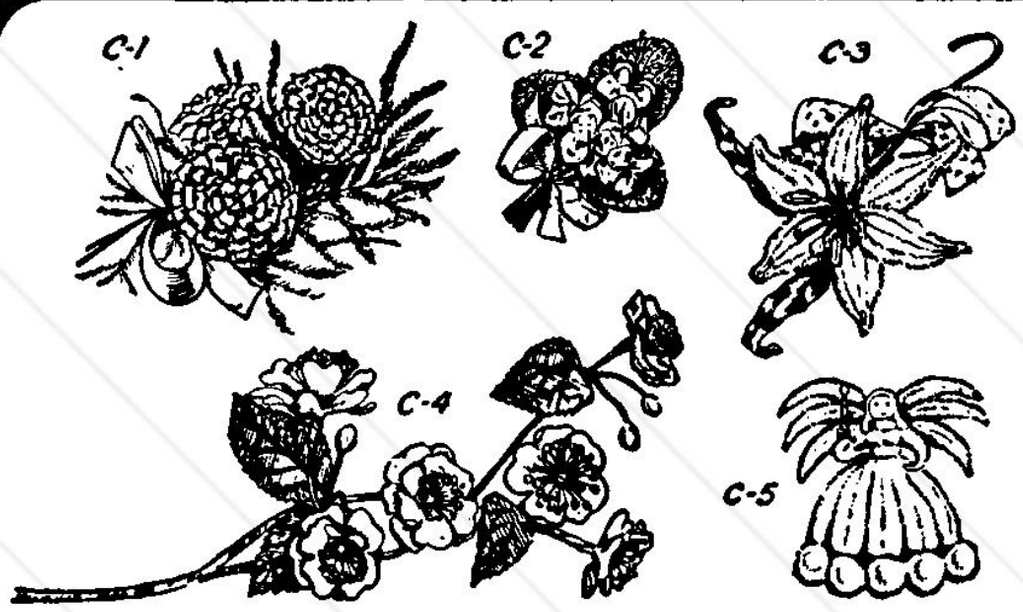
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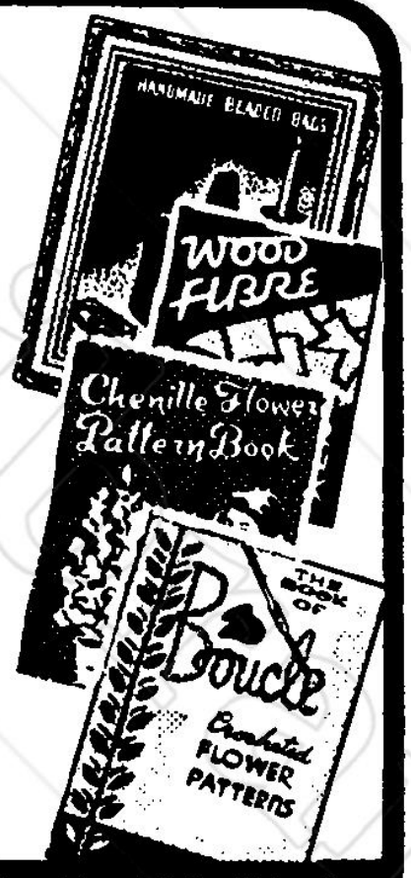
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Heart Shaped Vanity Set

Shown on Front Cover

Bow knots make this very pretty vanity set. One point of the center doily makes the side pieces for vanity. A heart shaped pin cushion could be made from the same piece. Approximately 350 yards of number 20 mercerized crochet thread are required to make the 3-piece set; use a number 8 or 9 crochet hook. The center piece measures about 11 inches long and 9 inches wide.

Abbreviations: Rnd (round); ch (chain); st (stitch); sl st (slip stitch); sk (skip); sp (space); lp (loop); sc (single crochet); hdc (half double crochet)—thread over once, insert hook in st and pull through, thread over and pull through all lps at once; dc (double crochet); tr (treble)—thread over twice and work off 2 lps at a time; dtr (double treble)—thread over hook three times and work off 2 lps at a time.

Center Knot of Bow—Ch 25, sl st in first st from hook, sc in each st around, * turn, ch 1, sc in each sc across, repeat from * until 13 rows of scs are made, do not cut thread, fold in half and press flat.

At the point where the center was completed, * ch 3 for a dc, holding the ends together make 8 more dc in first 6 sc on side of knot, ch 3, sl st in 7th sc (center), ch 3, make 9 dc in the remaining 6 sc, turn, ch 3, make 9 dc to center, ch 4, dc in each of next 10 dc, turn, ch 3, dc in each of next 8 dc, ch 3, sl st into last dc of group and across the ch-4 into first dc of next group, ch 3, dc in each of next 9 dc, turn, ch 3, dc in each of next 9 dc, ch 9, dc in each of the next 10 dc; * cut and fasten thread. Tie thread to opposite side of knot and repeat from * to *.

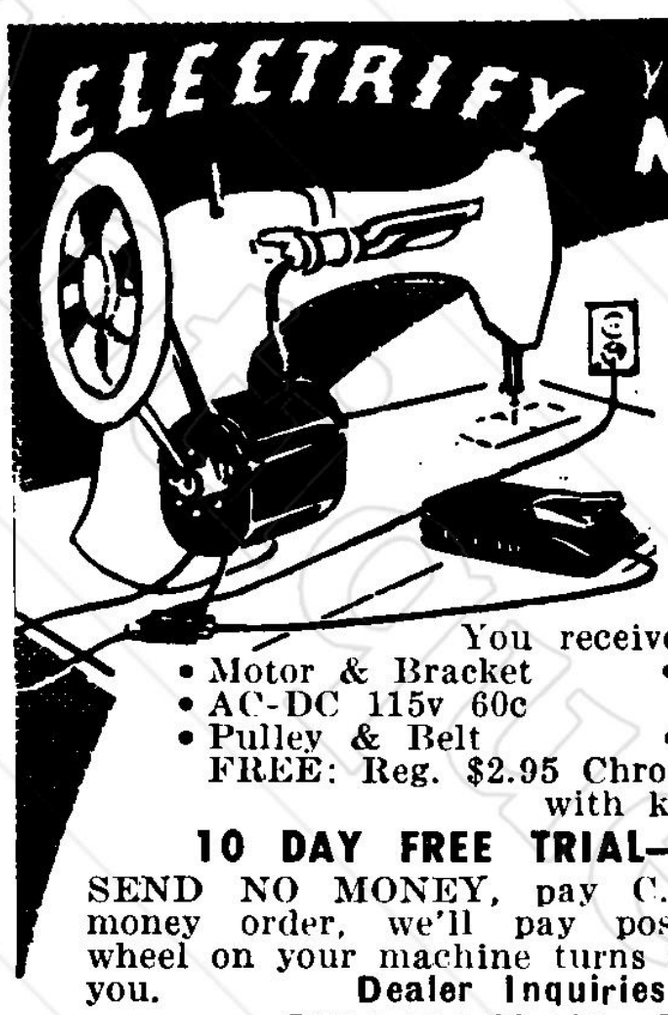
Rnd 5: Ch 3, turn, dc in each of next 8 dc, ch 3, sl st in last dc of group and across ch-9 into first dc of next group, ch 3, dc in each of next 9 dc, * ch 10, make a long tr (thread over hook 6 times) into one free edge of center knot, work off 2 lps at a time, ch 11, make another long tr in same place, ch 10, * work across bow same as other end, then repeat from * to *, join with sl st to tip of first ch 3.

Rnd 6: Ch 3 for a dc, dc in each of next 9 dc, * ch 8, dtr in 5th ch of ch-9, ch 8, dc in each of next 10 dc, ch 2, sk 2 ch of ch-10 below, dc in next, (ch 2, sk 1 st, dc in next) 3 times, ch 2, sk 1 ch and the long dtr, dc in first ch of ch 11, ch 2, sk 1 ch, dc in next, ch 2, sk 2 ch, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch, this last sp becomes the center sp of open work. Ch 2, sk 2 ch, dc in next, ch 2, sk 1 ch, dc in ch just before long tr, ch 2, dc in second ch from last long tr, (ch 2, sk 1 ch, dc in next) 3 times, ch 2, * dc in each st of 10 dc group, repeat from * to *, join with sl st in top of ch-3 first made.

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Rnd 8: Ch 3, * dc in each of next 9 dc, (ch 7, skip 4 sl st, dtr in 5th) twice, ch 7, work 10 dcs, (ch 5, sk 2 sps, dc in next dc) 4 times, ch 5, sk center sp, dc in next dc, (ch 5, sk 2 sps, dc in dc) 4 times, repeat from * around, join with sl st.

Rnd 9: Ch 3, * dc in each of 9 dc, (dc in each ch of ch-7 to dtr, 3 dc in dtr) twice, dc in each ch of ch-7 and across the dc group to sps, (ch 2, sk 2 sts, dc in next) 9 times, ch 2, dc in same st as last dc, 9 more sps, repeat from * around and join with sl st.

Rnd 10: Sl st into next dc, ch 3, dc in each of next 12 dcs, 2 dc in next dc, (dc in each of next 5 dc, 2 dc in next dc) 3 times, dc in each of the next 11 dc, dc in each of next 2 dc worked off together, ch 2, dc in last dc on bow, work sps across open work, making 3 sps over center sp, repeat the sps to bow. Work other end of bow in same manner as first, also section of open work, join with sl st.

Rnd 11: Work a row of dcs across bow end, decrease at each outside edge of bow and shape by working 2 dc in one dc at 3 different points across end. Ch 5, sk a sp, dc in next dc, continue to make ch-5 sps. Work other end of bow and the sps in the same manner as first half, join.

Rnd 12: Ch 3, dc around end of bow, making decrease at each edge and add 2 sts at 2 different points to shape. Work 13 ch-2 sps over ch-5 sps, ch 2, dc in same st as last dc, 13 more sps. Work second half as for first and join.

Rnd 13: Ch 5, sk 1 dc, dc in next dc, (ch 2, sk 1 dc, dc in next dc) 9 times, dc in each of next 3 dc, 2 dc in next, dc in each of next 4 dc, make 10 sps to correspond to other side of bow, continue making sps around, in center end of open work make 3 sps. Continue working in same manner as for first.

Rnd 14: Ch 9, sk 2 sps, dc in next dc, (ch 5, sk 2 sps, dc in next) 4 times, * dc in each of next 9 dc, (ch 5, sk 2 sps, dc in next) 12 times, now work ch-5 sp over center sp, make 12 more ch-5 sps along side of open work and part of bow. Repeat from * around and join.

Rnd 15: Sl st to third ch of ch 5, ch 9, tr over next ch-5 below, (ch 5, tr over next ch-5) 3 times, ch 5, tr in first dc below, dc in each of next 2 dc, hdc in next, sc in each of next 2 dc, hdc in next, dc in each of next 2 dc,

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tr in last dc, ch 5, tr over ch-5 sp and continue making these sps to center point of open work, make 1 sp in center sp, continue working the same as for first part and join to 4th ch of ch 9.

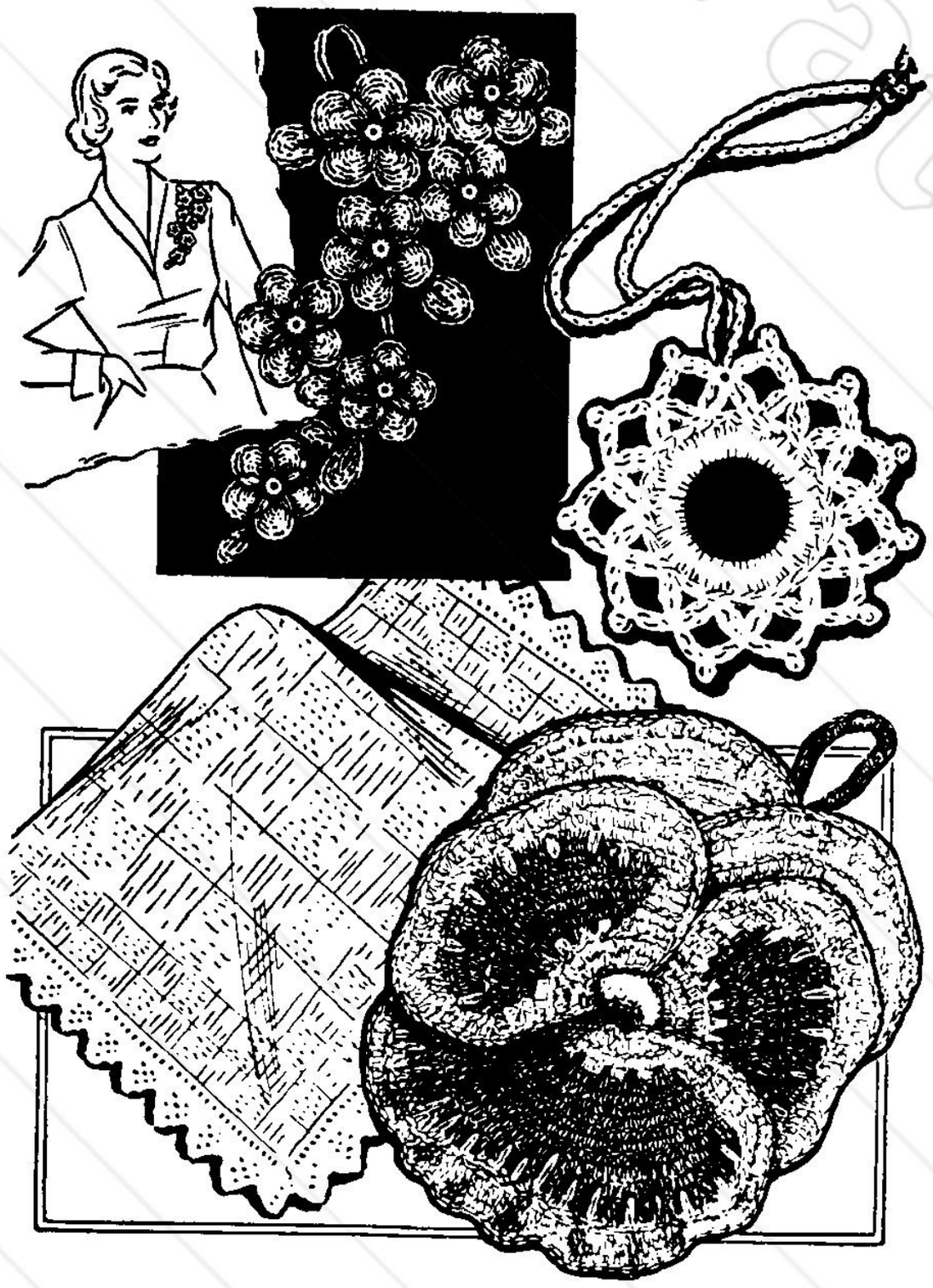
Rnd 16: Ch 1, (5 sc over ch-5 sp) 5 times, * sc in each of next 10 sts, (5 sc over ch-5 sp) 5 times, (ch 5, tr in next sp) 9 times, make 1 sp in center sp, make 8 sps, ch 5, (5 sc in next sp) 5 times, repeat from * around and join.

Rnd 17: Sl st in 3 sc to center of sp, (ch 9, sc in center sc of next sp) 4 times, ch 12, sk the 10 sc group, sc in center of next sp; continue making an edge of ch 9 lps around with 12-ch lp at end of bow, join and fasten off.

Small Doily—Work same as large doily, omitting one section of the open work and the next to last row. Bow ends of small doily made from open ends of knot instead of from the side.

Starch and pin doily right-side-down, pin out points.

What's Ahead



The coming issues of The WORKBASKET offer a variety of items in crocheting, tatting and knitting, as well as other interesting reading matter.

For those of you who have a pan holder collection, there will be another to add to it. This time it is a pansy pan holder in crochet. Also there is a crocheted curtain pull that can be made of a bright color to harmonize with the room in which it is to be used.

To adorn your shoulder there is a tatted ornament which consists of flowers and leaves—it would be handsome on a navy or black dress.

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Abbreviations: K (knit); p (purl); tog (together); sts (stitches); inc (increase); dec (decrease); O (yarn over); eyelet—k 2 tog, O twice, k 2 tog.

Cast on 3 sts to begin and k one row.

Row 2: O, k 2, pick up and k the st between that just made and the last st in row, which is the one on the left needle, k 1. This makes an increase, which will fall in every other row, without regard to other sts in these rows. This inc also makes the openings into which the fringe is later fastened. Row 3: K 5.



Row 4: An over at the beginning of every other row makes a pretty lacy edge. O, k 4, inc 1, k 1. Row 5: K 7.

Row 6: O, k 6, inc 1, k 1. Row 7: K 9.

Row 8 begins the openwork at the scallop edge with an eyelet. For this row, work as follows: O, k 2, k 2 tog, O twice, k 2 tog—eyelet made, k to end st, inc 1, k 1.

Row 9: In the row following an eyelet, the first "over" you come to should be knitted off and the next one purled; this sequence should be

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understood in: "k next row"; always k from there to end st, inc 1, k 1.

For eyelet row (as in rows 8, 12, 16, 20, 24), always: O, k 2, k 2 tog, O twice, k 2 tog—an eyelet begun—k to the last st, inc, k last st.

Row after eyelet (as in rows 9, 13, 17, 21), always: K to second "over" on needle; p it to complete eyelet, then k 4 to end.

Next row (as in rows 10, 14, 18, 22), always: O, k to end st, inc 1, k last st.

Next row (as in rows 11, 15, 19, 23), always: K all.

Row 25: K 20, k 2 tog to dec or narrow, p 1 (this is the second "over"), k 4. With row 25—there are now 27 sts on the needle—begin to shape the other side of point by decreasing, but still continue to make the increases on the long diagonal side, as before.

Row 26: O, k 4, k 2 tog or dec, k 19, inc 1, k 1.

Row 27: K 21, k 2 tog, k 4.

Row 28: O, k 2, eyelet, dec, k to last st, inc 1, k 1.

Row 29: K 20, k tog one st and the first "over" for a dec, p next "over," k 4.

Row 30: O, k 2, k 2 tog or dec, k 21, inc 1, k 1.

Row 31: K 21, dec, k 4.

Row 32: O, k 2, eyelet, dec, k 17, inc 1, k 1.

Row 33: K 20, dec by k 1 and first "over", p 1, k 4.

Row 34: O, k 2, dec, k 21, inc 1, k 1.

Row 35: K 21, dec, k 4.

Row 36: O, k 2, eyelet, dec, k 17, inc 1, k 1.

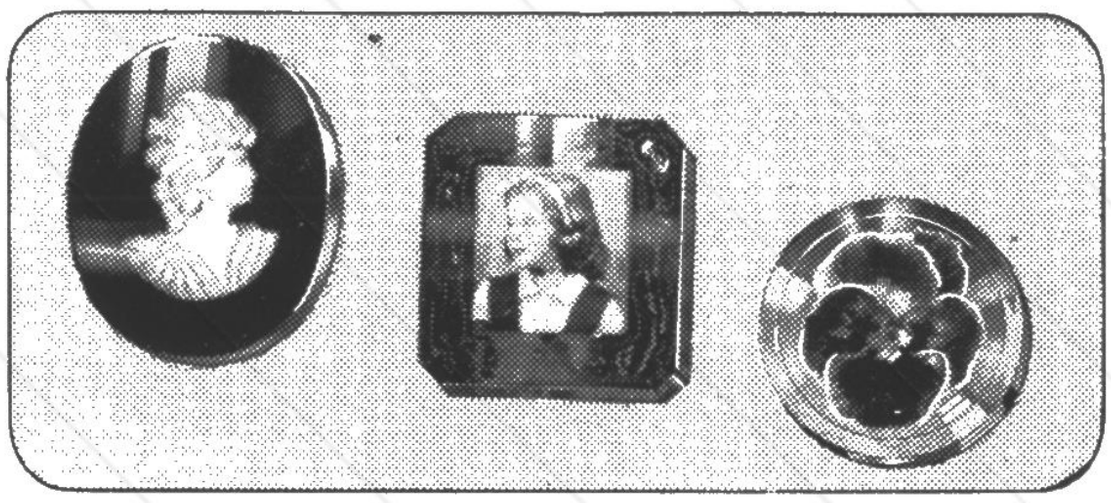
Row 37: K 20, dec, p 1, k 4.

Row 38: O, k 2, dec, k 21, inc 1, k 1.

Row 39: K 21, dec, k 4.

This brings you back to the place from which the point is increased again as at the beginning, which should be worked as for row 8. These points

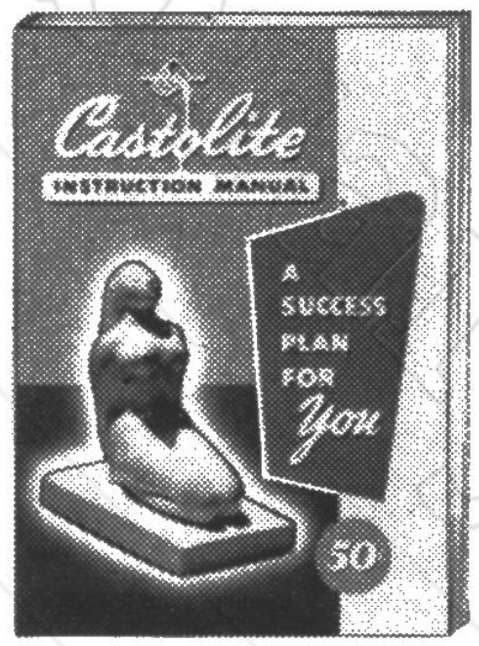
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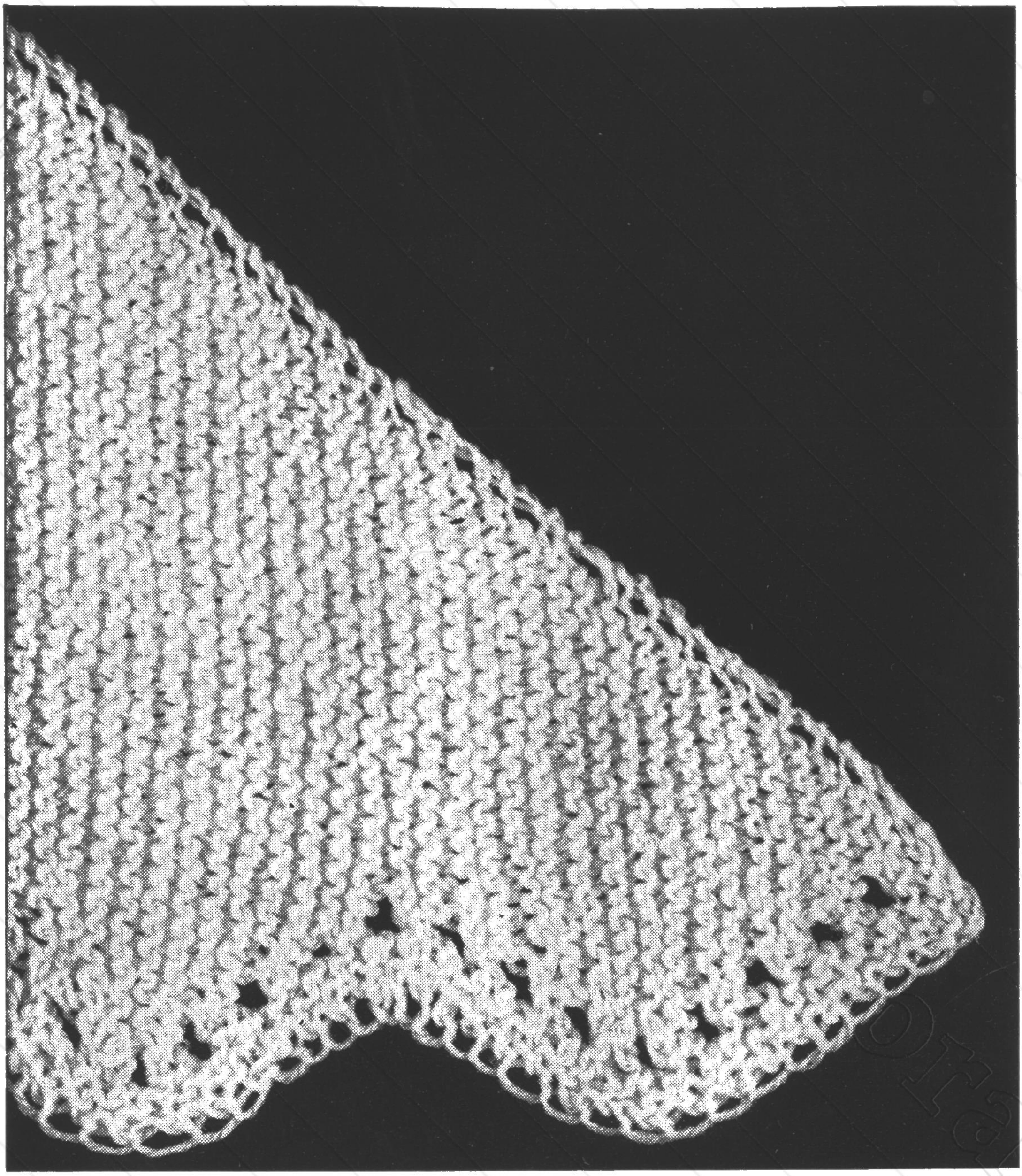


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are continued, with an ever increasing number of sts between them and the increases for long diagonal side. Continue these points and the increases on the long diagonal side, with an ever increasing number of sts between them until four complete points have been made, and the fifth is worked to its point. From here on, decrease on the opposite side by knitting 2 tog, O, k 2 tog every other row on the long diagonal edge, k even on rows between; this will continue to make openings for fringe, but will shape or decrease this side. Continue knitting points as you started, and bind off when three sts remain.

Fringe—With white or contrasting yarn, cut 4 strands about 4½ inches long, loop through the eyelet or opening across the back, draw ends through tightly; repeat all around. Trim evenly.

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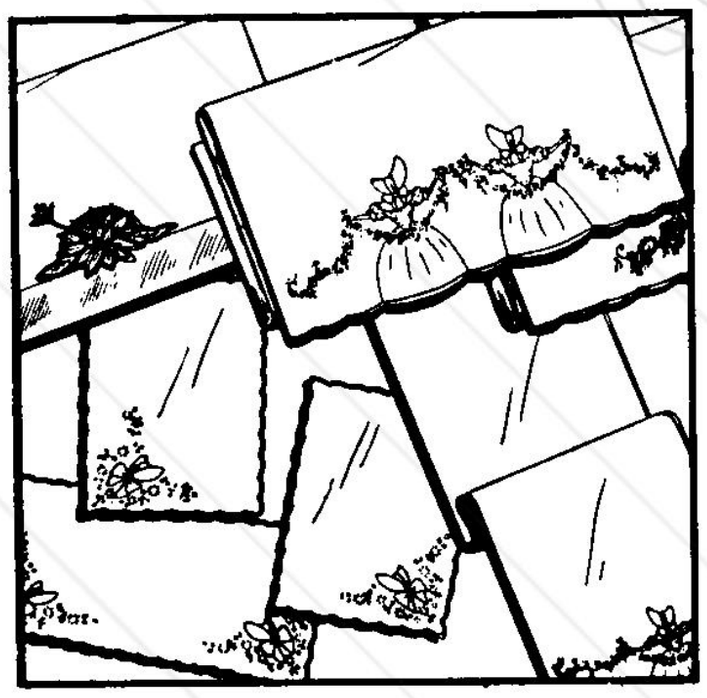


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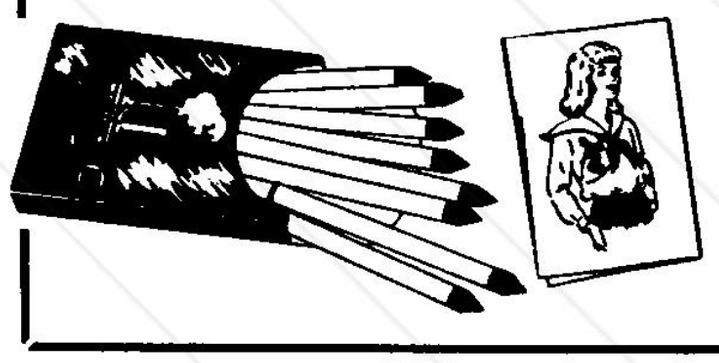
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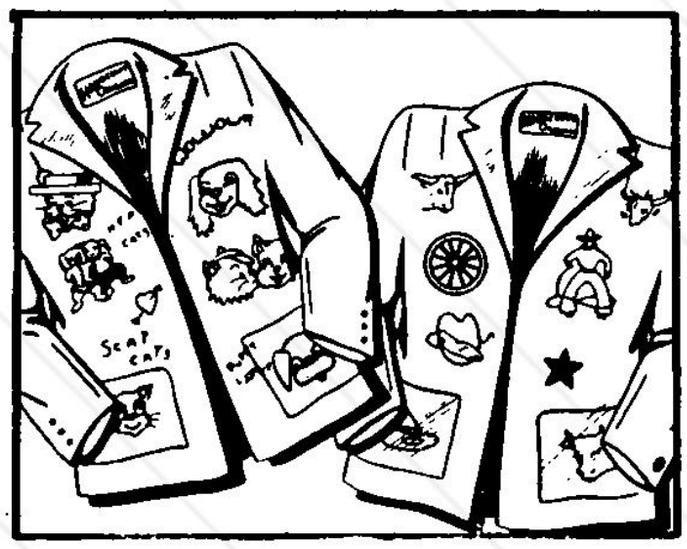
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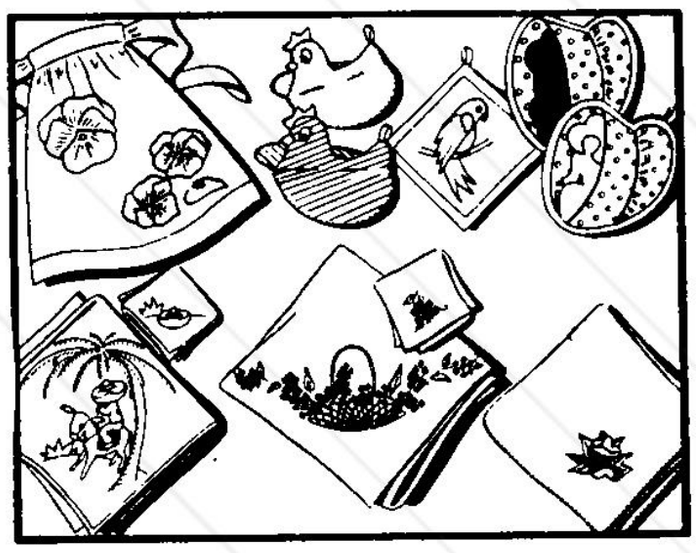
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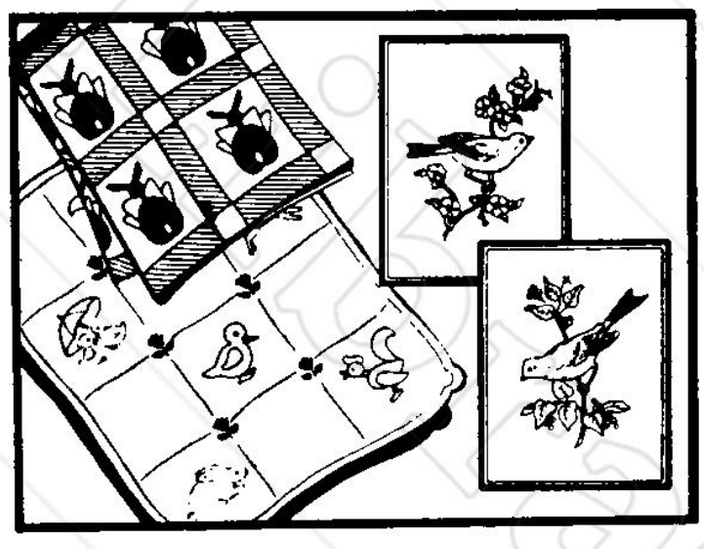




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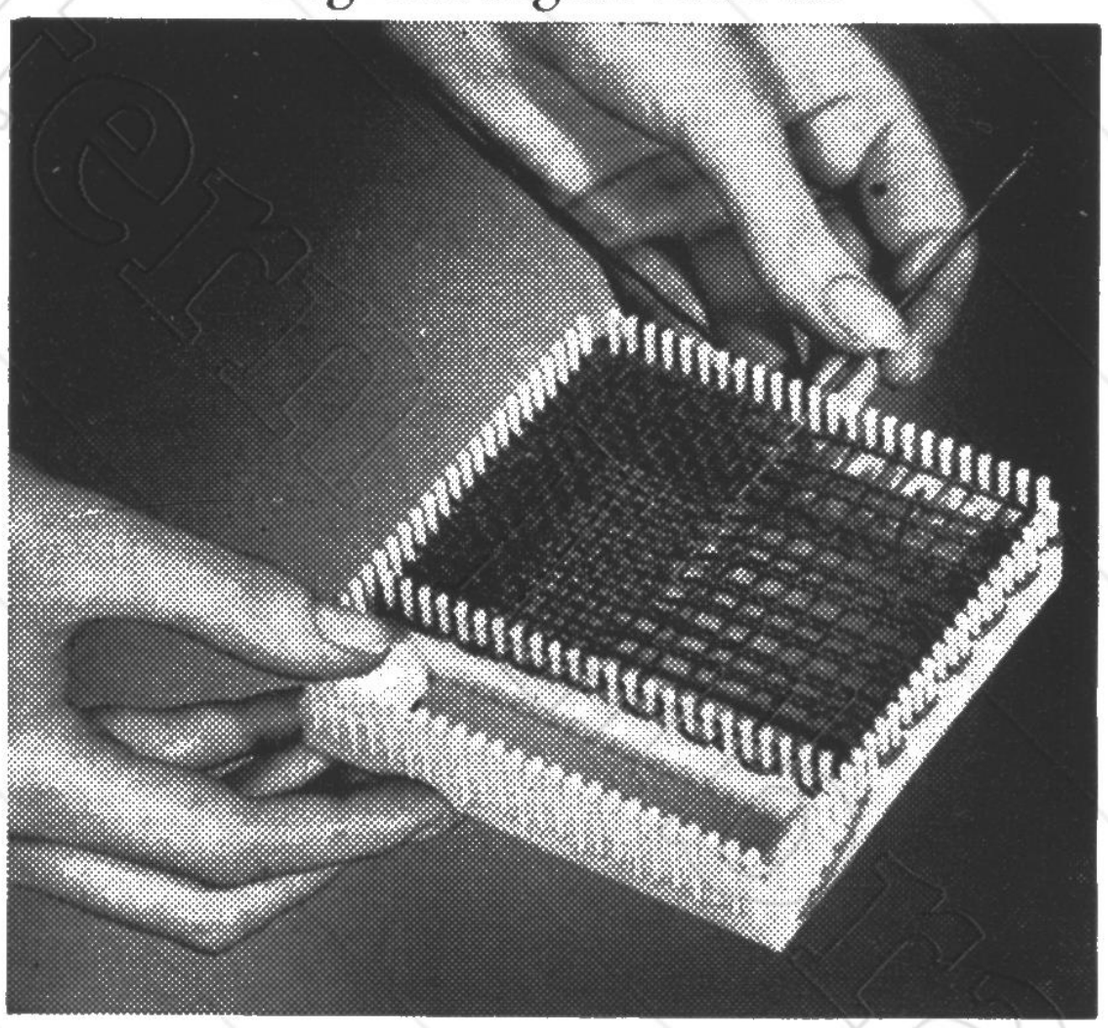
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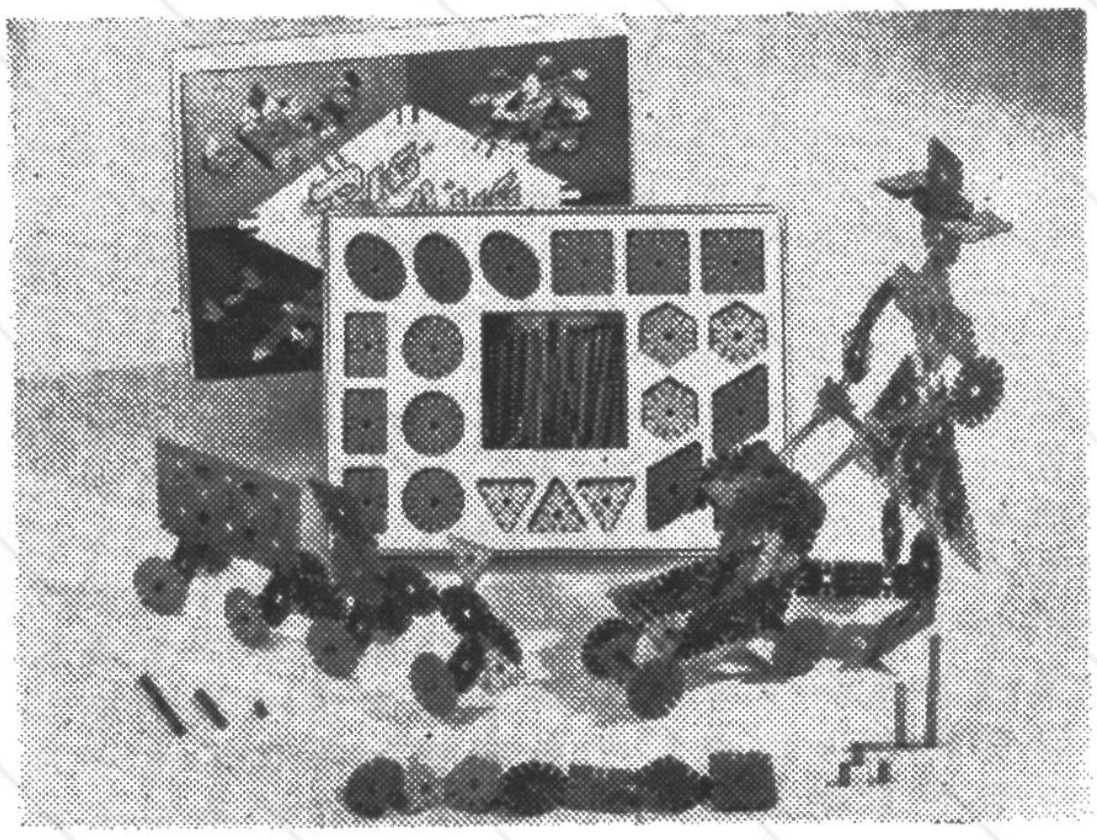
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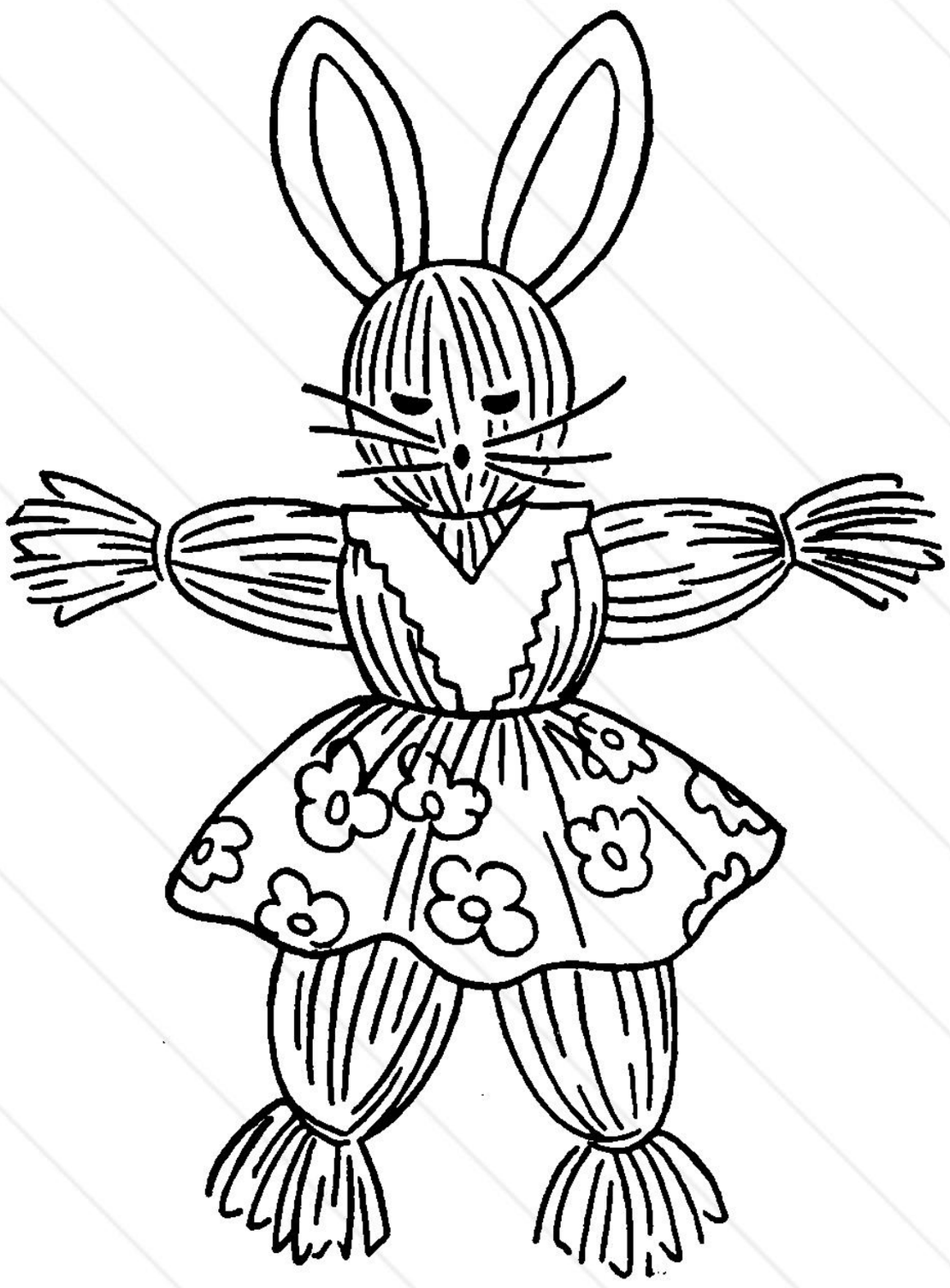
Her Bunnies Bring Her Money

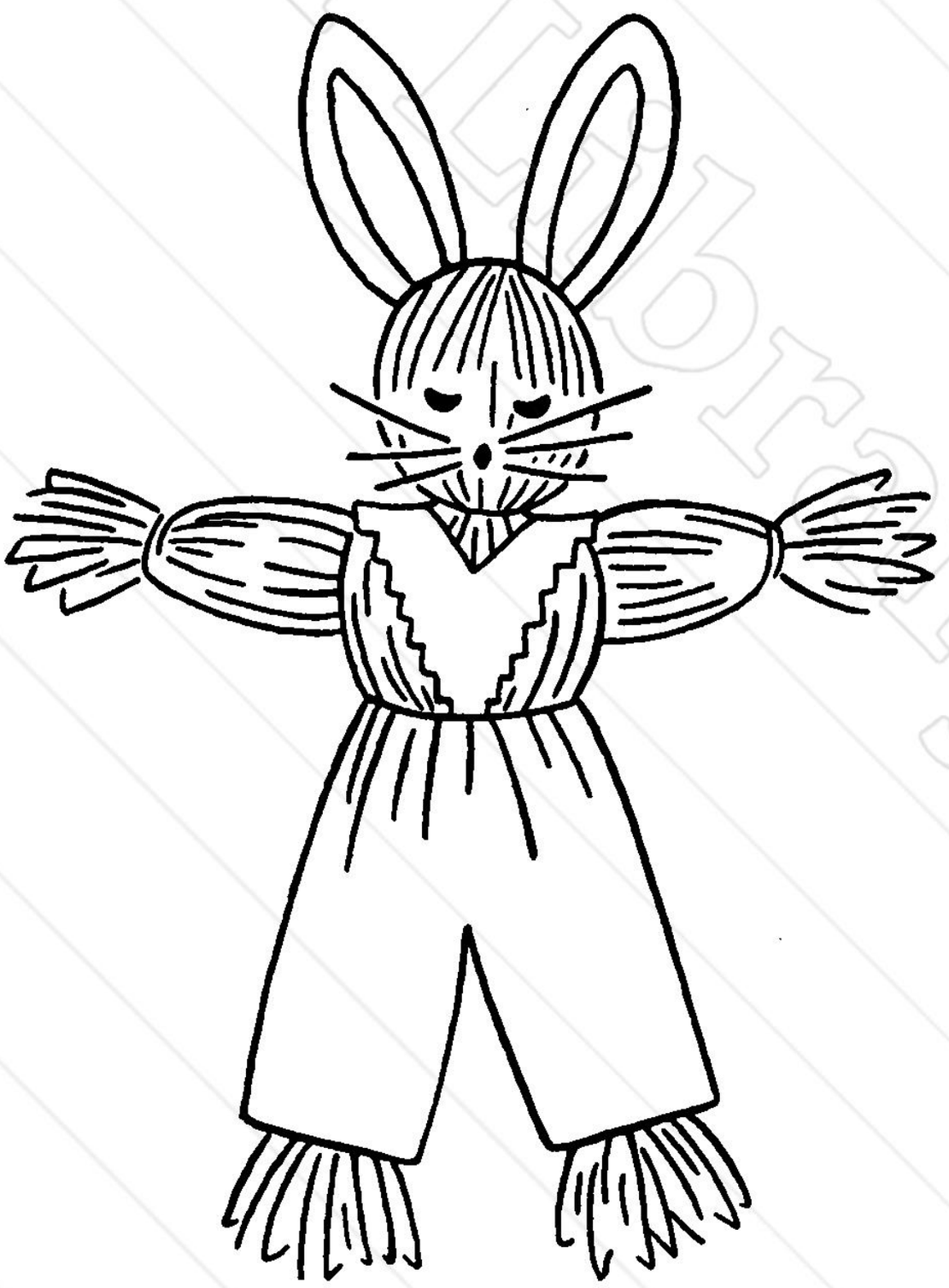
In the early months of the new year my Easter bunny production begins. From scraps of yarn left from winter knitting, scraps of cloth and felt, and pipe cleaners, my tiny bunnies are created. Each year brings new uses for them, adding to the money the bunnies bring.

When I made the first yarn bunnies several years ago they were used for gifts to my friends to be worn on their lapels. The tiny yarn ornaments sold themselves in my home town, Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, and soon I was making bunnies by the dozens, selling them first for twenty-five cents, later for fifty or seventy-five cents, depending upon their size. I sold larger ones, six inches or more in height, for babies' cribs or carriages. They were bought for Easter table decorations and also for additions to children's Easter baskets. Many very tiny ones have been sent as messengers of good will with conventional Easter greeting cards.

My business has never needed high pressure advertising, for these little rabbits speak for themselves. A few weeks before Easter I give lapel size bunnies to my friends to wear, and soon orders begin to come unsolicited. People seem to have a natural affinity for bunnies, resulting in sales on sight. Thus the bunnies multiply, not only in number but also in the dollars in my pocket.

Many needleworkers at one time or another have made yarn dolls for lapel ornaments or toys. The bunnies are made by the very same method with the addition of pipe cleaner ears, and a few clothes to distinguish the boy bunnies from the girl bunnies.





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Materials required are easily obtainable from collections of scraps of yarns, felt and cloth. Yarn and felt scraps can be purchased cheaply from craft supply houses, if not available from other sources. Pipe cleaners are found wherever smoking supplies are sold, as well as from five-and-ten cent stores and department stores. The cleaners come not only in the customary white but also in a mixture of gray and white and in very gay colors. The colored pipe cleaners are by far the most attractive for Easter bunnies. White and black sewing thread are used for the whiskers and pinking scissors are useful when cutting the pinafores and the skirts.

Although the traditional Easter bunny is white, other colors of yarn may be used with most pleasing results. My favorite bunny is made of black yarn and dressed in a red felt pinafore with a tiny red and white pin-striped shirt and flame red ears. The size of the bunny is optional. Small ones, about two inches in height, are appropriate for greeting card enclosures and for table decorations; larger ones, about three inches or slightly bigger, are the best size for lapel pins, while any size larger may be used for babies' toys.

The body of the bunny is made by wrapping the yarn fifteen or twenty times around a piece of cardboard cut to the desired height of the bunny. The more times the yarn is wrapped the fatter the rabbit will be. Before the yarn is slipped from the cardboard, tie the end with a piece of yarn to form the top of the head and hold the yarn firm. As soon as the yarn is tied at the top, it may be slipped from the cardboard and the ears may be inserted. For ears, use one pipe cleaner, bent in the shape of ears, Figure 1. Insert the loose ends at the end of the loops of yarn where they have already been



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tied and twist the ends of the wire together so that the twist is hidden in the yarn forming the head. Tie the yarn about one inch from the top, thus forming the neck, Figure 2.

Using half as much yarn as for the body, make arms as the body is made by wrapping the yarn around the cardboard. Slip from the cardboard and tie for the hands about one-half inch from each end. Insert the arms below the strand tied for the neck, and tie another piece of yarn around the body below the arms, forming the waist.

The legs are made by dividing the remaining yarn into equal parts, tying as for the arms about half an inch from the ends, thus forming the feet, Figure 3. To give nicely rounded pom-pon shaped hands and feet, clip the ends.

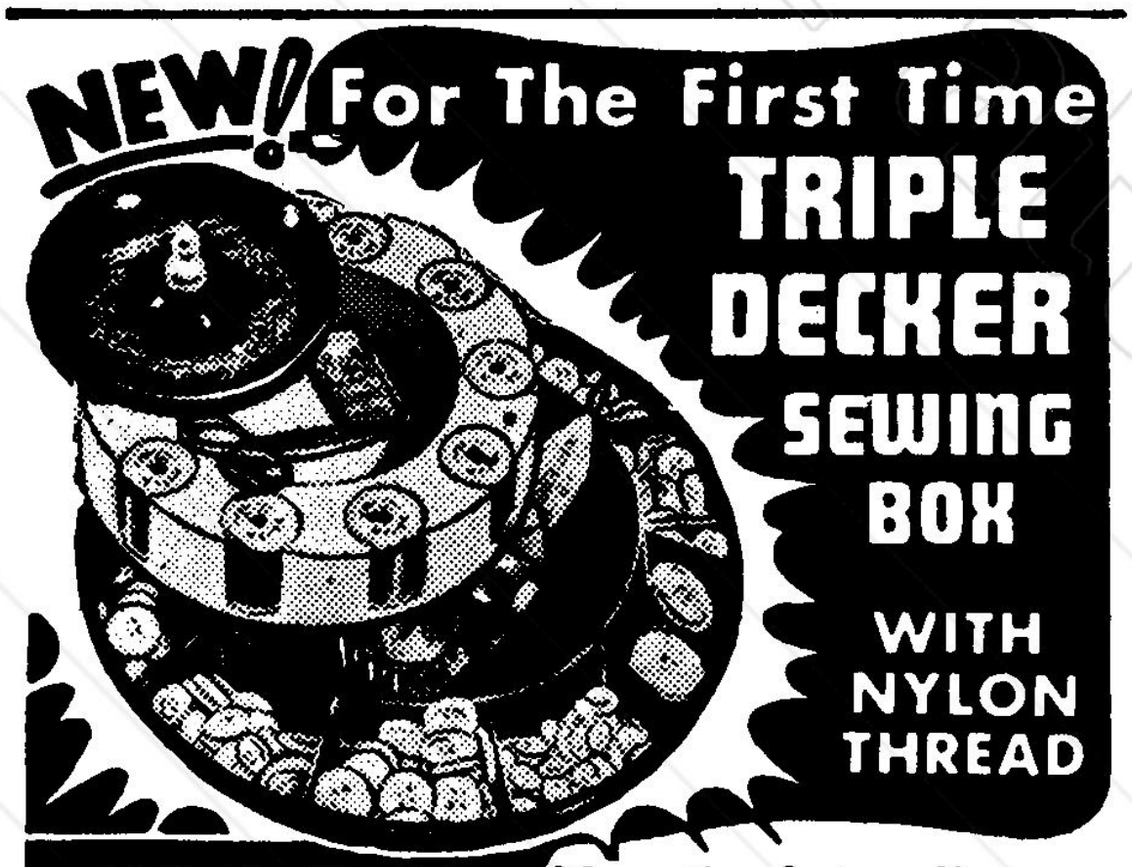
Now the bunnies are ready to dress as either boy or girl bunnies. Select a scrap of felt and cloth that will look well with the body color and cut with a pair of pinking scissors so that it will be unnecessary to labor over tiny hems in skirts and trousers.

Pinafores are used for both boys and girls. They are cut as shown in Figure 4 in a size just large enough to slip over the head of the bunny. Care must be taken that the pinafores do not become too large. After slipping them over the head, sew the pinafores securely at the bunny's waist. For skirts cut a straight piece of material about twice the size needed to encircle the bunny. Gather the top of the skirt tightly and sew it to the waist of the bunny. The longer the piece of cloth for the skirt, the more the skirt will flare after it has been sewed.

For trousers cut two pieces the length of the bunny from the waist to the feet. Cut a slit the length of the legs and sew the two pieces together, Figure 5. Gather around the waist and sew fast.

The faces may be made with black yarn for the eyes and black thread for the whiskers. White thread and yarn are naturally used for black bunnies. Eyes are made by putting several small stitches on top of each other on the front of the head. Whiskers are made by wrapping thread about ten times around two fingers held together and then by slipping the thread from the fingers and sewing three or four threads tightly in the middle, halfway between the eyes and the neck. The loops at the ends should be clipped.

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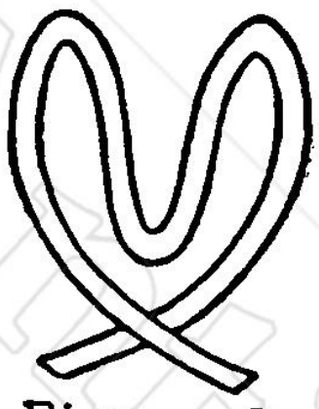


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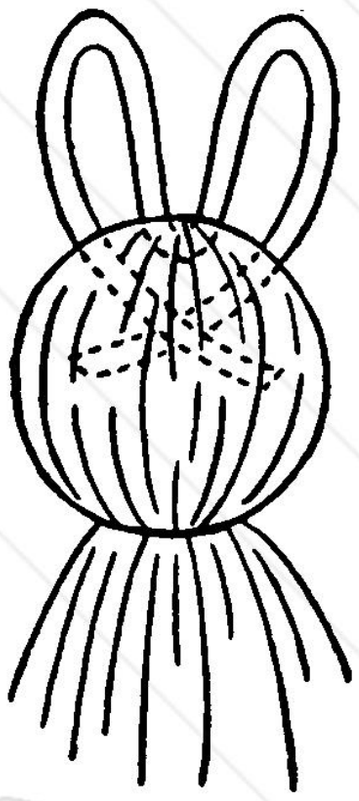


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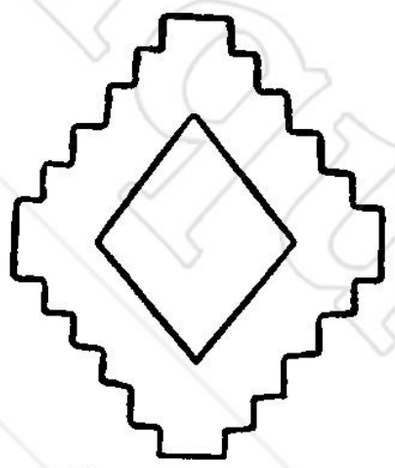


Figure 4



Figure 5

for use as lapel ornaments or when yarn ties are fastened through the top of the head for hanging the bunny on baby carriages or on handles of Easter baskets.

My suggestion is that you make a bunny for yourself and perhaps for a few of your friends. Your bunny future will quickly establish itself, for to see these clever Easter bunnies is to want one, and to want one is to buy one or more.



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Abbreviations: Ch (chain); sc (single crochet); lps (loops); sk (skip); sdc (short double crochet, also called hdc or half double crochet)—yarn over hook, insert in st, pull through, yarn over and pull through all lps at one time; sl st (slip stitch); dec (decrease)—to decrease, insert hook in st, pull lp through, insert hook in next st, pull lp through, yarn over and pull through all lps at one time; inc (increase)—to increase make 2 sts in one.

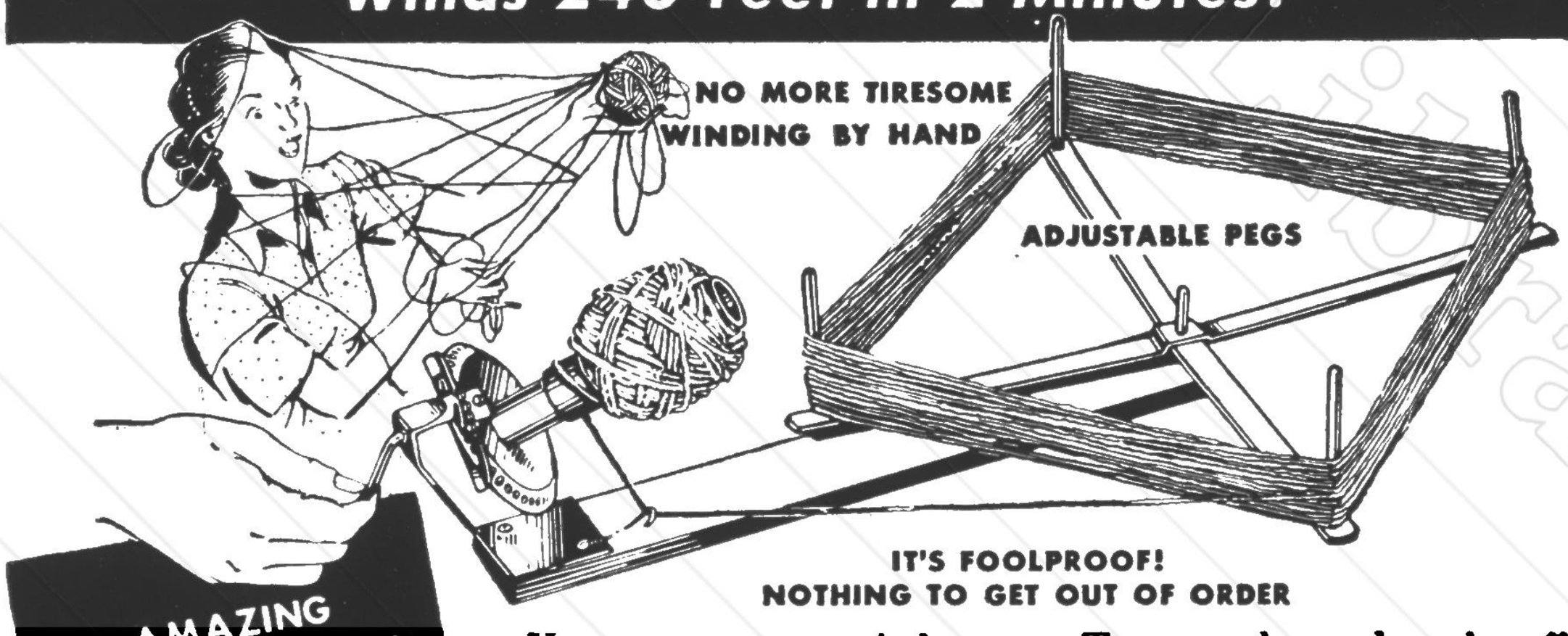
JACKET—With blue, ch 81 and work 80 sc on ch, ch 1, turn.

Row 2: 1 sc in each of the next 15 sc (front), 3 sc in next sc, 1 sc in each of the next 8 sc (shoulder), 3 sc in next sc, 1 sc in each of next 30 sc (back), 3 sc in next sc, 1 sc in each of the next 8 sc (shoulder), 3 sc in next sc, 1 sc in each of the next 15 sc (front), ch 1, turn.

Row 3: 1 sc in each of the next 16 sc, 3 sc in next sc, 1 sc in each of the next 10 sc, 3 sc in next sc, 1 sc in each of the next 32 sc, 3 sc in next sc, 1 sc in each of the next 10 sc, 3 sc in next sc, 1 sc in each of the next 16 sc, ch 1, turn.

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Row 4: 1 sc in each sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 5: Work 1 sc in each sc and 3 sc in center sc at each of the 4 increasing points, ch 1, turn. Repeat the 4th and 5th rows 5 times, but do not ch 1 at end of last row.



Row 16: Ch 3, turn, insert hook in third st from hook, yarn over and pull lp through, insert hook in first sc, yarn over and pull lp through, yarn over and pull through all lps at one time, * ch 1, insert hook in lower lp of st just made, yarn over and pull lp through, insert in next sc, yarn over and pull lp through, yarn over and pull through all 3 lps at one time, repeat from * across row.

Row 17: Ch 3, turn, insert hook in third st from hook, yarn over and pull lp through, insert in next st, yarn over and pull lp through, yarn over and pull through all 3 lps at one time, * ch 1, insert hook in lower lp of st just made, yarn over and pull lp through, sk the next ch 1, insert hook in next st, pull lp through, yarn over and pull through all 3 lps at one time (pattern), repeat from * across, increasing 1 pattern at each increasing point. Work 2 rows even in pattern.

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Row 20: Work 25 patterns, ch 4, sk 25 patterns for shoulder, dc in next st, ch 1 (counts as 1 pattern), then work 47 patterns across back, ch 4, sk 25 patterns for shoulder, dc in next st, ch 1, then work 24 patterns across other front, ch 3, turn.

Row 21: Work even in pattern across row, working 3 patterns on underarm ch. Work even in pattern until jacket measures 8 inches from neck edge, cut yarn.

SLEEVE: Join yarn at underarm and work 31 patterns around armhole, join, ch 3, turn. Work even in pattern having 31 patterns in each row, joining each row and turning each row until sleeve measures 4 inches from underarm.

Next Row: 1 sc in each pattern (31 sc), join and work 3 more rows in sc, cut yarn. Work other sleeve in same manner. Join blue at top of neck and working around neck only, ch 3, sk 1 st, sdc in next st, * ch 1, sk 1 st, sdc in next st, repeat from * around neck, cut yarn.

Join white at neck edge and working around neck, * ch 3, dc in same sp, sk 1 mesh, sc in next mesh (shell pattern), repeat from * around neck, then work in shell pattern down front, across lower edge and up other front skipping the length of a dc between shells, cut yarn. Work in shell pattern around lower edge of each sleeve. Press under a damp cloth. Lace ribbon through beading.

CAP—With blue, ch 5, join to form a ring, ch 1 and work 8 sc in ring, do not join this or the following rows but place a marker at beginning of each row.

Row 2: 2 sc in each sc.

Row 3: Working in sc, increase in

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every other st.

Row 4: Work one row even.

Row 5: Increase in every third st, then work 1 row even.

Row 7: Same as row 5, then work 2 rows even.

Row 10: Increase in every 4th st, then work 1 row even.

Row 12: Work in pattern same as 16th row of jacket working 1 pattern in each st, join, ch 3, turn. Work 4 more rows even in pattern same as on jacket, joining each row and turning each row.

Row 17: Work even in pattern leaving last 16 patterns free for back of neck, ch 3, turn. Turning each row, work even in pattern for 10 rows, ch 1, turn.

Next row: Picking up front lp of st only, work 1 sc in each pattern for turnback, ch 1, turn.

Next row: Working through both lps, 2 sc in first sc, 1 sc in each sc across row, working 2 sc in last sc, ch 1, turn.

Next row: 1 sc in each sc, ch 1, turn. Repeat the last 2 rows twice, then work 2 rows even, cut yarn. With blue, work 2 rows of sc across lower edge, cut blue. Join white and work a row of shell pattern around entire cap. Finish with ribbon bows.

BOOTEES—With blue, ch 18, 3 sdc in third st from hook, 1 sdc in each of the next 14 sts, 4 sdc in end ch, working on other side of ch, work 1 sdc in each of the next 14 sts, join.

Row 2: Ch 2, sdc in same sp, 2 sdc in each of the next 3 sts, 1 sdc in each of the next 13 sts, 2 sdc in each of the next 5 sts, 1 sdc in each of next 13 sts, 2 sdc in last st, join.

Row 3: Ch 2, sdc in same sp, 2 sdc in each of the next 5 sts, 1 sdc in each of the next 16 sts, 2 sdc in each of the next 7 sts, 1 sdc in each remaining st, working 2 sdc in last st, join.

Row 4: Ch 2 and work 1 sdc in each sdc, join.

Row 5: Ch 1 and working in back lp of st only, work 1 sc in each sdc. Without joining rows and working through both lps of st work 4 more rows of sc even. Fold in half lengthwise and mark center for toe.

Row 10: 1 sc in each sc around decreasing 3 sts at center toe.

Row 11: Start instep. Working in back lp of st, work 1 sc in each of the next 8 sts, sl st in each of the next 2 sts working through both lps, turn.

Row 12: Sk the 2 sl sts and working in back lp of st, work 1 sc in each of the next 8 sts, working through both lps, sl st in each of the next 2 sts on side of bootee, turn. Repeat the last row 4 times.

Next row: Sk the 2 sl sts, working in back lp of st only, work 1 sc in each of the next 8 sc, sl st in same st in side of bootee, ch 3, sk 1 sc, sdc in next sc, * ch 1, sk 1 sc, sdc in next sc, repeat from * all around (beading), ch 1, join in second st of ch.

Next Row: 2 sc in each ch 1 mesh, join.

Next Row: Ch 3 and work in pattern same as jacket, working a pattern in every other st, do not join, turn.

Working back and forth, work 4 more rows even in pattern, cut yarn. Join white and work shell pattern around top and each side of opening. Work other bootee in same manner reversing the opening. Lace ribbon through beading. Sew a button in position at tip of last row of blue and fasten with a loop of shell.

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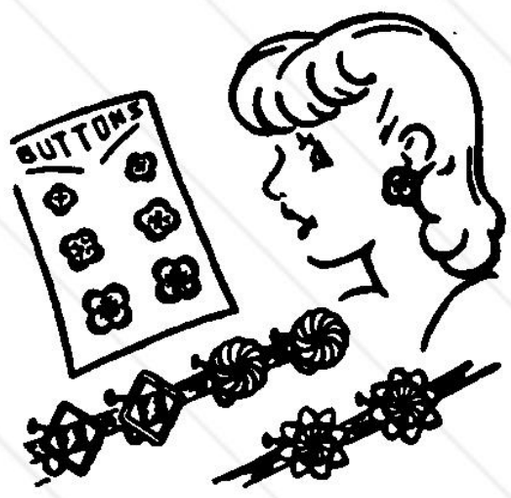
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Earrings From Buttons



My mother's button collection started me on a hobby that has been enjoyable and profitable as well. Needing earrings for a new dress, I raided her button box and armed with the kitchen cement and an old pair of pearl earrings, improvised the jewelry that I was unable to buy. Later, lacking pin money, I remembered my past handiwork. Searching the stores I found many unusual buttons adaptable to my idea. With a sharp knife I cut away the loop in back and cement the flat button to the waiting earring back. Since buttons are comparatively low in price I can sell my earrings at a larger profit and still appeal to the bargain hunting housewives. The time spent is negligible, the results, pretty and productive of pin money.

Mrs. Bonner M. Phelps.

Hand Made Western Shirts



My stepmother, Beth M. Wishart of Jacumba, California, always liked to sew, but when she made a pair of fancy western shirts for my father and me for Christmas, she really started something! Her eye for color, and skill with the needle produced garments, the like of which sell for fabulous prices in sports clothes stores. Her friends began wanting fancy rodeo shirts, and then their friends, until complete strangers were giving her orders. Now, she is considering setting up a shop. What began as a means of

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providing two simple Christmas gifts, has grown into an almost full-fledged business. Where else can you get a shirt like Roy Rogers' for $10?

Mimette Wishart

Cookie Cutter Cutouts



I have found a ready sale in my home town of Morristown, Arizona, for my cookie cutter cutout pincushions. I make these by tracing around all kinds of animal and other cookie cutters onto felt. I cut them out, sew together by hand and stuff with cotton but add sachet powder before the final stitches are taken. A gray felt horse, for instance, will have a white bead eye, with a smaller black bead for a pupil, a black mane, which is a strip of felt snipped along one edge, and a black braided tail of yarn. A dot of red felt forms his nose. A light blue felt rabbit will have a pink eye, a small brushed pompon for a tail (made of white wool yarn) and a little gold bell tied on a ribbon around his neck. While a pink elephant will have a brown pannier, a wisp of brown yarn tail, and bugle beads decorate his headdress of brown. A yellow chicken has red felt feet and bill, a white wing and a black bead eye. A Scottie dog wears a little red felt sweater, has very small buttons for eyes. These attractive little pincushions sell for 60 cents each and are fun to make.

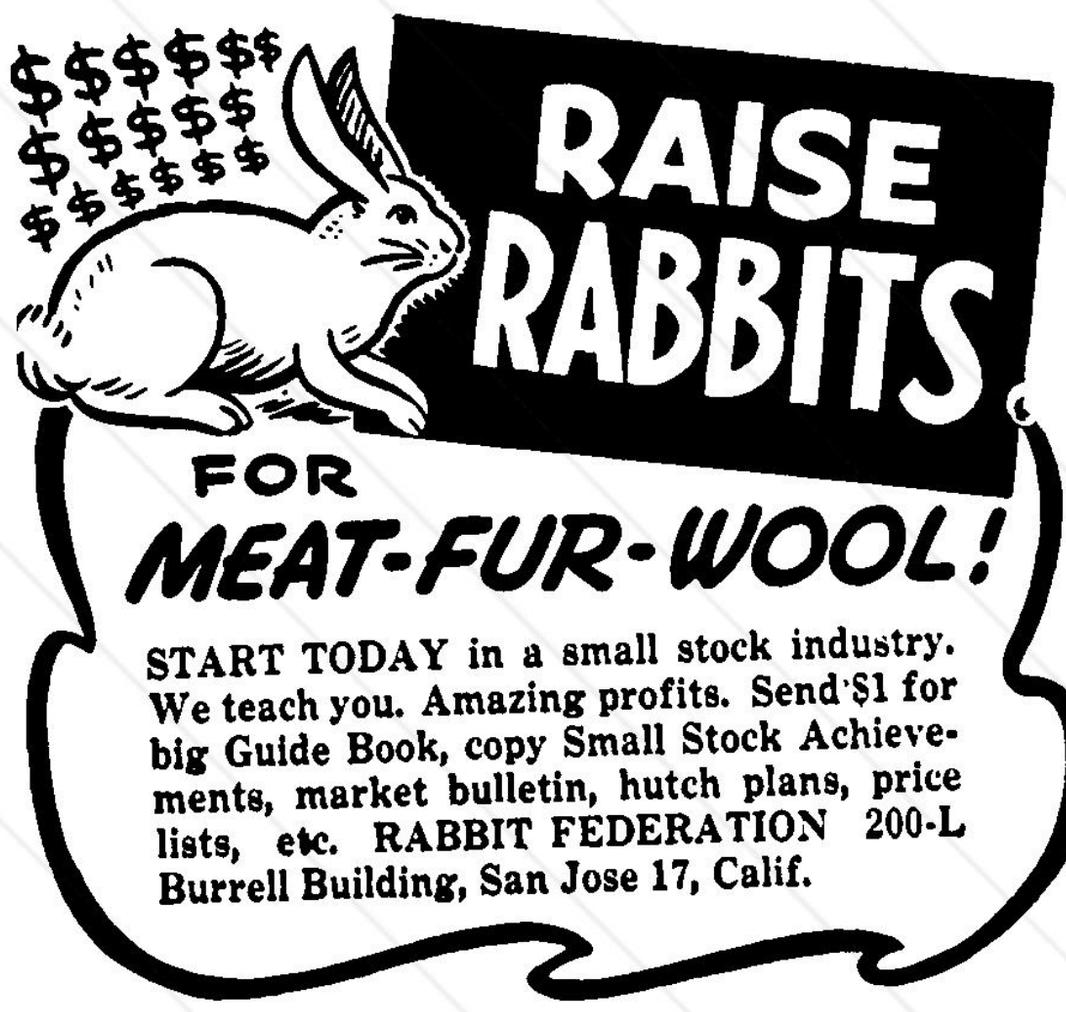
Merle Lomker

Candy For The Public



The general public has a "sweet tooth" and I am capitalizing on this knowledge by making candy to sell. Since I am unable to work away from home at the present time, I find this very worthwhile. I make two kinds of walnut fudge, brown sugar and chocolate, which I package in cellophane bags. These I sell for twenty cents each. I place two rows of fudge lengthwise in each bag, three pieces in each row. Then I fold over the top of the bag and seal it neatly in the center with Scotch tape. My sister sells all that I can make in her roadside berry stand which is located on a busy highway. I also bake and sell Toll House cookies and coconut macaroons which I package the same way, either by the half dozen in small bags or by the dozen in larger ones.

Clara Anderson.



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Aunt Ellen's CLUB NOTES

What Clubs Are Doing

Pennies can soon add to a worthwhile figure. Various clubs have found it true by having a "Birthday Box" and at every meeting, each member who has a birthday during the month puts in as many pennies as she is old. At the end of the club year, there is quite a generous contribution for the club treasury.

Here is a variation from the regular food or bake sale. An Aunt Ellen club had a "make believe" food sale. When the time came for the sale, each member estimated the cost of the food that she would donate and the amount she would spend to buy food at the sale, thus she would contribute that amount.

Quilting parties are still popular among many Aunt Ellen groups and the craft of quilting as practiced by our grandmothers is being revived and used in many kinds of decorations for the home and clothing.

Musical programs seem to have been the highlight for many clubs the past several months. These programs were made very enjoyable and ones to remember. It helped to make the songs more interesting to tell a short story of each author's or composer's life.

Textile painting and sewing makes money for many clubs. Feed sacks are usually used; however other materials can be used. The colorful prints are used to make aprons and children's things. Luncheon sets and pillow slips are made from the white and pastel solid colors. With several members of one club working on this project, they soon accumulated enough for a sale. Kitchen curtains and dish towels are also made.

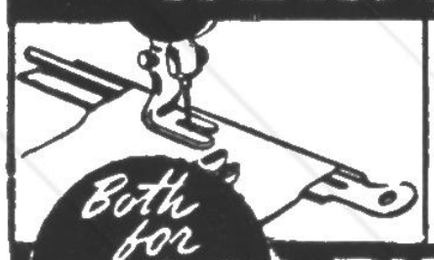
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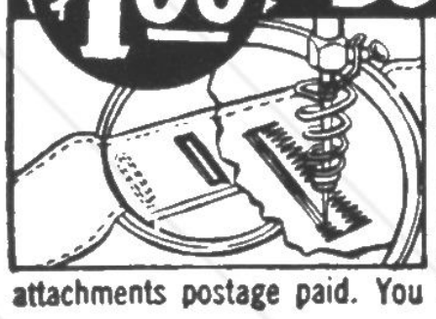
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mosphere best for freezing foods and containers for frozen foods are discussed in the following paragraphs. In future issues we plan to take up the preparation of vegetables and meats for quick freezing and the preparation and serving of cooked frozen foods.

Frozen Food Lockers

Freezer lockers are used to supplement rather than to replace other methods of preservation. They are most satisfactory if located near where the family frequently goes. Quick frozen foods held at zero temperature retain most of the natural flavor, color and texture of fresh foods if properly processed. Even solid frozen foods dry out, change color, become tough and lose their nutritive value if not properly handled.

A large portion of fruits and vegetables still is canned, stored, dried or brined and a part of the meat is still canned and cured even if a freezer locker is used.

Keeping food in a freezer locker is much more expensive than other methods of preservation, but it is the easiest and the most effective way of preserving the qualities enjoyed in the fresh products.

Families having a freezer locker or a home freezer unit can have a greater variety of home produced foods in the diet the year around; they will find these more palatable and more nutritious. Freezing food requires less effort, time, and equipment and waste through spoilage is much less than with other methods.

Long periods of storage for food are not recommended. Foods that are in lockers for too long a period of time, lose much of their freshness. It is a good practice to keep the food moving, but still keep the locker filled as this space is very valuable.

The promptness and speed with which a food is frozen solid and the temperature at which the frozen food is held determine to a large degree the final quality of the product.

When foods freeze, the water content has a tendency to separate from the food material, color and flavor. The water freezes in pure ice crystals which break some of the cell walls or tissue as they expand in freezing. If foods are frozen quickly, there are fewer of these changes. Small packages, no extra folds or thickness of paper and spreading rather than stacking the packages are factors that speed up the freezing.

It is essential to have containers as near a moisture-vapor-proof as possible. No liquid, vapor or air should get out of or into the packaged product. Packages, cartons or jars that are inexpensive, easy to fill and seal, easy to open

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and economical are ideal for storage use. Heavily waxed containers with sturdy lids are satisfactory for fruits and vegetables. The wax should be heavy enough so that you can easily scrape off with finger nail. Ice cream cartons are not suitable to use. Boxes with cellophane or other moisture-vapor-resistant bags that can be sealed are quite satisfactory.

Packages should be firm and stack readily without crumpling. Pint and quart size containers are usually preferable to larger containers; this depends on the size of the family. The size and shape of the package are important as they affect the rate at which the product can be quick-frozen.

The paper should be so strong that it will not tear when handled, even if it is wet or very cold. It should be impermeable to dust and dirt. A tight, compact and smooth package that is as air-tight as possible is the most satisfactory wrap.

All foods in the locker should be labeled with the name of the product, the date of packing and the owner's locker number. A soft lead pencil, a wax pencil or freezer locker tape labels are suggested for marking. An up-to-date inventory card shows at a glance what is in the locker.

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or pin on each member. Use them to locate partners for games; you may call for the cabins and hatchets to form separate groups.

Cherry tarts would be ideal to serve at the meeting. Small sandwiches and homemade cookies served with hot spice tea is another suggestion.

Games

Flag Contest—Give each guest a slip of paper on which are written questions about things found on the flag. Ask them to fill in the answers with something that is found on the flag.

1. What is often seen in the sky? Stars
2. What is seen at the seashore? Waves
3. What do we call a gloomy state of mind? Blue
4. What has the flag in common with the zebra? Stripes

Add a Letter—Add a letter to the front of each of the following words to get an entirely different word. If proper letters are added, you will spell something very popular this month. The first one to finish and with the right letter gets a prize of a small flag.

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With The Cooks



The WORKBASKET will pay $2 each for any recipes for your family's favorite dish published in these columns. Address them to Food Editor, The WORKBASKET, 2401 Burlington, Kansas City 16, Mo. We regret that we cannot publish every recipe and that we cannot return those not used, nor correspond about them. The decision must be left to our judges.

"Log Cabin" Chocolate Cake

1⅓ cups flour
1 cup sugar
⅓ cup cocoa
1 teaspoon soda
½ teaspoon salt
1 egg
1 cup sour milk
or
1 cup cold coffee
Scant ½ cup melted shortening
1 teaspoon vanilla

Method: Sift all dry ingredients three times, the last time sift into mixing bowl; make a hollow in flour mixture and add egg, sour milk or coffee, melted shortening and vanilla. Beat until well blended, pour into a greased and floured 9x9 pan or small oblong baking dish. To make a 2-layer cake, double the recipe.

Ice with your favorite chocolate icing. Then with a pastry tube filled with whipped cream or with the commercial product that is ready whipped, make a log cabin on top of cake.

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1¾ cups sugar
½ teaspoon salt
¾ cup shortening
1⅛ cups milk (2 tablespoons equal ⅛ cup)
¾ teaspoon vanilla
½ teaspoon almond extract
⅔ cup egg whites beaten

Method: Sift dry ingredients, add shortening and milk. Beat 2 minutes. Add flavoring and fold in beaten egg whites. Fills 2 nine-inch layer pans. Bake at 350 degrees for about 35 to 40 minutes.

Mrs. Roosevelt M. Schaller
Wisconsin.

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Never Fail White Icing

1 cup sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon cream of tartar
2 unbeaten egg whites
3 tablespoons water
1 teaspoon vanilla

Allow water to come to the boiling point in lower section of a double boiler. Combine all ingredients except vanilla in top of double boiler, place over lower section. Beat with beater until frosting is fluffy (3 to 5 minutes), add vanilla.

Grace McCance
Kansas.

Cherry Pudding

2 tablespoons shortening
¾ cup sugar
3 cups flour
2 eggs
½ teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons baking soda
Grated rind of one lemon
1 cup drained cherries (canned)

Cream shortening, sugar, add eggs and beat until smooth. Add lemon rind, flour sifted with baking powder and salt. Reserve ½ cup of flour and toss drained cherries in it to coat them; add to mixture, folding gently. Bake in greased pan. Over this sprinkle ¼ cup of sugar mixed with 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon. Bake in 400 degree oven for half an hour.

Sauce For Pudding

1 cup cherry juice
1 cup sugar mixed with 2 tablespoons of corn starch

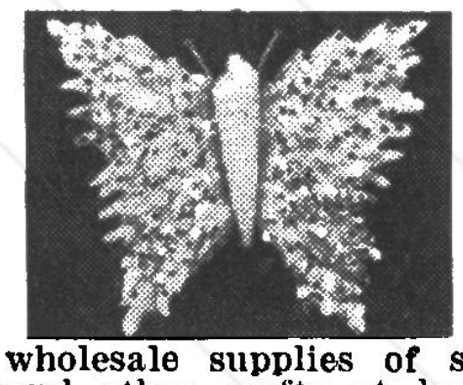
Stir in hot juice and cook until done. Serve over cherry pudding.

Mrs. E. S. Beers
Illinois.

Mayonnaise, Miracle Whip, or Salad Dressing cake recipes, apparently are quite the fad in cake cookery just now. Since we printed the Salad Dressing cake recipe in January, we have received nineteen similar recipes.

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Pineapple Wreath Doily

Here is a fascinating and dainty doily in a pineapple design. It is made with a Crazy Daisy Winder and a number 13 crochet hook. 350 yards of Daisy Mercerized Crochet Cotton size 30 in white, cream, ecru or a color is sufficient to make this doily which measures about 16½ inches across. Each medallion is about 5½ inches in diameter.

Abbreviations: Ch (chain); rnds (rounds); sts (stitches); sp (space); lps (loops); sc (single crochet); tr (treble)—thread over twice and work off two lps at a time; sl st (slip stitch); dc (double crochet); dc cluster (double crochet cluster)—retain last lp of each dc on hook, thread over and pull through all 3 lps on hook; sk (skip); p (picot); tr tr (triple treble)—thread over hook 4 times and work off 2 lps at a time.

Daisy Medallion — Center: Follow the instructions included with the winder, wind thread 4 times around each spoke of winder, cut thread 16 inches long and weave center, making 25 sts around (2 rnds), forming a 12-petal flower with 4 lps in each petal. Be careful to work over starting end of thread for half the weaving sts, to hold it firmly.

Border—Sc in one petal, going through all 4 lps, (ch 12, sc in next petal) 11 times, ch 7, 8 tr in back lp of first sc, (4 sc across center of next ch-12 lp, 7 tr in back lp of next sc between lps) repeated around. After final 4 sc, sl st in second tr of next shell.

Rnd 3: Ch 3, dc in same st, * ch 3, sc in next tr, (ch 5, sc in next tr) 4 times, ch 3, 2-dc cluster in next tr, ch 2, sk 4 sc, 2-dc cluster in next tr. Repeat from * around. End with ch 2, sl st in first dc.

Rnd 4: Ch 3, dc in same st, * ch 3, sc in next ch-5 lp, (ch 5, sc in next ch-5 lp) repeated across pineapple (1 less lp than last rnd), ch 3, sk next ch-3 lp, a 2-dc cluster in next cluster, ch 3, a cluster in next cluster. Repeat from * around. End with ch 3, sl st in first dc.

Rnd 5: Repeat rnd 4 but with ch-6 between pineapples instead of ch-3.

Rnd 6: Repeat rnd 4 but with ch-10 between pineapples.

Rnd 7: Ch 3, dc in same st, * ch 3, sc in next ch-5 lp, ch 3, a 2-dc cluster in next cluster, ch 16, a cluster in next



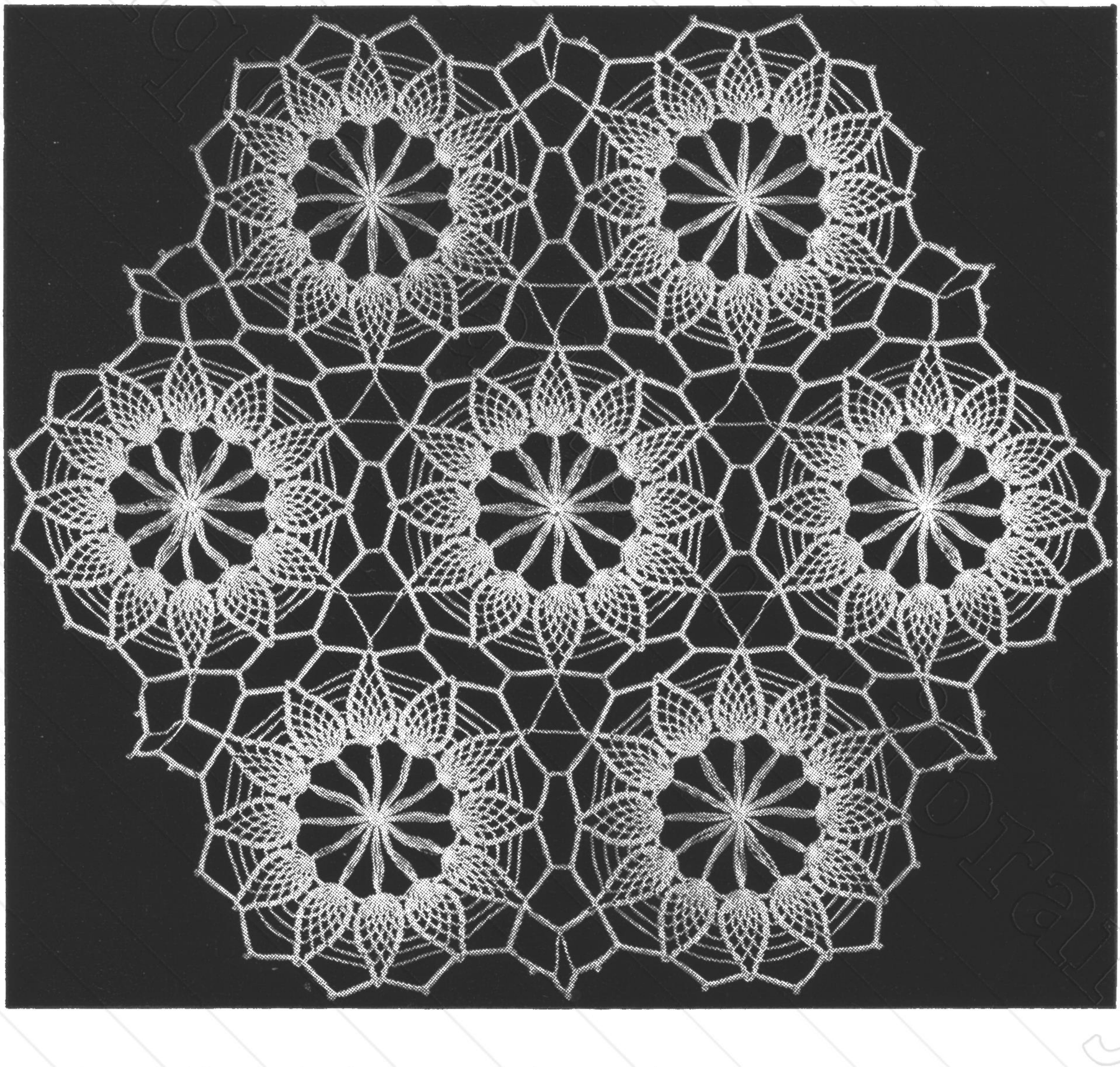
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cluster. Repeat from * around and join.

Rnd 8: Ch 3, dc in same st, * ch 1, a 2-dc cluster in next cluster, ch 21, a cluster in next cluster. Repeat from * around and join.

Edge rnd. Ch 2, sl st in a corresponding p on first medallion, ch 2, sl st back in last sc to complete joining—p, 11 sc in rest of lp, (sc, ch 5, sc) between clusters. Join the next lp on both medallions by ps in same way, then



Edge—* (Sc, ch 5, sc) in next ch-1 sp, 11 sc in half of next lp, * * ch 5, sl st in last sc for a p, 11 sc in balance of lp, sk next cluster and repeat from * around. Cut thread 6 inches long, thread to a needle and fasten off on back.

Second Medallion—Repeat to ** in complete second medallion as for first one.

Third Medallion—Join by 4 lps to 2 lps each on first and second medallions. Continue, making 4 more medallions in a circle around first (center) medallion, joining them by 2 lps to each other and to every 2 lps

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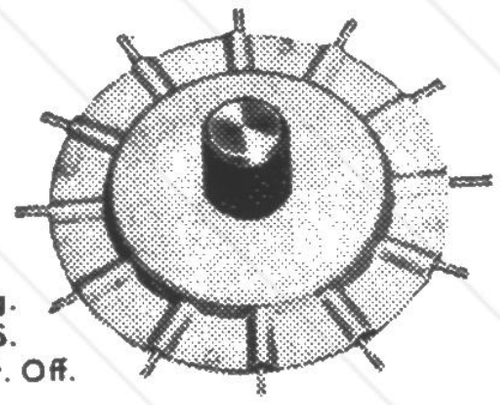
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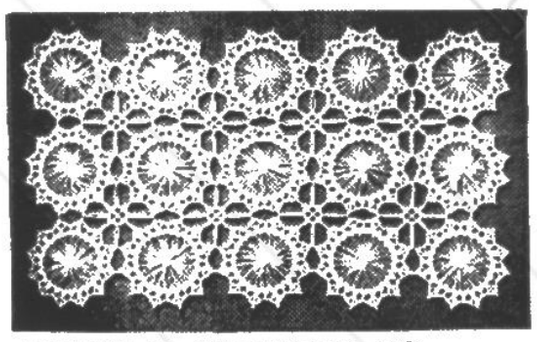
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around center medallion.

To fill in triangular sps around center medallion between joinings, sc in one of the 3 ps around each sp, (ch 14, sc in next p) twice, ch 14, sl st in first sc. Fasten off. Repeat in 5 other sps.

To fill in angles between medallions around outside edge, * turn doily wrong-side-up and join to first p up right side of one angle, ch 16, sc across in opposite p, ch 1, turn, 19 sc across lp. Fasten off. Turn, join to next p up side, ch 10, (tr tr, ch 10, tr tr) in center (10th) sc of lp just made, ch 10, sc in next p up left side, ch 1, turn, (6 sc, a ch-5 p and 6 sc) in each ch-10 sp across. Fasten off. Repeat from * 5 times.

Stretch and pin doily right-side-down in a true circle on a padded board, stretching an inch or more until all chains are taut. Pin down each lp around edge. Steam and press dry through a cloth.

Suggestion For A Tablecloth—Make and join medallions for desired size. About 350 yards of size 30 Daisy Mercerized Crochet Cotton will make 8 medallions. Fill in all triangular sps between medallions and make the added lps in angles between medallions around edge, as in doily.

Stretch and pin tablecloth right-side-down on curtain or quilting frames, pinning down each lp around edge. Lay frames a section at a time over an ironing board or padded table, and steam and press dry through a cloth. Repeat until entire cloth is blocked.

BUFFET SET

Here's a simple and interesting motif repeated for a buffet set. It could be worked up also in a variety of colors of yarn to make an attractive afghan. The original set was made of J. & P. Coats (8 balls) or Clark's O.N.T. Best Six Cord mercerized crochet thread size 20 in white or ecru. Use a size 9 crochet hook. The runner measures 11x25 inches; each doily is about 11 inches square.

Abbreviations: Ch (chain); st (stitch); rnd (round); sl st (slip stitch); sk (skip); sp (space); sc (single crochet); tr (treble)—thread over hook twice and work off 2 loops at a time.

Gauge: Each motif measures about 2¾ inches square.

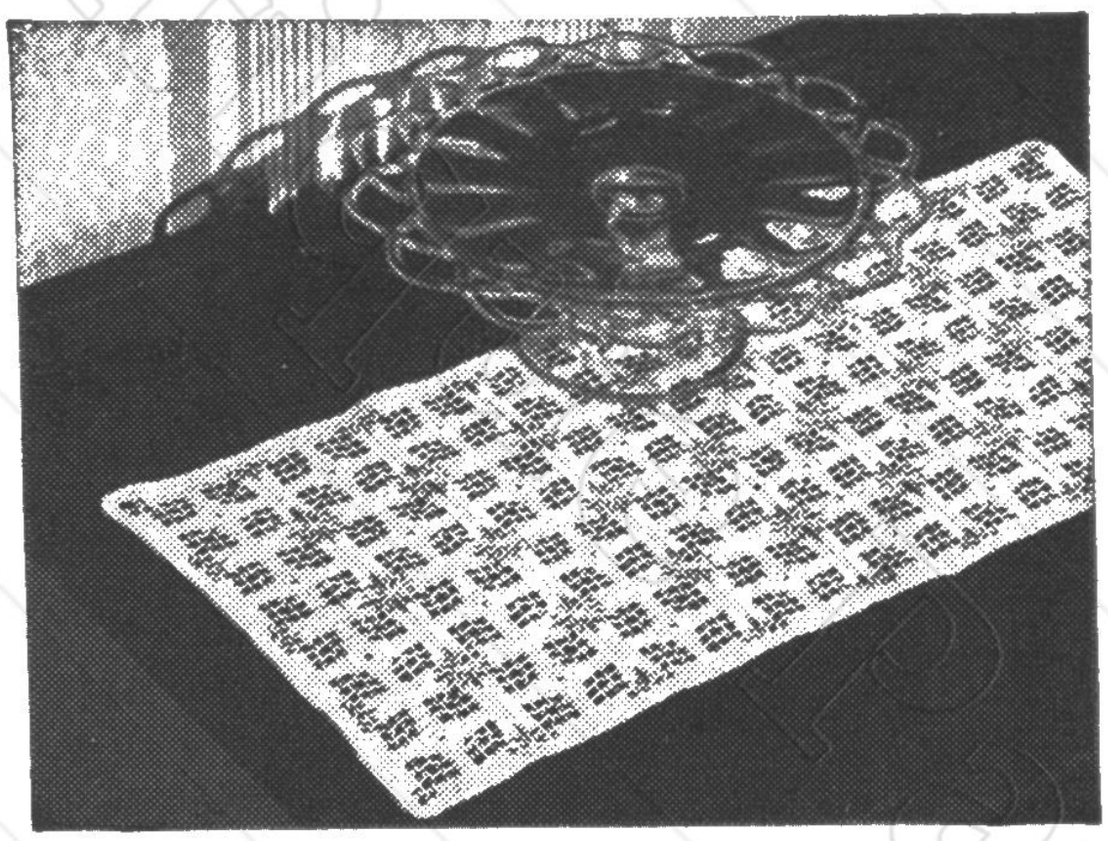
Runner—First Motif: Starting at center, ch 10. Join with sl st to form a ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 4, 23 tr in ring. Sl st in top of ch-4.

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Rnd 2: Ch 11, tr in same place as sl st, * tr in each of next 5 tr, in next tr make (tr, ch 7 and tr). Repeat from * around. Join to 4th ch of ch-11.



Rnd 3: Sl st to center of next sp, ch 11, tr in same sp, * ch 4, sk 1 tr, tr in each of next 5 tr, ch 4, in next sp make (tr, ch 7 and tr). Repeat from * around and join.

Rnd 4: Sl st to center of next sp, ch 11, tr in same sp, * ch 4, tr in next tr, ch 4, tr in each of next 5 tr, ch 4, tr in next tr, ch 4, in next sp make tr, ch 7 and tr. Repeat from * around and join.

Rnd 5: Sl st to center of next sp, ch 11, tr in same sp, * ch 3, (tr in next tr, 4 tr in next sp) twice, tr in each of next 5 tr, (4 tr in next sp, tr in next tr) twice, ch 3, in next sp make (tr, ch 7 and tr). Repeat from * around. Join and cut thread.

Second Motif: Work as for first motif until 4 rnds are completed.

Rnd 5: Sl st to center of next sp, ch 7, sl st in corresponding sp on first motif, ch 3, tr in same sp on second motif, ch 3, tr in next tr, 4 tr in next sp, tr in next tr, sl st in corresponding tr on first motif, 4 tr in next sp on second motif, tr in each of next 3 tr, sl st in corresponding tr on first motif, tr in each of next 2 tr on second motif, 4 tr in next sp, tr in next tr, sl st in corresponding tr on first motif, 4 tr in next sp on second motif, tr in next tr, complete rnd, joining next corner loop as before (no more joinings).

Make 9 rows of 4 motifs, joining adjacent sides as second motif was joined to first motif, where 4 corners meet, join third and fourth corners to joining of previous 2 corners.

Edging—Rnd 1: Join thread to any corner sp, ch 4, tr closely around, making 11 tr in each corner sp, join.

Rnd 2: Sc in each tr around, making 3 sc in center tr of each corner. Join and cut thread.

Doily — (Make 2) Work as for runner making 4 rows of 4 motifs. Complete as for runner.



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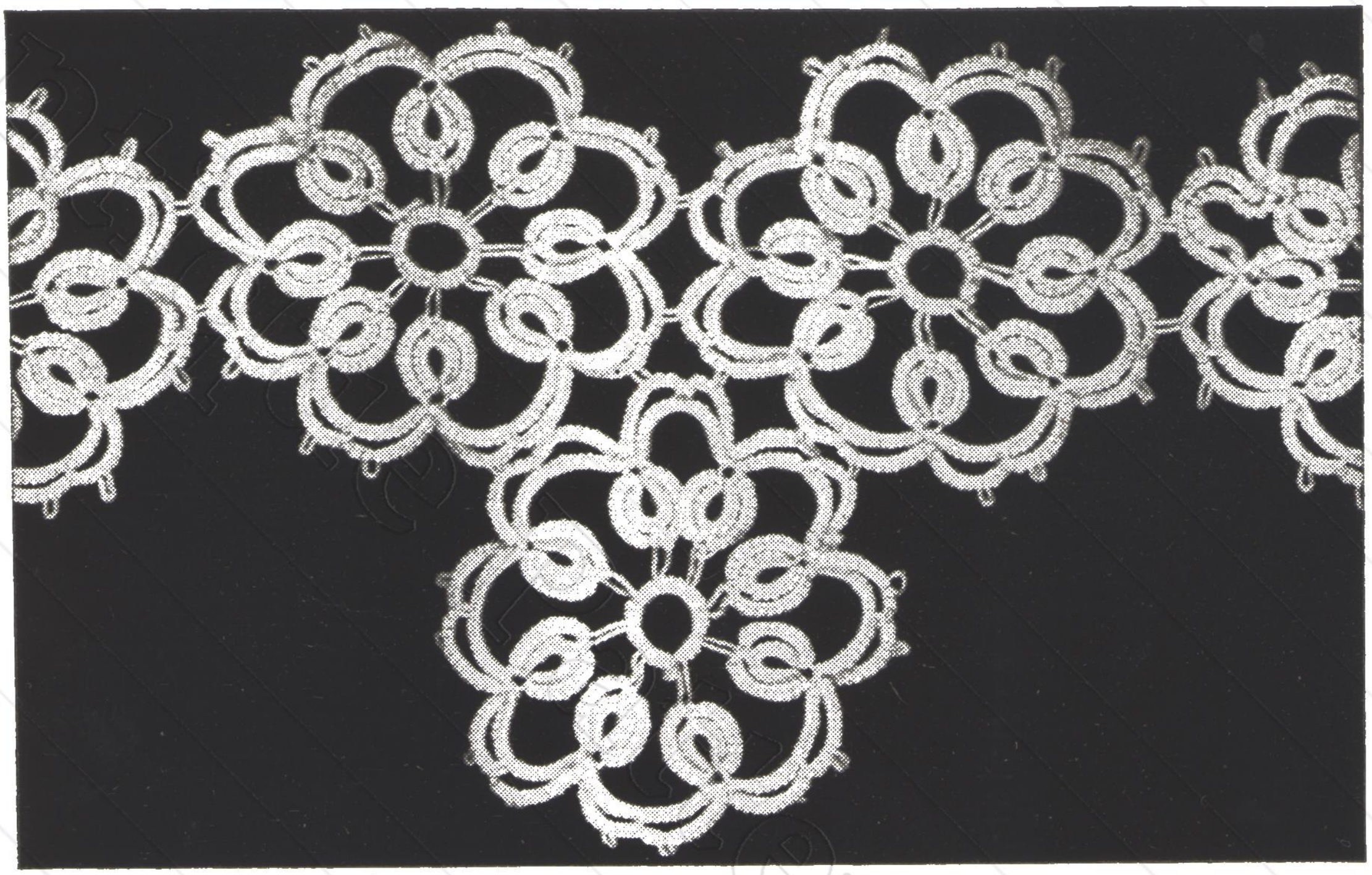
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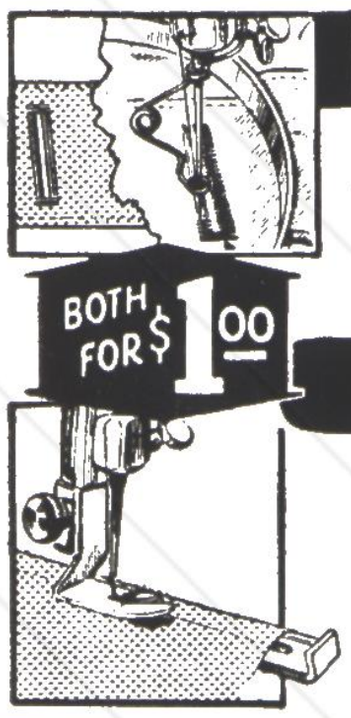


Three of these tatted medallions make an attractive end for a scarf. Use size 20 thread and ball and shuttle. Each point measures about 3 inches in depth and 4 inches wide.

Abbreviations: R (ring); ds (double stitch); cl r (close ring); p (picot).

Medallion—Make a r of 8 p separated by 3 ds, cl r, tie and cut. Make r of 7 ds, p, 7 ds, cl r, turn. Ch 9 ds, join in p of r, join also to a p of first r, 9 ds, turn, ch 9 ds. Make another r encircled by another ch, joining to next p of large r, another ch and continue around, making 8 encircled rs and 8 lps. To make the second row, ch 8 ds, p, 2 ds, join to p of previous ch, 2 ds, p, 8 ds, join at base of encircled r, continue around. The medallions are joined by ps just before and after encircled rs. The extra medallion is added by joining the 2 picots of three double lps.

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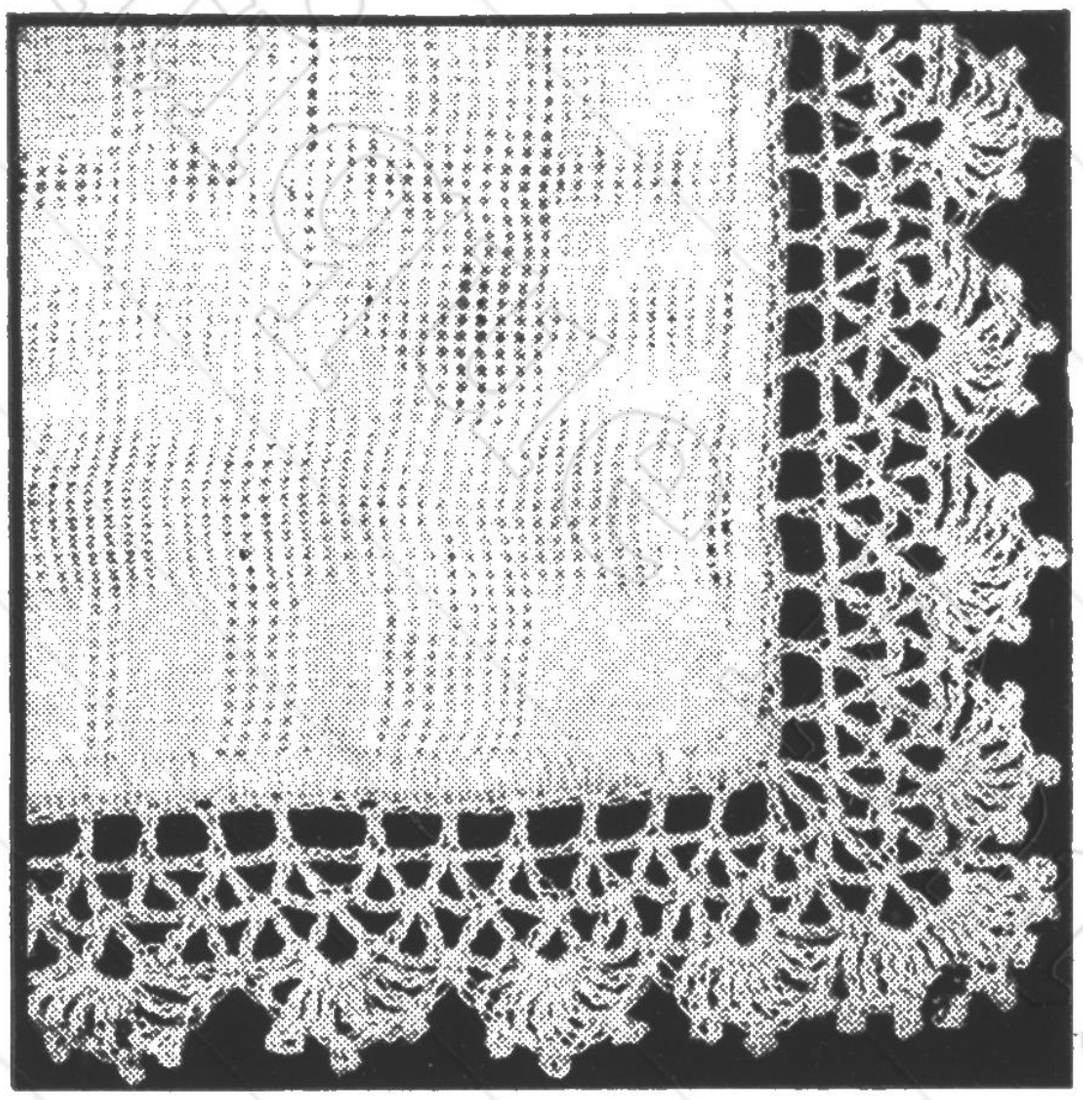
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of handkerchief and single crochet edges together.

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After a row of sc has been worked around the edges of handkerchief, ch 6, turn, sk 2 sc, dc in next sc, make sps along side by ch 3, sk 2 sc, dc in next sc. At corner (dc, ch 3) twice and dc in same st. Repeat sps on other side.

Row 3: Ch 6, turn, dc in same dc, * dc in next dc, ch 3, dc in same dc, repeat from * to corner; in corner dc (dc, ch 3, dc, ch 3, dc), repeat first side.

Row 4: Ch 6, turn, dc in last dc of last row, dc, ch 3, dc between next dcs. Make corner as for last row.

Row 5: Turn, sk first sp; into next sp make a shell of (2 tr, ch-5 p) 4 times, sk a sp, sc between sps and repeat shell in next sp and to corner, ch 8, make a p, (2 tr, p) twice in same sp, tr in sp, tr in dc, p, (2 tr, p) twice in next sp, tr in sp, p, ch 3, sl st in same sp; repeat other side, fasten and cut thread. Press edges.

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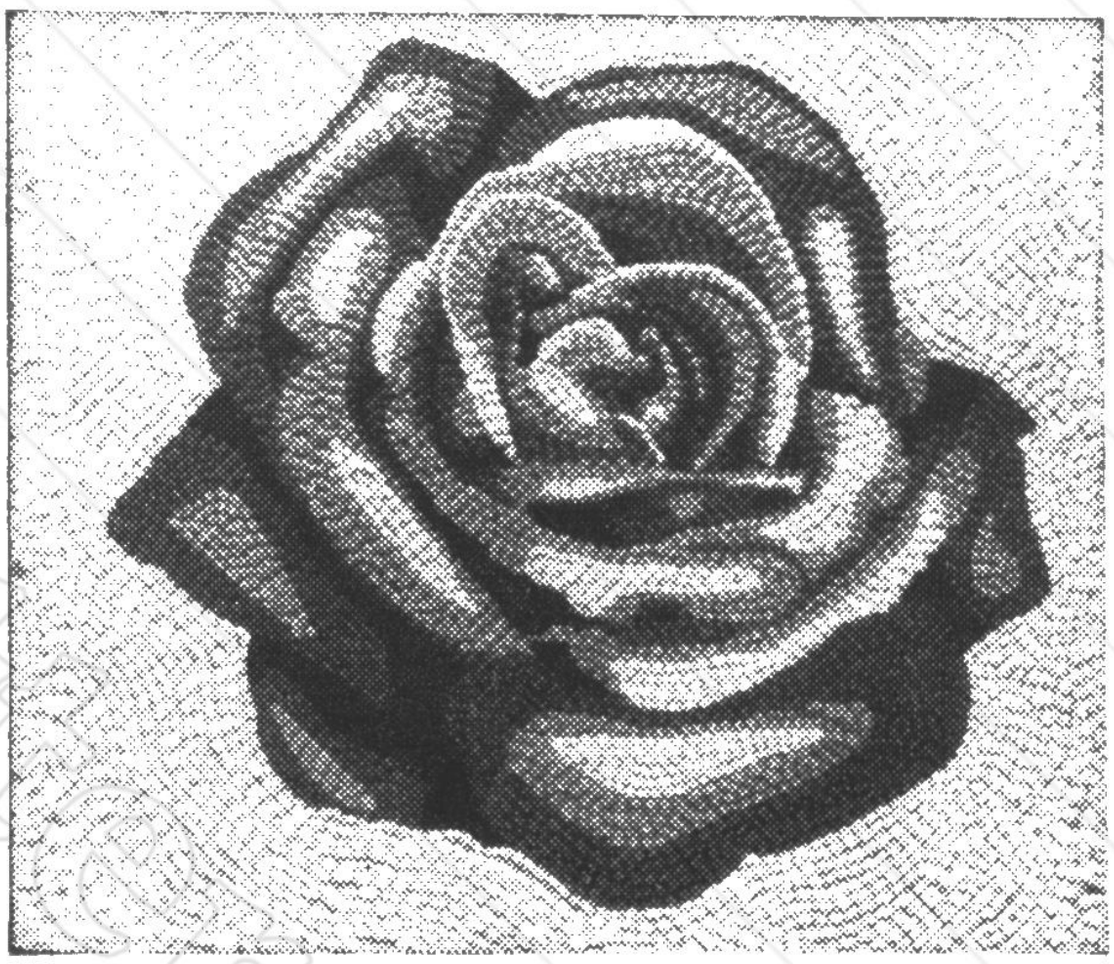
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Punch Needle Rose Picture

Punch needle work is a revival of one of Grandmother's favorites—and a welcome revival, too. It is one of the easiest of needle arts, and produces lovely pieces that show up your best designs and color work to advantage. Punch needles can be used for any number of different types of embroidery from dainty silk handkerchiefs with solid embroidery similar to French knots on up to large hooked rugs. Many of my friends remember the needle their mother used, and are looking for designs to use punch needles.

Here is a versatile design to make matching decorations for your room. Frame a rose in a shadow box for that "different" picture you've wanted; make a smaller piece for the top of Dad's favorite footstool; punch a pair of pillow tops or, enlarge the design for a chair seat cover. Or make a large hooked rug from this diagram.

Color combinations are limited only by nature's selections for roses, and they are endless. They can range from dark reds to bright red, rose, pink, peach, salmon or various shades of yellow or orange.



The needles come in a variety of types and sizes. Most of them have two holes in the needle as a guide for the thread or yarn, with a point to punch through the material. A stop to set the length of the loop automatically, is part of the needle. Material is punched by the point, pushing between the weft of the fabric, leaving a loop of thread or yarn on the bottom side.

Care must be taken on finer weaves to hold the thread or yarn on the bottom side, so that it doesn't slip back through the hole on the next stitch. The needle point will separate the threads in the material—however, your following stitches will tighten the fabric, so that all holes will be tightly closed. Solid designs therefore will work up much better than outline designs. The theory is that the more threads you punch into your material, the tighter the design will hold. Loosely woven materials are easier to work.

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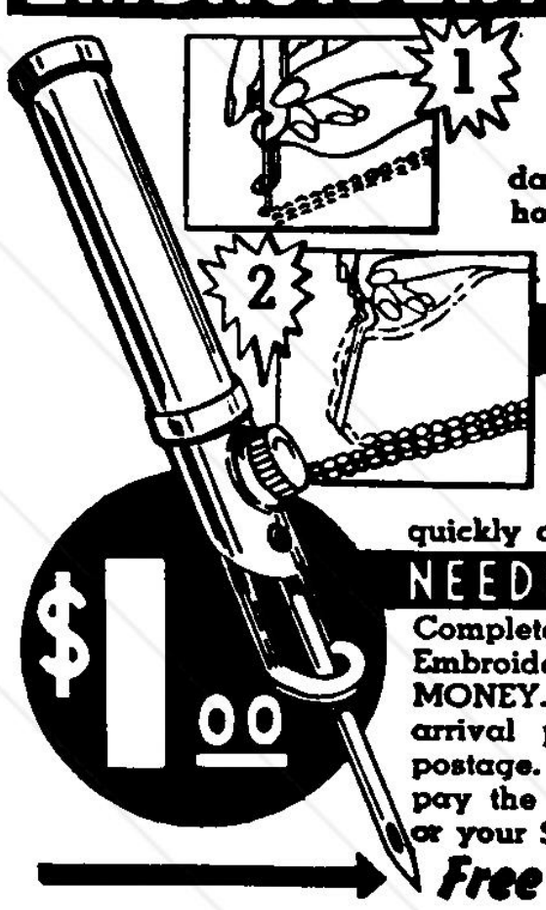
The majority of punch needles can be adjusted to various length stitches by gauges or guides on the needle.

This work is applicable to any number of materials and many types and kinds of threads. Fine silk or heavy burlap may be used, suiting your needle point and thread or yarn to the material. Generally, heavier yarns will hold in the material better than very fine threads. In all but the very heaviest and firmest weaves of material (such as burlap) you will find it necessary to hold the loop on the underside as you make the next stitch. Directions with the needles usually tell you what type of thread or yarn to use for best results.

In general, for fine dainty work on children's clothing, luncheon sets, underwear or similar small work, use the smallest needle point with fine mercerized cotton, silk twist or fine yarns to produce the best effects. For trimmings on serges, silks or linens, the next largest point with No. 5 perle cotton, silk or saxony yarn should be used. The medium sized point is ideal with No. 3 perle cotton, rope silk, 4 ply yarns, chenille or carpet warp for making bedspreads, curtain trim, pillows or wherever a heavy effect is desired. For rugs, usually two needle points are furnished. The smaller one of these takes rug yarn, and can be used on canvas or burlap rugs. The larger point is for use with rag strips. Old stockings, light weight underwear, etc., can be cut ½ inch wide, and need not be pieced together. Blanket strip rags and similar heavy wools should be cut ¼ inch or less to fit the rag needle point. Burlap backing should be used for rag rugs. Some needles have a special point that can be used to make fringe on bedspreads or rugs.

The model shown was made of 3 ply wool rug yarn in four rose shades, with a light background. Any type of medium to heavy yarn can be used to advantage on a loosely woven muslin backing material. To make 16″ by 16″ rose picture, 2 ounces of the lightest shade (number 1 on the diagram) were used, 3 ounces of number 2 light shade, 3 ounces of number 3 dark shade, and 1 ounce of number 4 darkest shade. For the background, 5 ounces were needed.

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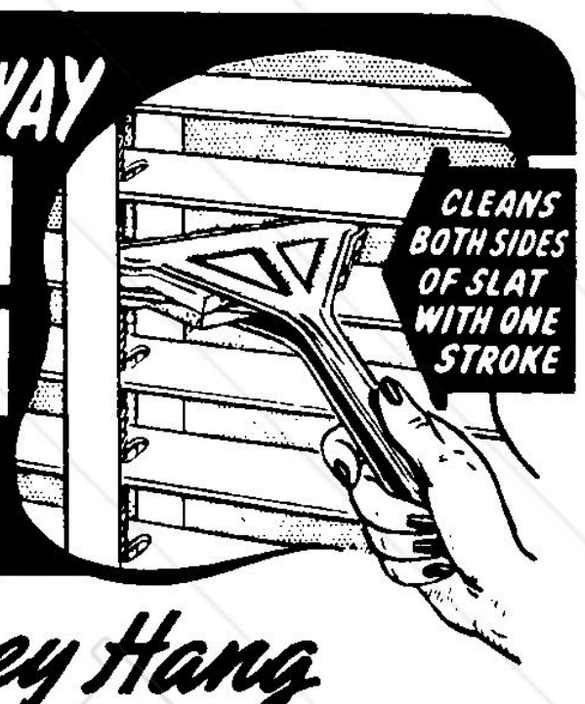
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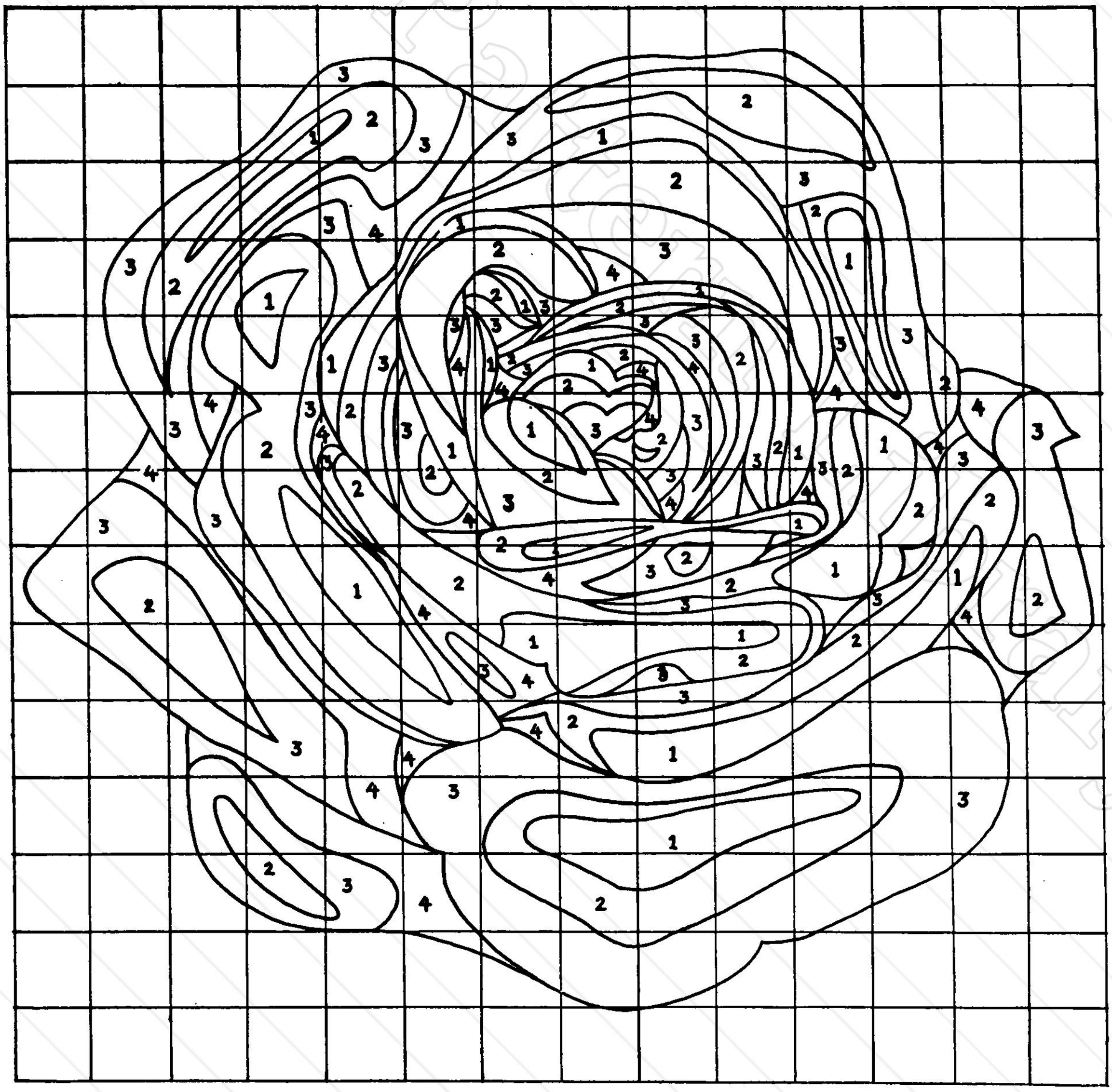
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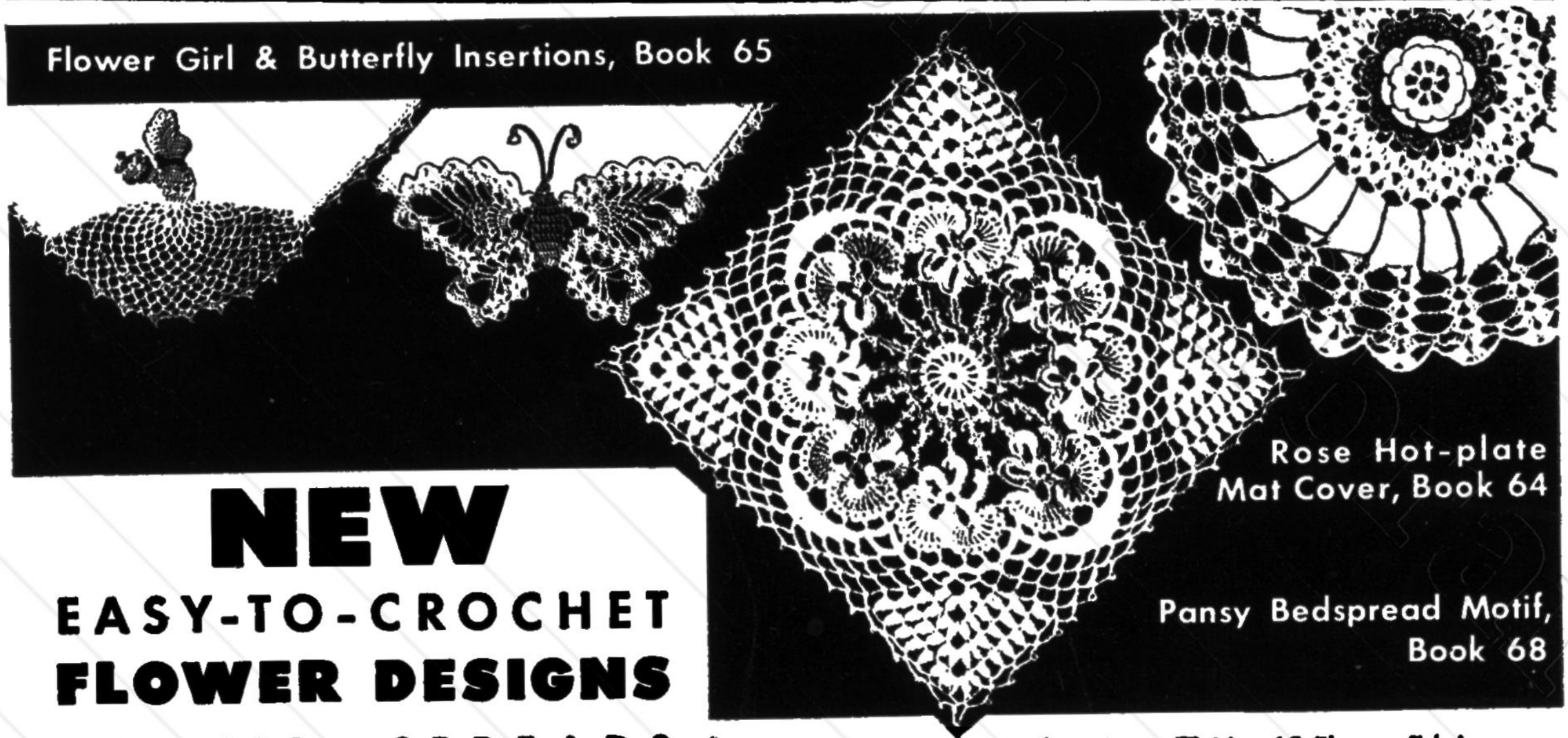
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Before beginning to punch, decide whether you wish to clip the loops on the finished article or to leave them unclipped. Very interesting effects can be worked out by modeling clipped yarn into a three-dimensional or sculptured effect. Leave the lightest shades with long loops, clip very close to the base on the darkest shades, and model the intermediate colors. Unclipped work will not be as likely to fray, and the foundation material does not need to be sized on the back. One disadvantage of unclipped punch work is that it will not give as sharp outlines as the clipped yarn.

Using a frame for punch needle work is by far the easiest method. Stretch the muslin or burlap taut and thumb tack it to a light wooden frame, folding under the edges for reinforcement. If the frame is too large for your work, lace with twine at 2-inch intervals from thumb tacks placed along the edge of the frame, lacing to the backing material. If your work is too large for your frame, thumb tack the work in place over the frame, remove tacks and slide the frame along as the work is completed. Now you're ready to begin.

There are two ways to work punch designs. The size of your piece will determine which will work best. For large pieces, such as rugs, outline the edge of each color and later go back and fill the color in solid with all stitches in parallel rows. For small work, such as this picture, work all in one direction, changing colors in your needle as necessary. You can start in the middle and work out, or start in one corner or along one edge.

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Changing colors takes little time. If you plan to clip the work, leave each beginning and ending piece of yarn or thread on the right, or bottom side of the material, and clip it even with the loops. For unclipped work, hold the first end of each color on the top, or working side, and pull the last thread back up and then clip it, leaving about an inch end.

Some special helps can make your work even quicker and more fun. Most important is to watch that the thread is never held tightly, as this will make the stitch length shorter, and evenually pull out the yarn. You will find it a help when you are working two colors next to each other to use your hand on the underside to hold aside the loops of the previous row so the needle won't split the thread or yarn.

On large areas of one color, the work is neater and easier to clip later if the punch is operated in parallel rows. On small areas, you will find it best to fill in the solid colors by following the outline.

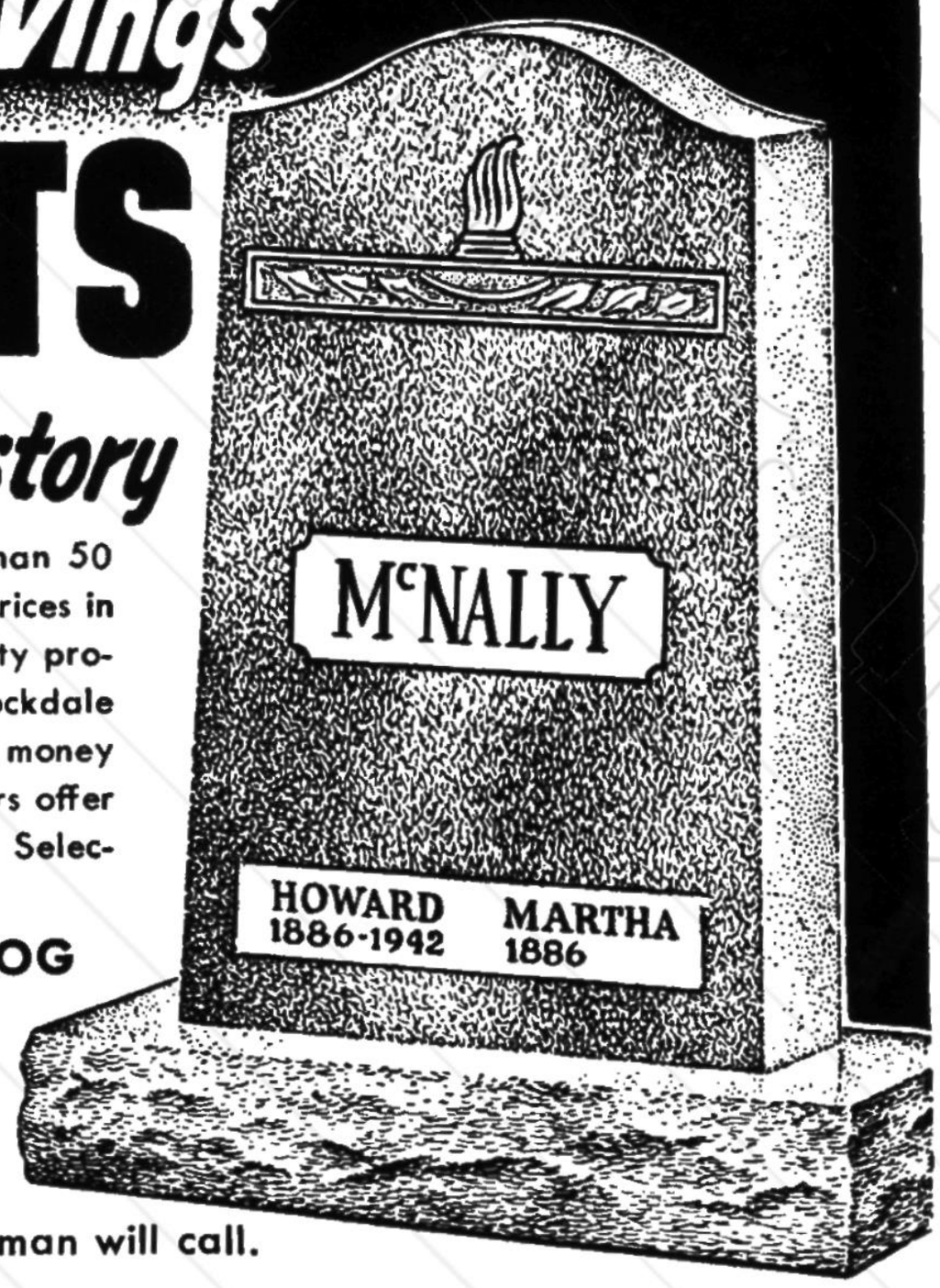
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many as seven different tones of the color can give a smooth and more natural effect. Dyeing your own thread, yarn or scraps of wool or nylon materials with different amounts of dye of the same color will give you more even shading.

For dyeing, begin with white thread or yarn, or bleach your scraps to white. To dye materials in one color in which you wish several tints or shades, begin dyeing the lighter, or less concentrated tints first, and progress to the more brilliant. Following directions for the dye, use a small amount first for the lightest shade. Then add more dye for a slightly darker tint, and so on until you use full strength dye for the deepest shade of the same color. Watch your material if you are dyeing several types of material, as some kinds absorb more of the dye, and give a darker color than others. It is best to use the same material for each tint or shade where possible, and dye different types of material another tint or shade.

Upon completion of the rose and most of the background, remove your work from the frame. The edge can be finished two ways, or it can be left unfinished for seaming to other material or for placing on a footstool. For a finished edge on light weight material, fold back the edge ½ inch and baste. Then continue punching to the edge, working the yarn or thread through the double thickness of material. This gives a fine edge that cannot come loose or fray. For heavy material such as burlap, punch to within 1 or 2 inches of the edge of the material. Then fold back the edge and sew down securely.

On rugs or other pieces that will get a lot of wear, the back should be sized. For sizing, you can obtain commercial size for rugs, or several coats of shellac will hold the threads in place firmly and prevent pulling out. There is a commercial rug finish that can be painted on the back of rugs to prevent small rugs from slipping, or sew rubber jar rings on the back for non-slip rugs.

It's fascinating fun, and you'll soon find it hard to lay your work down for even a minute. One piece of finished work will lead to another, and another. You'll be as thrilled with your punch needle art as Grandmother was, and wish you had started years ago.

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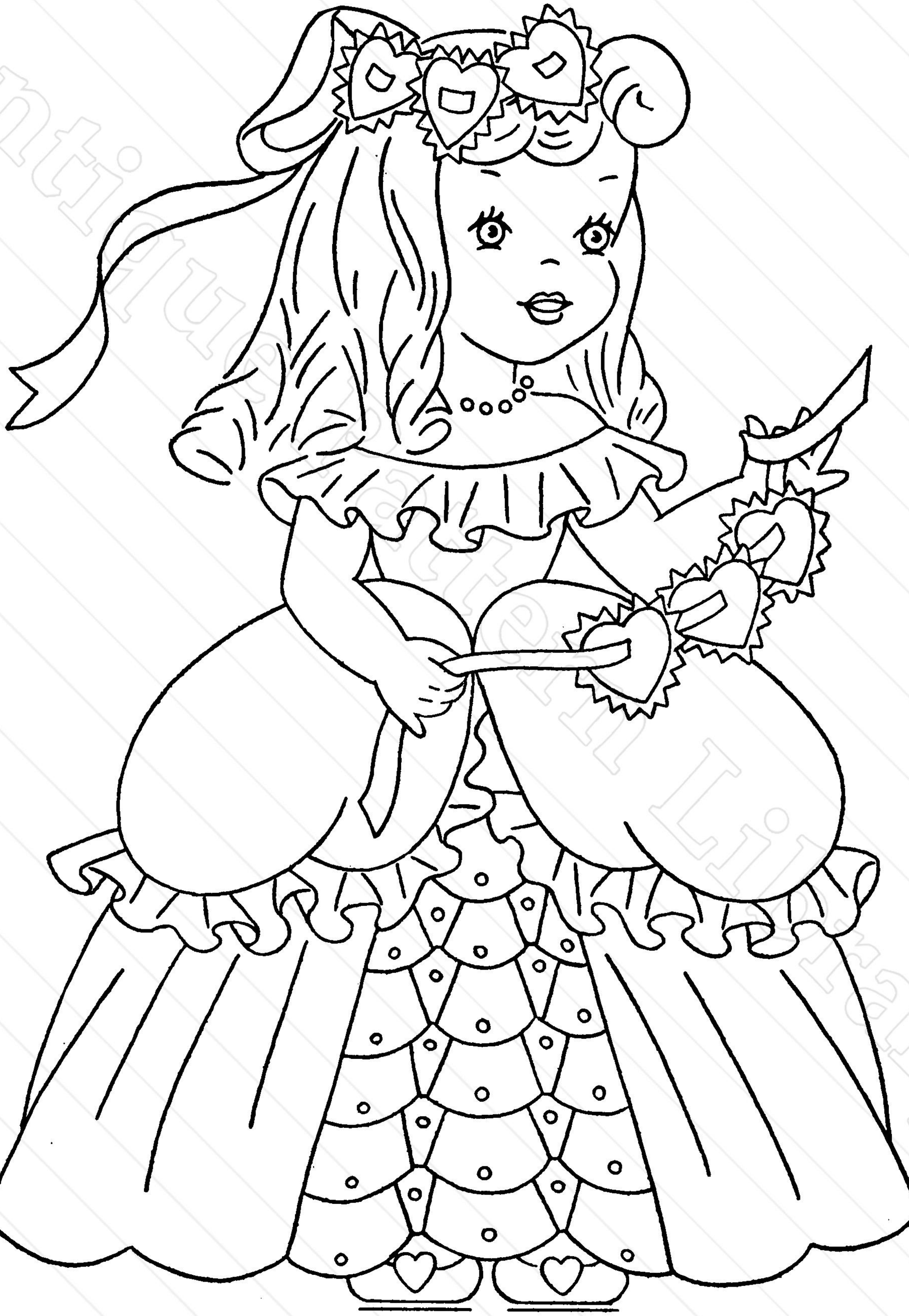
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Suggested Color Scheme: Hair—yellow or light brown; eyes—blue or green; lips—red; cheeks—slightly tinted rose; necklace—white or gray French knots; hearts—red; ribbons—blue, green, gold or silver; top of dress and panniers—blue; skirt—pink with white and pink ruffles; shoes—black with red hearts.

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Bandannas Brighten My Home

Ramona Sawyer Barth

Red and blue bandanna handkerchiefs have been appearing for a number of years in the form of sunsuits, kerchiefs and as halters. I wonder if I have not discovered a new use for them—as curtains and bedspreads!

Each summer my husband and three small children and I go to Maine to our old Cape Cod farmhouse which we are in the process of restoring. A few years ago we decided to fix up a small guest-house in the "farm" motif. We wanted the basic decoration in keeping with the hollyhocks at the front door, the fishnets hung in the corner and the iron-kettle ashtrays and "market" waste-paper baskets. I tried red and white gingham curtains one season but they faded almost completely. I thought a great deal about what I could purchase that would last several years and would brighten up the beautifully smoked and seasoned but dull timber of the house in a distinctive manner. Monks cloth in the natural color would be too dull. Most of the colored mixtures, even the colored burlap, if I could get it, seemed too modern. Then the idea of putting the lovely bandanna handkerchief to a new use flashed through my mind.

I bought sixteen eighteen-inch bandanna handkerchiefs for each of the four large windows downstairs and four for each of the small windows upstairs. Four handkerchiefs made a length when sewed together. First came a blue one, then a red, etc. I started the second length with a red, then a blue, so when the two lengths were sewed together the result was like a checkerboard.

Eight bandannas covered one side, sixteen a complete window. The two tiny windows upstairs needed only four handkerchiefs for complete coverage. I lined each curtain with turkey red cotton.

I liked the effect so much that I next invested in twenty-five more kerchiefs, making a complete square of them for the double studio bed. In the spread as in the curtains, I sewed one strip of five together, then another strip, finally joining each long strip together. I did this all by hand. It would go much quicker, of course, by machine.



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To complete the bed ensemble I made some pillow cases of plain burlap, edged each with a red and blue bandanna. Piled in front of them went a couple of smaller cushions on which two eighteen-inch bandannas, one side blue, one side red, just fit.

It wasn't enough to decorate a room with bandannas! I then fashioned a shirt for my husband and three children, unknowingly conforming to the current vogue of having gowns match your drapery. When they tire of these, we will place them in the guest house drawers for our visitors.

Although I feel that my idea is particularly appropriate for the farm, it can be carried out with equal effect in a children's bedroom or a recreation room in the city.

The cost of the bandannas is now around 35 cents for the big twenty-four-inch squares, which some may prefer to use, and 15 cents or a little more for the eighteen-inch squares, which I preferred. This makes the cost of a pair of drapes from $2 to $3 and the bedspread around $4; these figures certainly are reasonable enough in this day of high costs for materials. For a farmhouse with its smoke and dirt from cookstoves, the usual dotted swiss seems an unnecessary headache for the housewife, and even unbleached cotton runs about as expensive as the bandannas. A bedspread made of them is much more durable, too, than the conventional patchwork quilt which cannot stand too much wear without going to tatters.

We feel that with our bandanna decorations we have added brightness to our house and still have retained the atmosphere of the farm. What is brighter than turkey red and what more common picture is there than the farmer raking his hay and pausing to take his red bandanna from his overall pocket to mop his brow?

This is the fifth year of putting up my rustic drapes and they have faded very little in the three months' wear they get each summer. Even when the colors become duller, like old India prints, the mellowed mixture will be serviceable for many more years to come. When we finally do get tired of them, we will always have a great supply of handkerchiefs on hand!

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Brother and sister can easily tell their mittens apart now with names on them. Initials may also be used or even high school letters would appeal to the teen ager. The model was made of American Thread Company "Dawn" Sock and Sweater yarn. Each pair requires about two balls of main color and about 15 yards contrasting color for name or initials. Use number 3 knitting needles.

Gauge: 6 stitches equal one inch.

Abbreviations: K (knit); p (purl); tog (together); psso (pass slip stitch over k st); sl (slip); sts (stitches).



Cast on 48 sts. K 2, p 2 for 3 inches. Change to stockinette st (k 1 row, p 1 row) for 6 rows. This makes the mitten about 6 inches from wristlet to tip. Add now for longer mitten from 1-1½", then start thumb gusset as follows:

Next Row: K 22, increase in next st, k 2, increase in next st, k 22. P 1 row.

Next Row: K 22, increase in next st, k 4, increase in next st, k 22. P 1 row.

Continue increasing in this manner having 2 more sts between increases every other row until there are 18 sts between increased sts, ending with a p row.

Next Row: K 22 sts and place on a holder, k 18 (thumb sts), place remaining 22 sts on another holder. Work

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in stockinette st for 2¼ inches, ending with a p row.

Next Row: * K 1, k 2 tog, repeat from * across row. P 1 row.

Next Row: * K 2 tog, repeat from * across row. P 1 row; cut yarn leaving a length long enough to draw through remaining sts and to sew thumb seam.

Place 22 sts from first holder on needle, join yarn, pick up and k 4 sts at base of thumb, place remaining 22 sts from holder on left hand needle and k across row. Work in stockinette st for 2¾ inches from thumb, ending with a p row.

Next Row: K 1, k 2 tog, k 19, sl 1, k 1, psso, k 2 tog, k 19, sl 1, k 1, psso, k 1. P 1 row.

Next Row: K 1, k 2 tog, k 17, sl 1, k 1, psso, k 2 tog, k 17, sl 1, k 1, psso, k 1. P 1 row.

Continue decreasing in above manner until 12 sts remain, cut thread leaving length long enough to draw through remaining sts. Sew up sides. Work other mitten in same manner.

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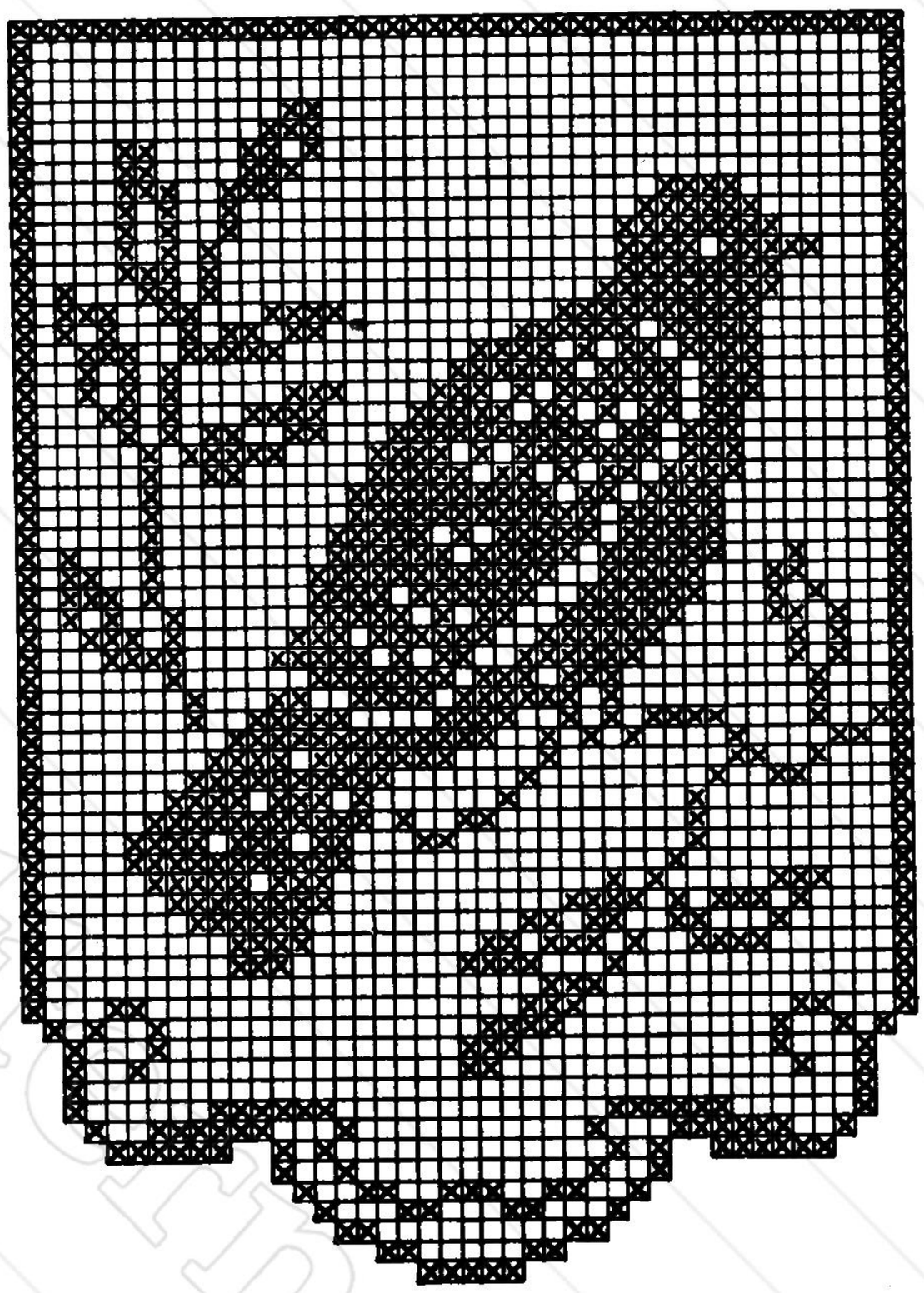
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Bird Chair Set

This attractive chair set is worked in filet crochet. The original set was made of about 30 weight mercerized crochet thread in ecru, using a number 11 crochet hook. Each piece is sufficiently large to cover the arms and back of a divan if desired.

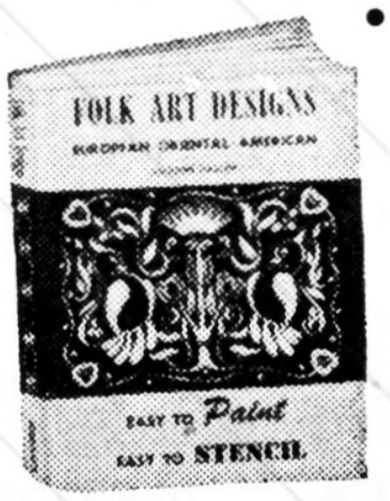
Abbreviations: Ch (chain); bls (blocks); sps (spaces); sts (stitches); sk (skip); dc (double crochet); sl st (slip stitch).



Gauge: 4 bls or sps equal about one inch.

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.



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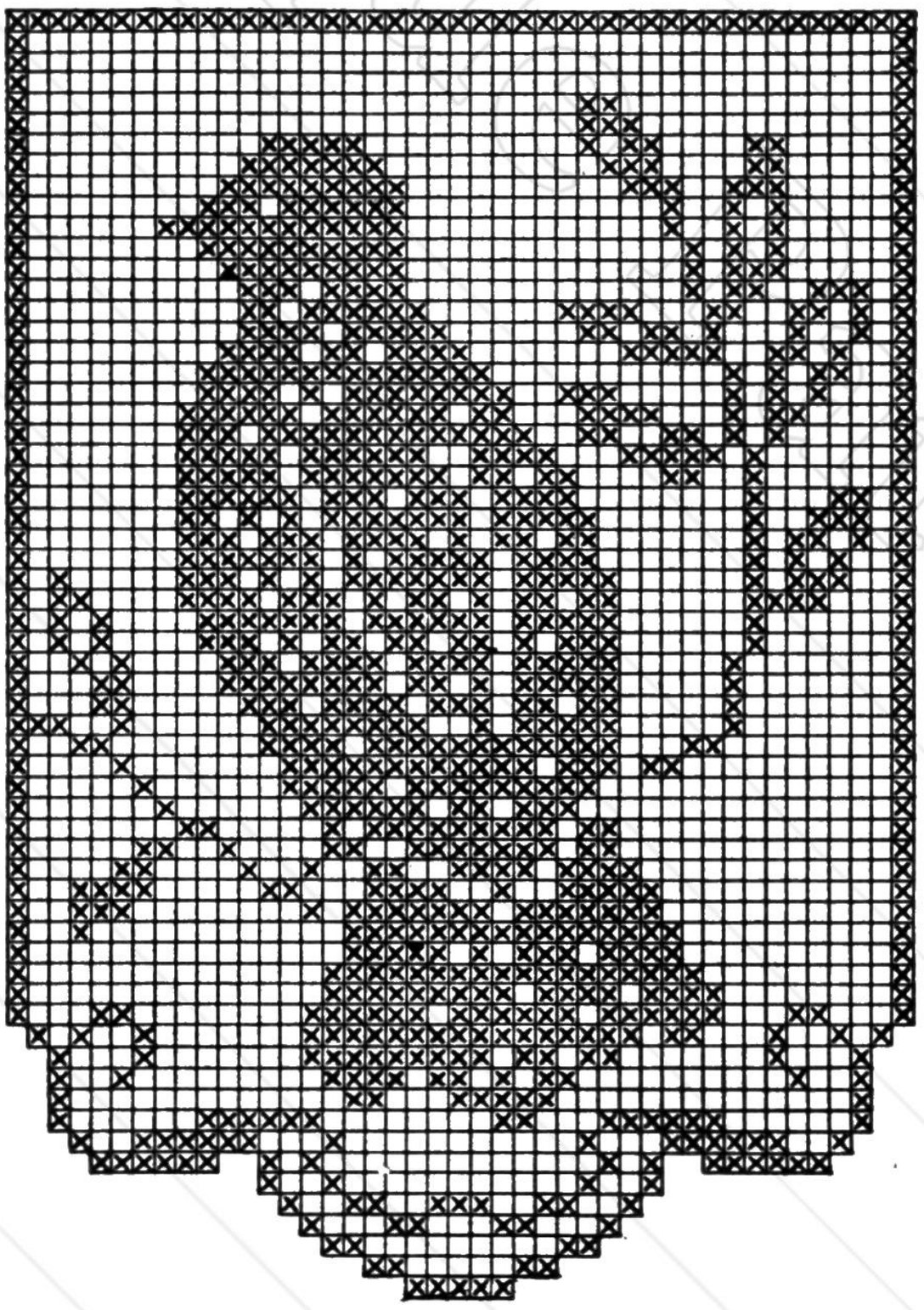
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To decrease one or more bls at beginning of a row, sl st in sts of sps to be decreased, ch 3 for first dc or 5 for a sp of next row, proceed in pattern. To decrease 2 bls at end of row, do not work in last 6 sts.

The pieces are worked across from side to side. Start at top right on even edge and work from right to left down from top to uneven edge at bottom.



To begin, count the bls across top, make the foundation ch three times this number, plus the necessary sts to turn. For example, on the arm piece there are 43 sps across the top. Multiply this number by 3 and you should arrive at a figure of 129, and since you begin with a bl, ch 3 extra, turn, sk 3 sts of ch and dc in 4th from hook, 2 more dc in each of next 2 ch will complete a bl. As this row is made up of bls, work to end of ch making 1 dc in each. On the uneven edge at bottom, decrease as given above. In finishing the scallops at bottom, it will be neces-

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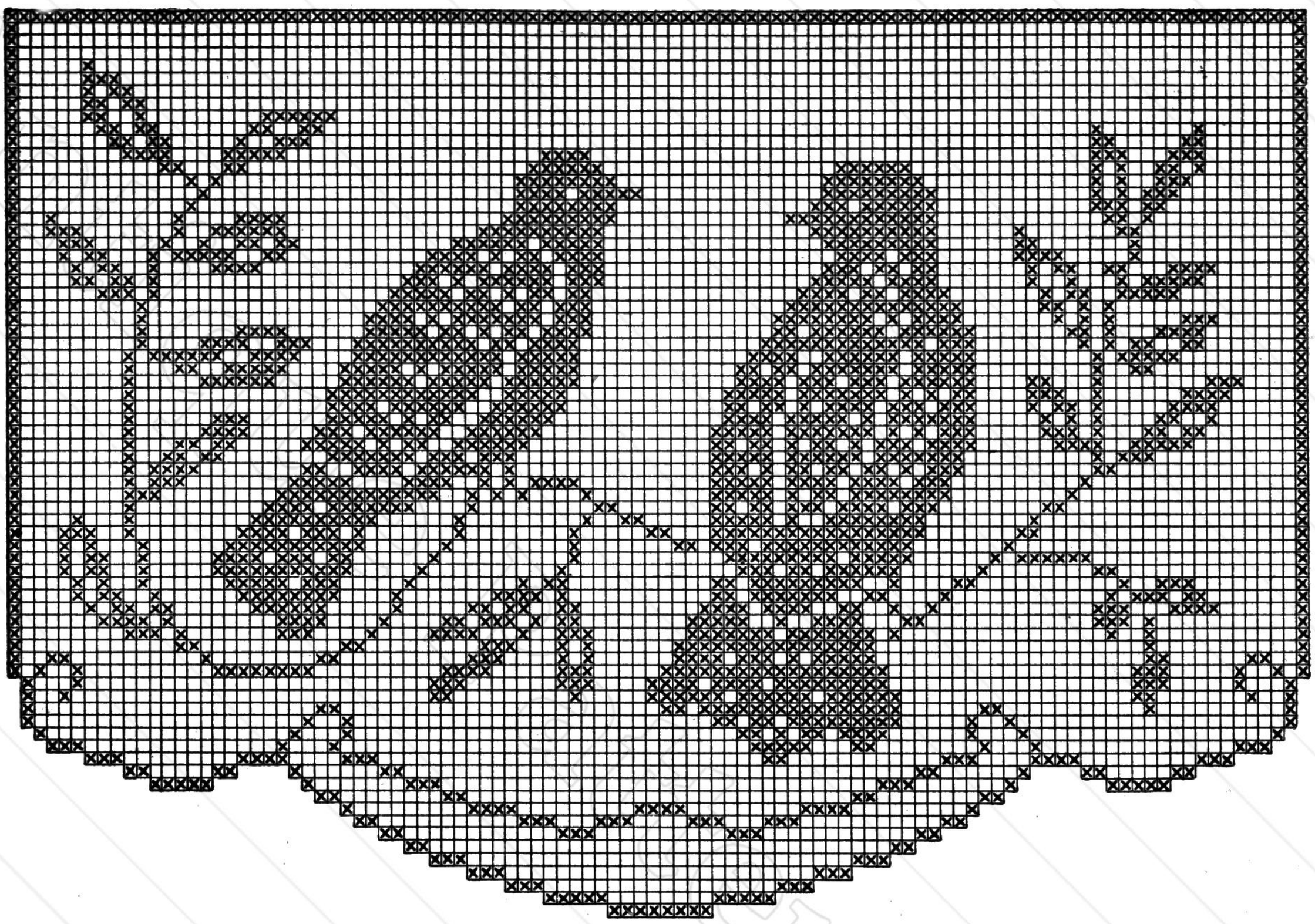
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sary to fasten off at an outer point; then join again at desired place for next scallop and continue.

Starch lightly and pin each piece right-side-down in true shape. Steam and press dry through a cloth.

Crocheted Butterfly

Sew this butterfly on pillow slips, guest towels or dresser scarfs. The original was made of about 35 yards of number 20 weight mercerized crochet thread and a number 7 or 8 crochet hook. It measures about 3½ inches long and 3 inches wide. For smaller size use finer thread and a smaller hook.

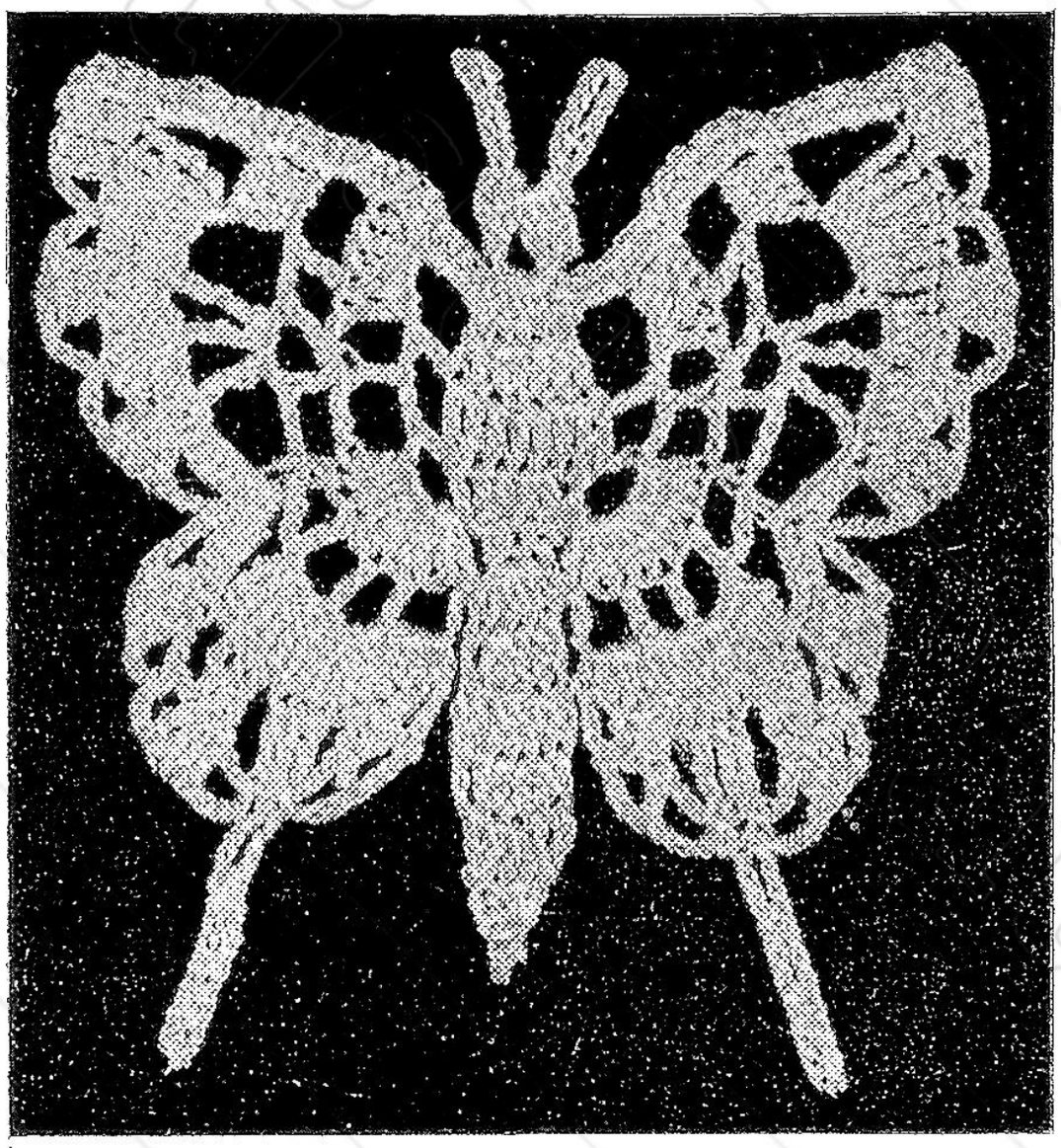
Abbreviations: Ch (chain); st (stitch); sl st (slip stitch); sc (single crochet); hdc (half double crochet)—thread over hook once, insert hook in st and pull through, thread over and pull through all lps at once; dc (double crochet); dc cluster (double crochet cluster)—retain last lp of each dc on hook, thread over hook and pull through all lps at once; sk (skip); sp (space); lp (loop); tr (treble); dtr (double treble)—thread over hook 3 times and work off 2 lps at a time.

Body—Starting at feelers, ch 12, sl st in first ch. Ch 15, sl st in 12th ch from hook. Ch 3, 2 dc cluster over ch-3 between feelers, ch 3, 3 dc cluster over the same ch-3. Turn, ch 3, 5 dc in sp between clusters. Turn, ch 3, dc in each of the 6 dcs. Turn, ch 3, dc in each of the 7 dcs. Turn, ch 3, sk first dc, dc in each of 4 dc, sk dc, dc in last. Turn, ch 1, sk first dc, sc in each of next 2 dc, sk dc, sc in last. Turn, sc in first and last sc. Turn, ch 3, 2 dc in each of the 2 sc. Turn, ch 3, 5 dc.

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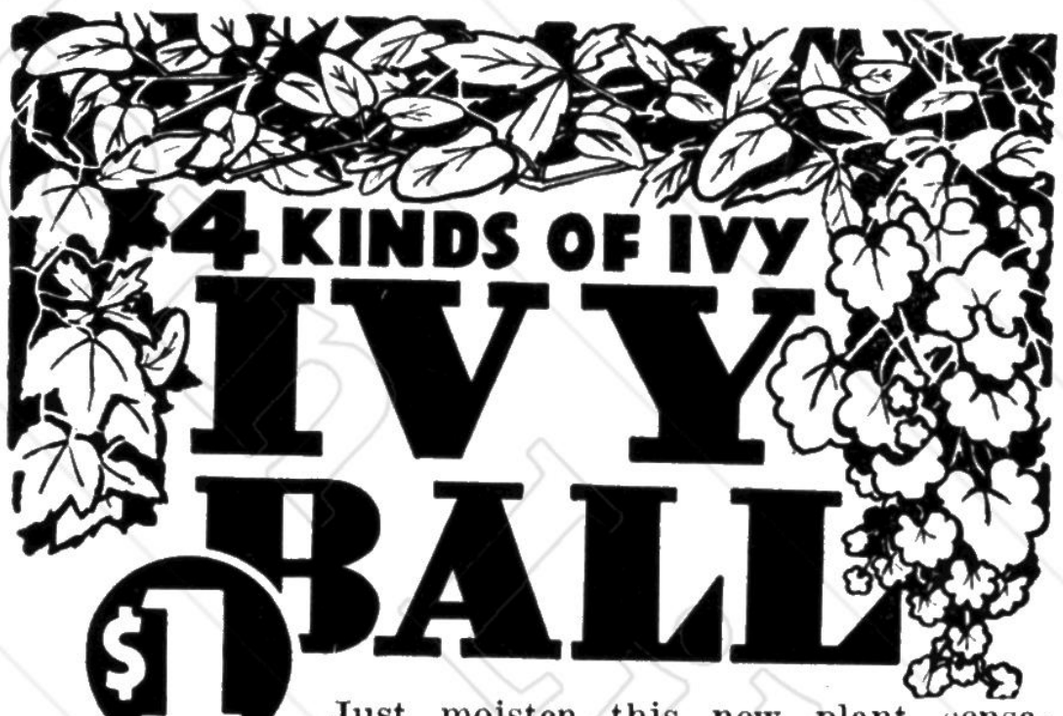
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Turn, ch 3, 6 dc. Turn, ch 3, sk first dc, dc in each of 5 dc. Turn, ch 3, sk 1 dc, dc in each of 4 dc. Turn, ch 3, sk dc, 2 dc cluster in next 2 dc. Turn, sc in cluster. Cut and fasten thread.



Wings—Tie the thread in a sc at the small part of the body. Ch 5, hdc in dc on next row of body, ch 5, dc in next row. Ch 5, tr in tip of dc cluster. Turn, ch 3, 5 dc in sp. Ch 3, dc in next sp, ch 3, 10 dc in third sp. Join just below the small part of the body with a sl st. Turn, ch 5, sk dc, dc in the next, (ch 4, sk dc, dc in next) twice. Ch 4, sc in last dc of 10 dc group. Ch 4, dc in dc, ch 3, dc in same dc, ch 4, dc in center of the last group of dcs below. Ch 4, sk dc, dc in last dc. Turn, ch 4, 4 dc in sp, ch 5, sk sp, tr in next sp, (ch 3, tr in same sp) twice, ch 5, sc in sc. Ch 5, sk sp, 5 trs in each of the next 2 sps. Tr, dc, hdc, 2 sc in last sp. Turn, ch 5, sk sc, dc in each of next 3 sts, * ch 3, sk st, 3 tr in 3 dc. Repeat from * once. Ch 5, (6 sc over ch-5 below) twice, sc, hdc, 3 dc in sp. 4 dc in next sp, (3 tr, 4 dtr) in large sp, dtr in last dc of group below. Turn, ch 4, 2 dc in each of next 2 dtr, ch 4, sk 2 dtr, sc in next, ch 4, sk 2 tr, 2 dc in each of next 2 dc, ch 4, sk 2 st, sc in next, ch 4, 2 dc in each of next 2 sts. Ch 4, sl st in center sc. Ch 4, sk 3 sc, 2 dc in each of next 2 sc. Ch 3, sc in sp, ch 3, dc in each of 3 trs. Ch 4, sc in tr. Ch 13, sc in 7th ch from hook. Ch 3, sk 2 ch, sc in next, ch 3, sc in first sc. Ch 4, dc in dc, ch 4, sl st in last ch. Cut and fasten thread. Work other side of wing to correspond.

Tie the thread to the front tip of a wing, sc across over ch and dc to the body. Cut off 18 inch length of thread and pull through the lp, pass under the body and sc across the front edge of the other wing the same. Cut and fasten thread.



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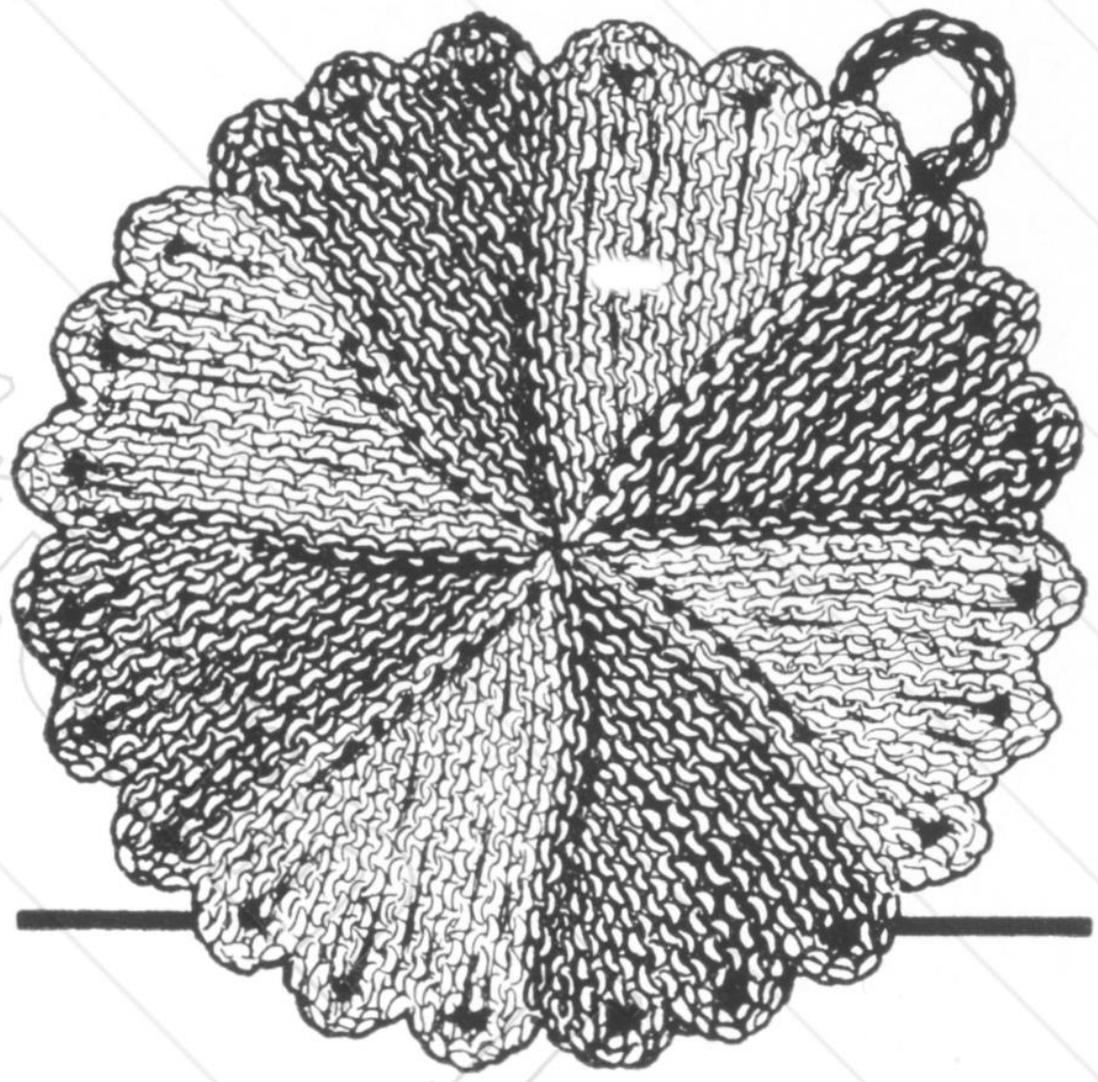
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Abbreviations: K (knit); p (purl); sts (stitches); O (yarn over); sl st (slip stitch); psso (pass slip stitch over).

Using white yarn, cast on 15 sts. Row 1: K this row. Row 2: Sl first st by inserting hook as for knitting (from now on this will be indicated by sl st), k 1, O, k 12, leave 1 st on needle.

Row 3: Turn, sl st, k 14.

Row 4: Sl st, k 1, O, k 12, leave 2 sts on needle.

Row 5: Repeat row 3.

Row 6: Bind off 2 sts, k 11, leave 3 sts.

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Row 7: Turn, sl st, k 11.

Row 8: Sl st, k 1, O, k 9, leave 4 sts.

Row 9: Repeat row 7.

Row 10: Turn, sl st, k 1, O, k 9 sts, leave 5 sts.

Row 11: Repeat row 7.

Row 12: Bind off 2 sts, k 8, leave 6 sts.

Row 13: Turn, sl st, k 8.

Row 14: Sl st, k 1, O, k 6, leave 7 sts.

Row 15: Repeat row 13.

Row 16: Sl st, k 1, O, k 6, 8 sts remain on hook.

Row 17: Repeat row 13.

Row 18: Bind off 2 sts, k 5, leave 9.

Row 19: Turn, sl st, k 5.

Row 20: Sl st, k 14.

Change to colored yarn and repeat the last 20 rows, forming second section. Continue alternating colors until 8 sections are completed. Bind off 15 sts. Using same thread, cast on 8 sts, turn and bind off loosely, forming loop for hanging pan holder.

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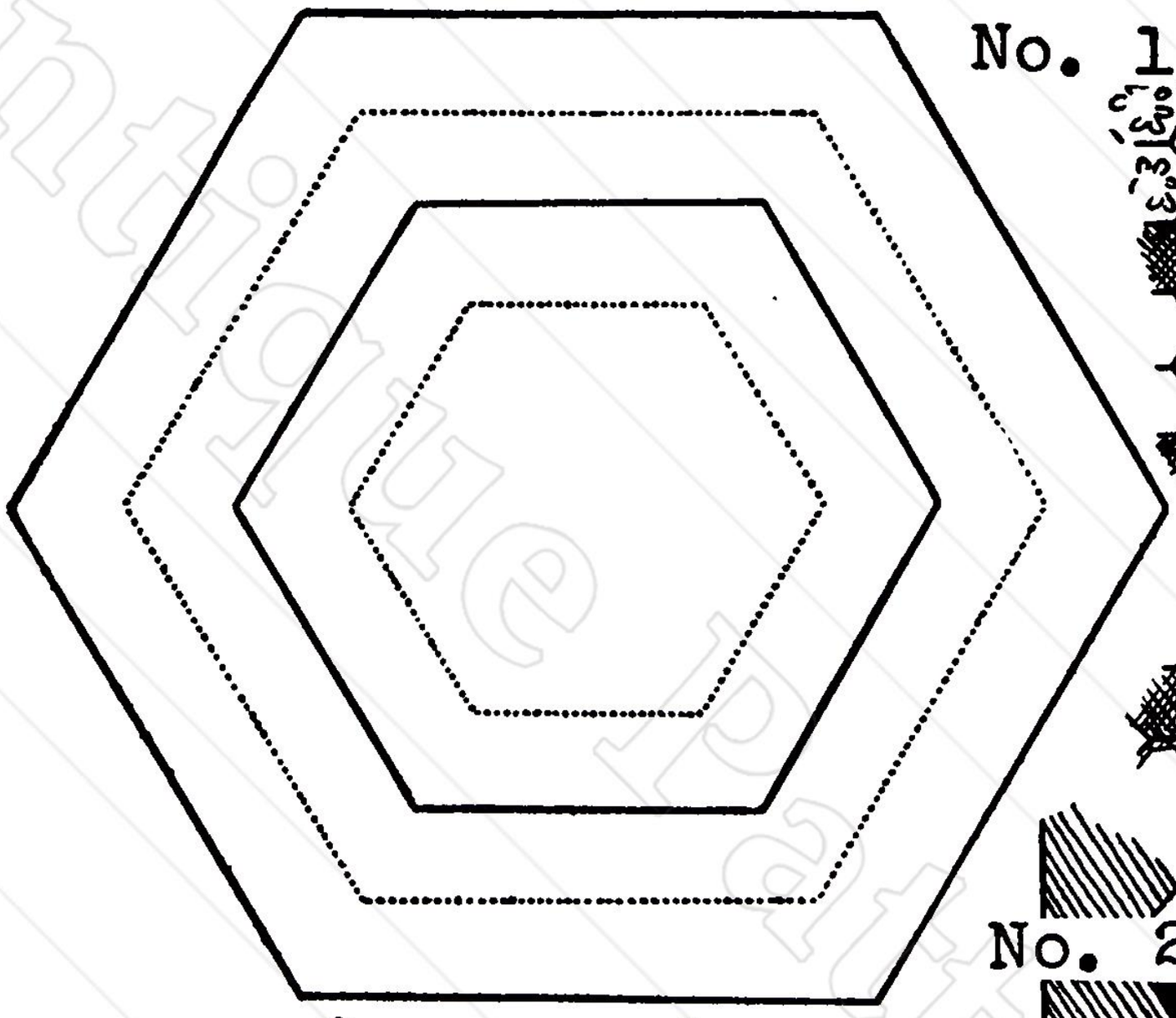
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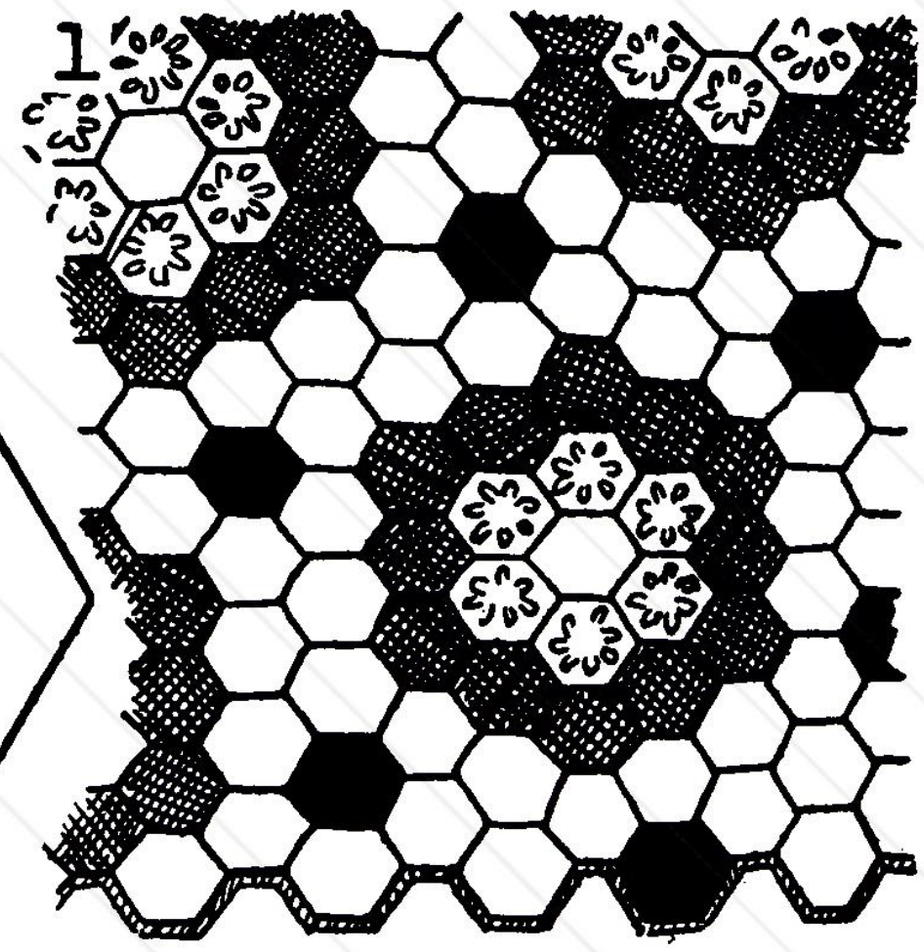
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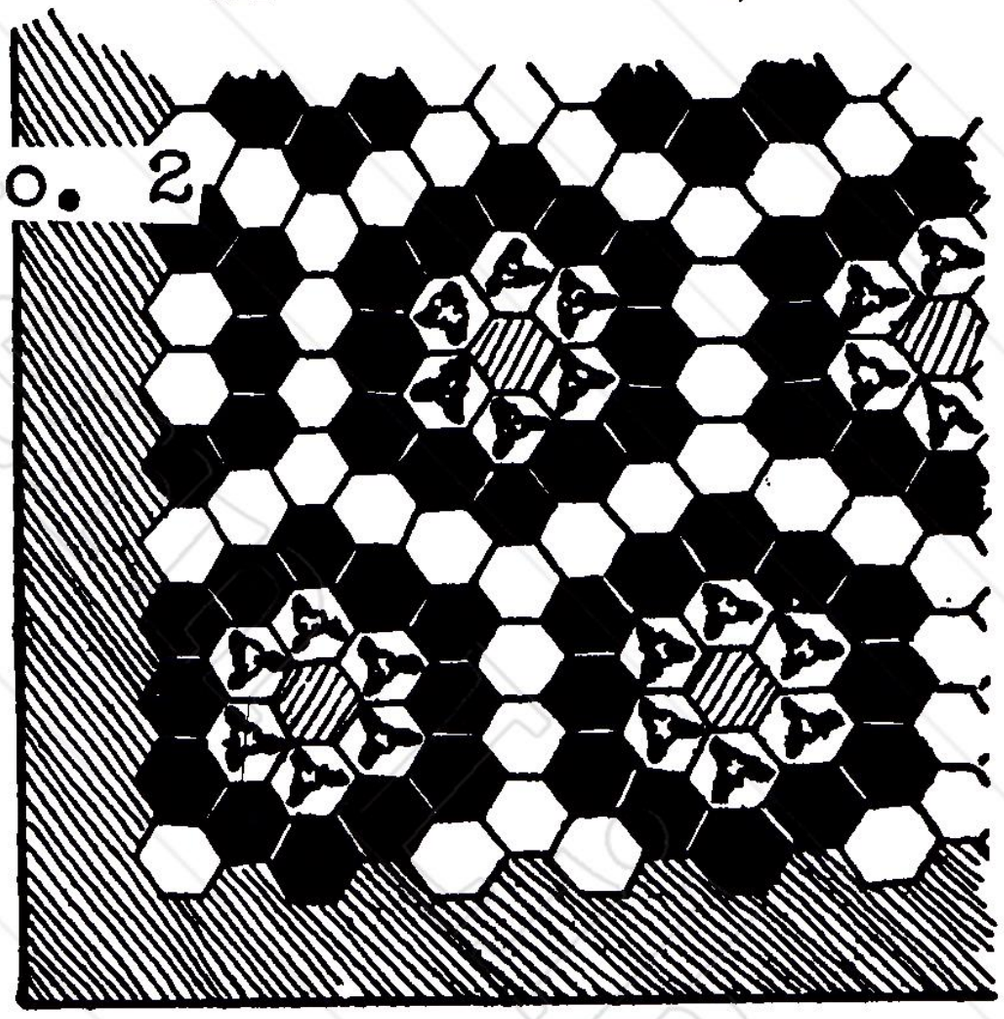
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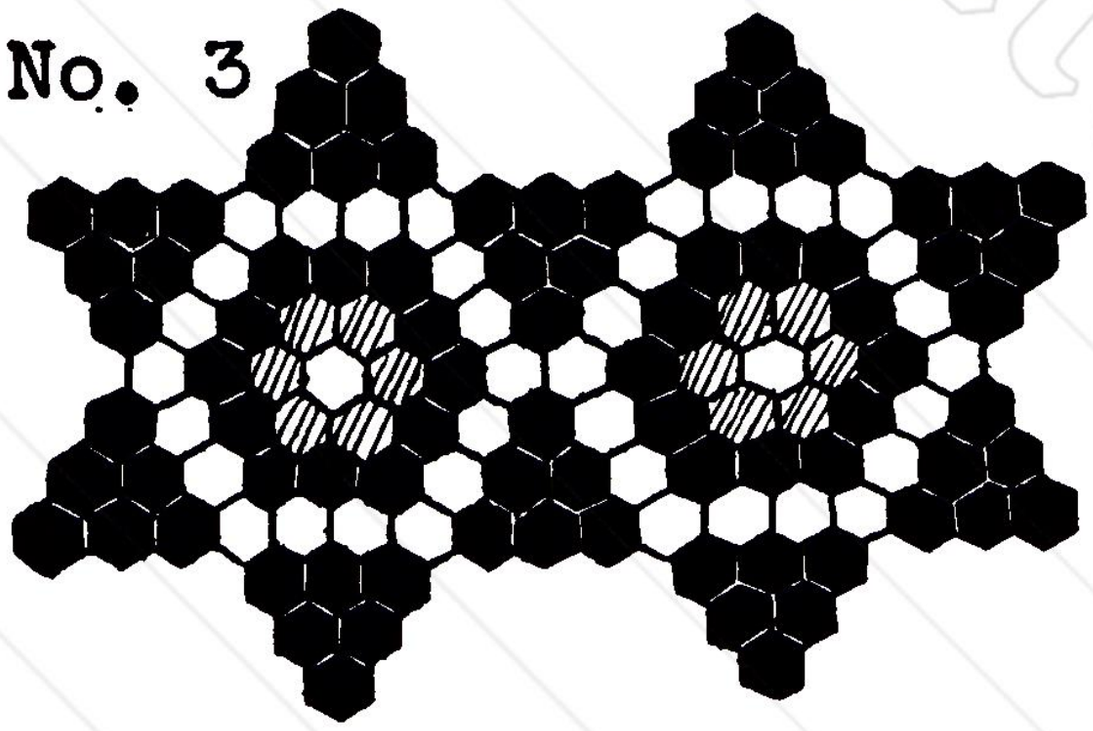
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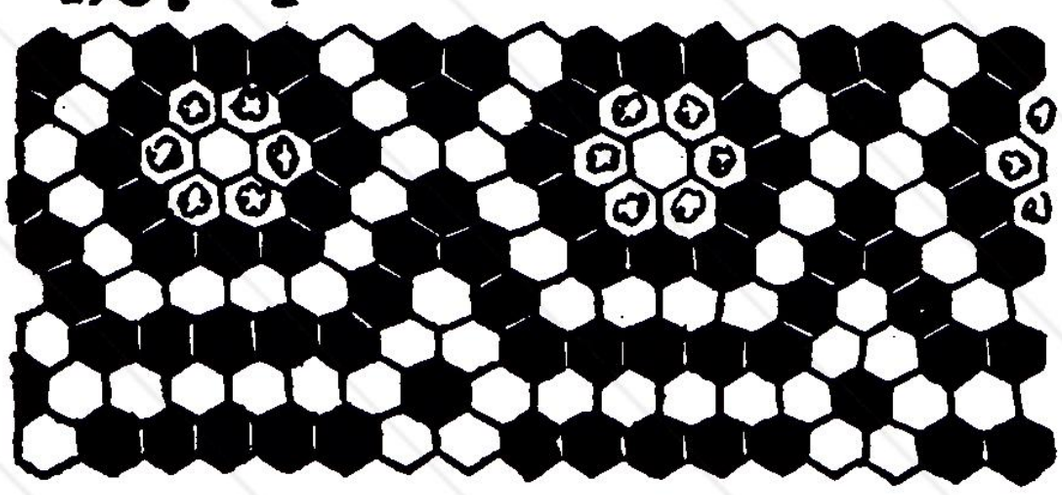
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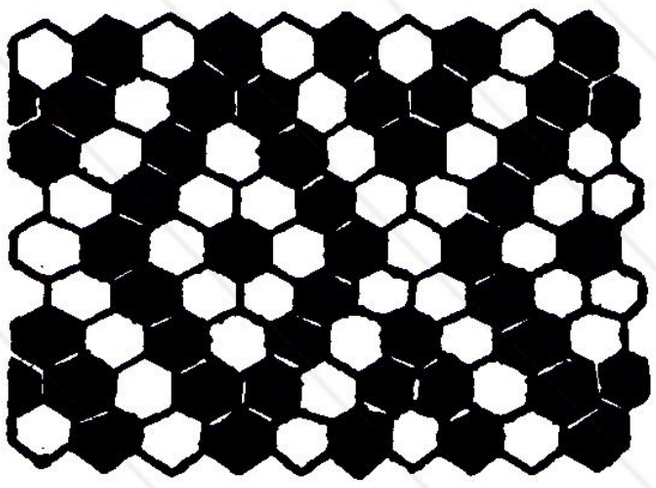
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Grandmother's Flower Garden

There are probably as many names for this quilt as there are ways of assembling it. At every exhibit of lovely quilts there is bound to be a sprinkling of this one. Recently, there was one on display, made of pieces smaller than an inch across, making the finished hexagon about the size of a thumb point. The conventional arrangement is, however, a yellow center, dainty print, a row of matching color and a single row of white between these blocks.

Number 2—To make this quilt, measuring about 74x88, you will need 238 blocks made of the small hexagon, using a row of print around each yellow center and a row of matching plain color around that, 6 prints and 12 plain for each block. These are to be set together with a single row of white or soft green between the blocks and around the outside edge of the quilt. You will need about 1 yard yellow, 4 yards print, 8 yards plain and 7 yards green.

The edge of the quilt can be irregular or scalloped as it is made by the edges of the blocks, or this edge can be appliqued to a straight border of any width you desire. Some prefer to fill in to make a straight edge by cutting the blocks in half.

To make the quilt with the scalloped border as in number 1, you will need to make 19 rows from top to bottom of the quilt. The top and bottom row, as well as every other row between, will have 13 flowers in them. There will be 10 such rows. The 9 rows between will be made up of 12 flowers each. This gives one prominent scallop at each corner. These scallops may be bound either with bias material, or by turning your lining back a bit. Make seams ¼ inch or less.

To Piece The Block

Start with the yellow center, and sew 6 print pieces all around it. Then sew up the seams between these, and add a row of plain. Make 238 such blocks and sew together with a row of white or green between. You can cut 529 small hexagon pieces from a square yard of material.

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and applique to that a yellow center, leaving a small edge of the dark color to show.

Using the larger hexagon, 59 blocks are required to make a quilt that measures about 78x86; set the flowers together in rows of 7 (every other row will take 6) across the quilt. Use 9 such rows from top to bottom. Set each block together with one row of white or green between.

Here are the number of pieces needed for both size hexagons: Small size—yellow, 238; print, 1,428; plain, 2,856; white or green, 2,094.

Large size—yellow, 59; print, 354; plain color, 708; white or green, 566.

Large size with white all around—yellow, 45; print, 270; plain, 540; white or green, 810.

Number 1—Some quilt makers prefer to use a row of white or green around each bouquet. In that case it is necessary to fill in with additional pieces as shown.

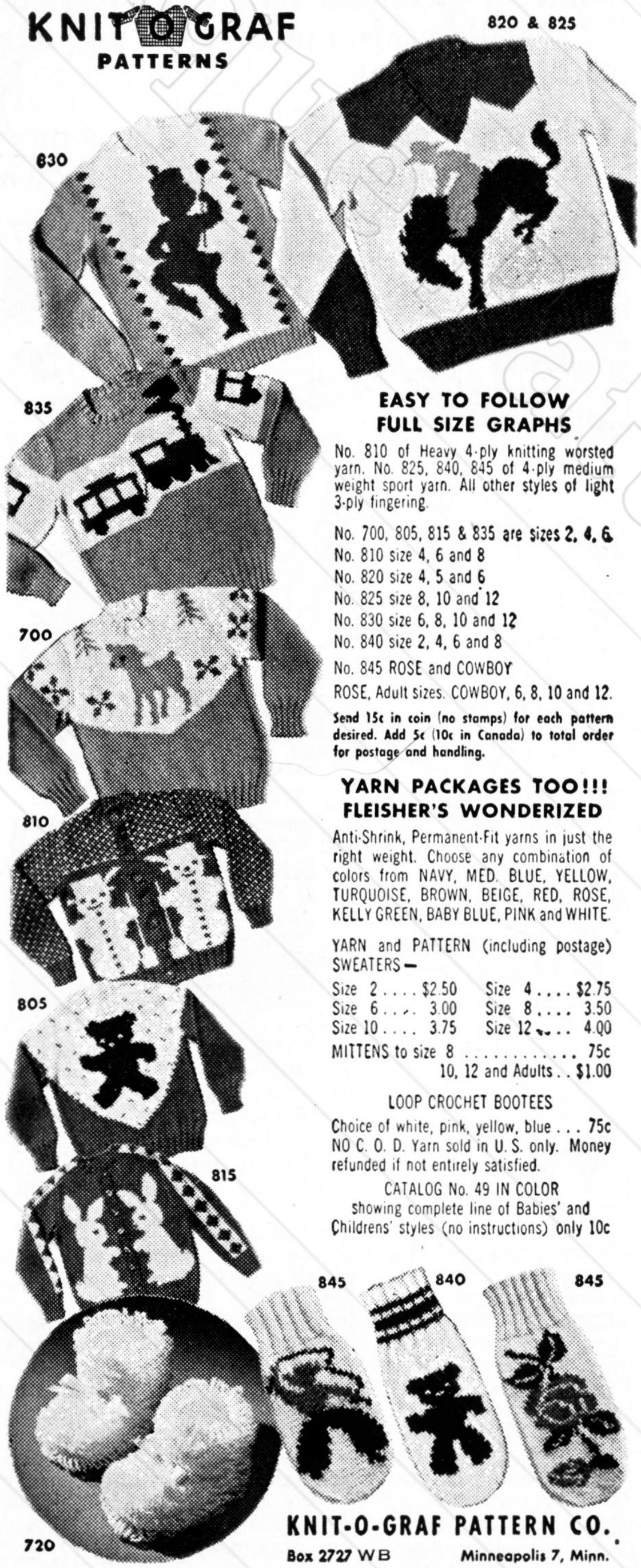
Number 3—Groups of six green pieces sometimes form "leaves" around each block and with the addition of a row or two of color, this might develop into a central star, surrounded by hexagons of various colors.

Number 4—This arrangement has a row of white around the block and a row of color half around, the white pieces joining in the middle. Then there is a row of 6 white and 1 color between each row of blocks. Fill in the gaps with white as shown in pattern.

Number 5—The blocks may be arranged in diamonds, as shown here, with a row of white all around.

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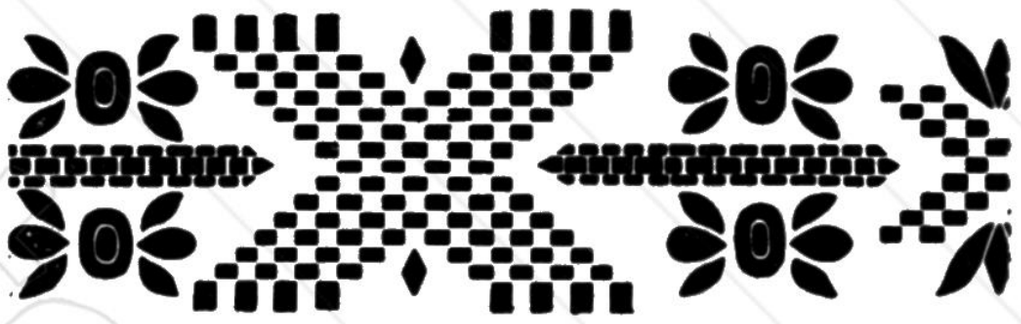
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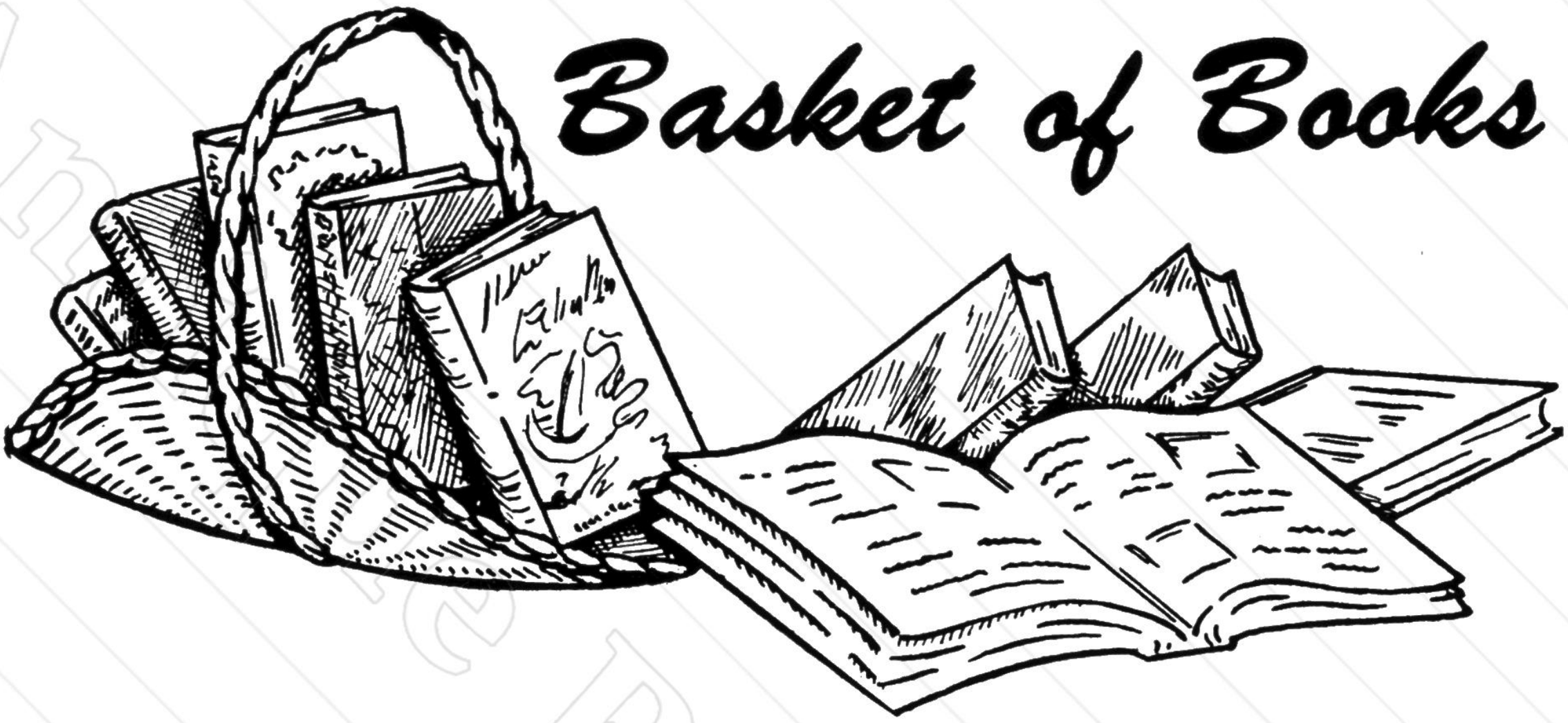
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By Elizabeth S. Hoke

(40 pages; illustrated; published by Mrs. C. Naamen Keyser, Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania; $1.50)

Paper bound though it may be, this booklet by Elizabeth Hoke is crammed with more solid information than many a more impressive appearing volume. It is an item that should appeal to the housewife interested in collecting tin ware as well as to the one desirous of doing her own decorating. Early pages tell of the painted trays produced in New England, New York, and the various counties of Pennsylvania and speak of the differences in style apparent when comparison is made with French or English trays of the same period. It would seem that, although floral and fruit patterns, with an occasional bird thrown in, were common to all the artists of that time, the American artist tended to a far greater simplicity of line than did his European counterpart. Plentiful illustrations point up the text and lend weight to the author's dictums.

A particularly delightful chapter deals with tin in the kitchen and discusses the various implements used in early American days. Two recipes, credited to the author's grandmother, are also included, and anyone with a weakness for either sponge cake or coconut custard is assured by Elizabeth Hoke that these specifications are failure proof. Mention is made too of the tin ware used in the dairy or spring house and there are sketches picturing the various items that are discussed. Oil burning lanterns and five to ten quart milk cans were among the prime requisites.

For those who wish to paint their own trays, the author devotes several pages to succinct but detailed instructions on procedure. The stencil method is obviously the easiest approach for the beginner and there is sound information here on the preparation and use of the type of stencil suitable for this work. The author also includes patterns from which stencils may be adapted, and for those artists adept with a brush, some useful data on free hand bronzing.

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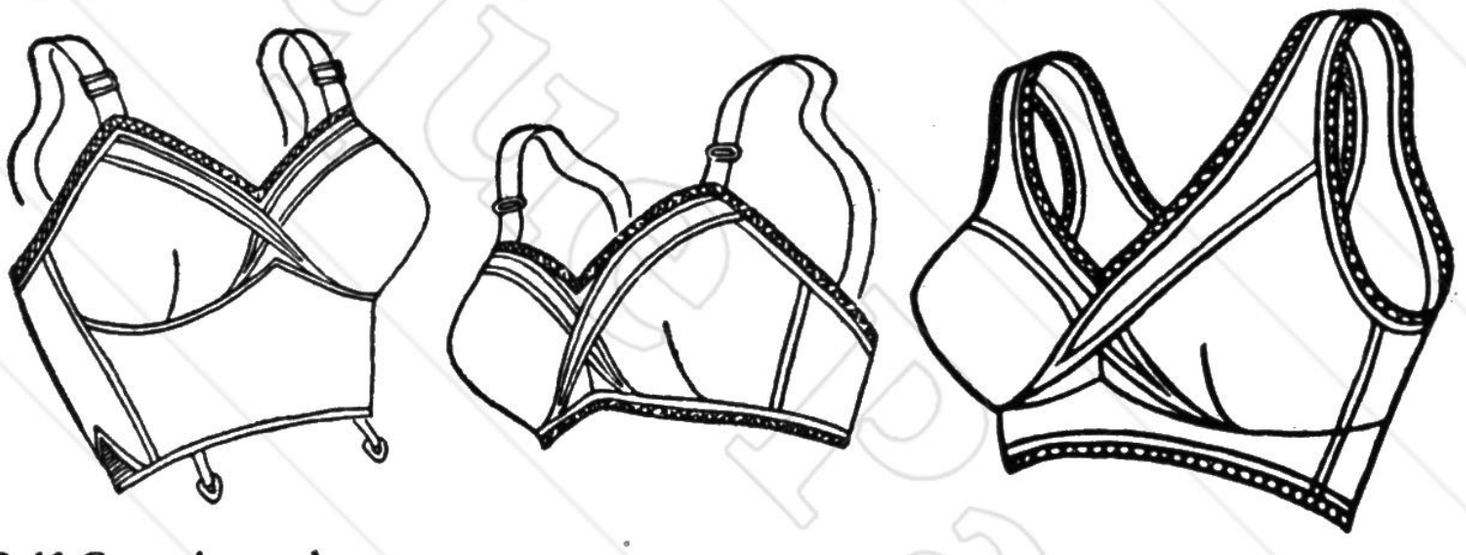


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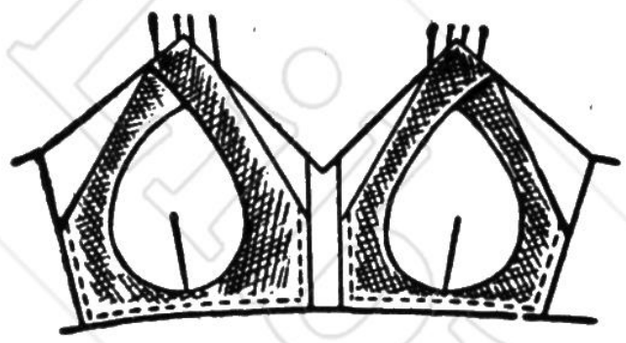


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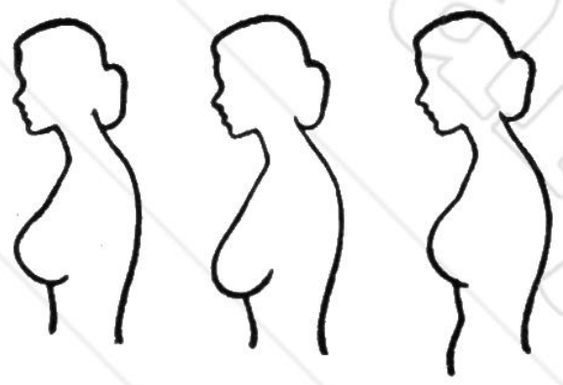
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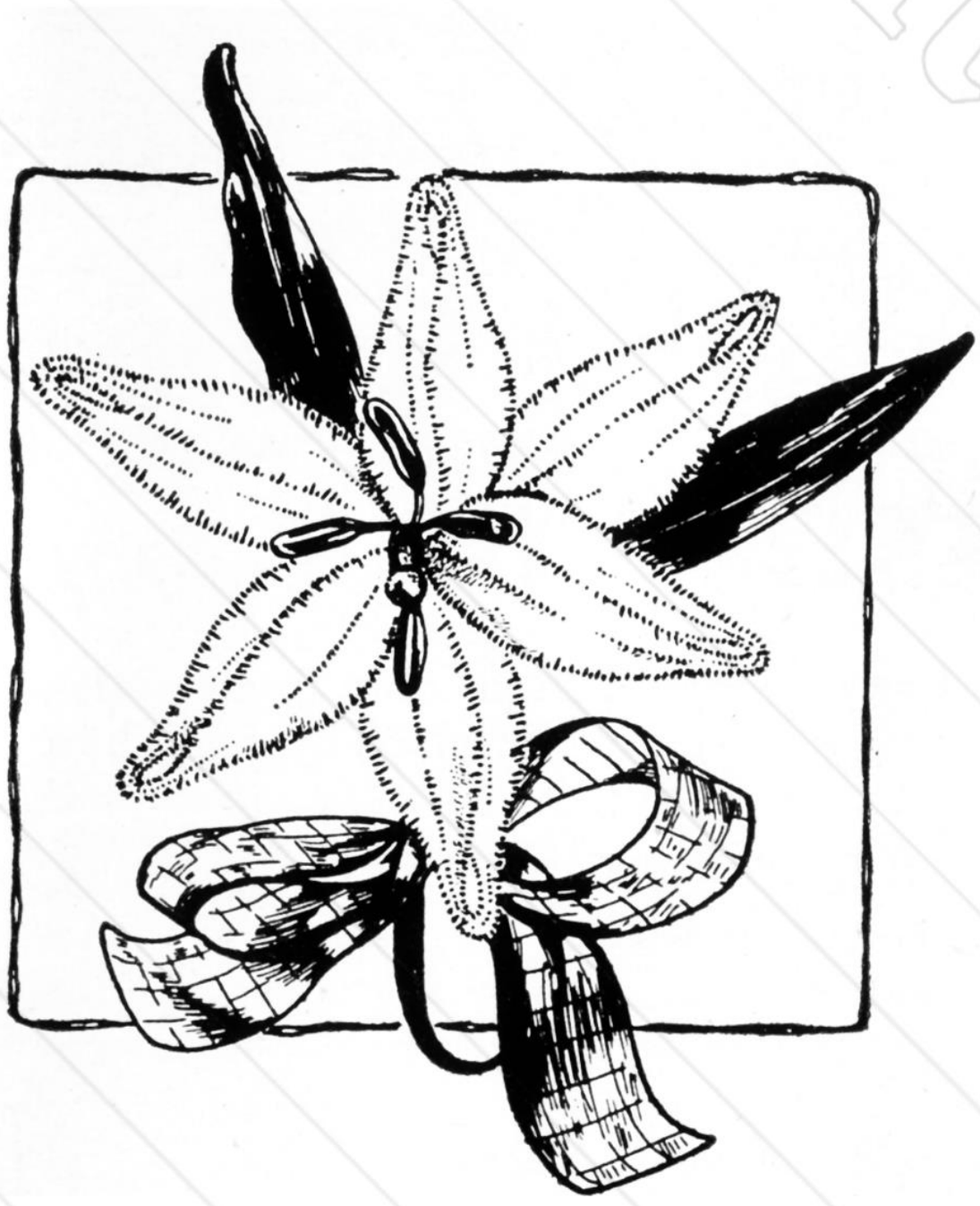
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You will need to assemble the following materials: a round yellow pep for center, lily peps, tie wire, heavier stem wire, white knot chenille, lily leaves and rubber tape; add a small piece of ribbon for that professional finishing touch. You are now ready to proceed with the making of an Easter Lily corsage.

To become proficient in making flower and novelty designs requires a relatively short period of practice. Pattern books and instructions are available to guide you in the beginning. The corsage shown here is quite simple to make, lovely to wear for Easter, and the necessary materials can be had at small cost.

Use a two-knot length of white chenille for each of the six petals. Bend them in the center, pinching the loop slightly, to make a pointed petal. Tie four yellow lily peps around a small pep center, and to a three-inch piece of number 24 wire at the same time, so that the tips of the yellow peps are about a half inch from the round pep. Next, tie on three petals, one at a time, spacing evenly and making them secure with tie wire. Then tie on the other three petals so that they will be directly between the first three. Tie one leaf on the flower and wrap stem, covering all tie wires. Wrap the second leaf about an inch below the flower; finish wrapping to bottom of stem and tie with a ribbon bow to complete.



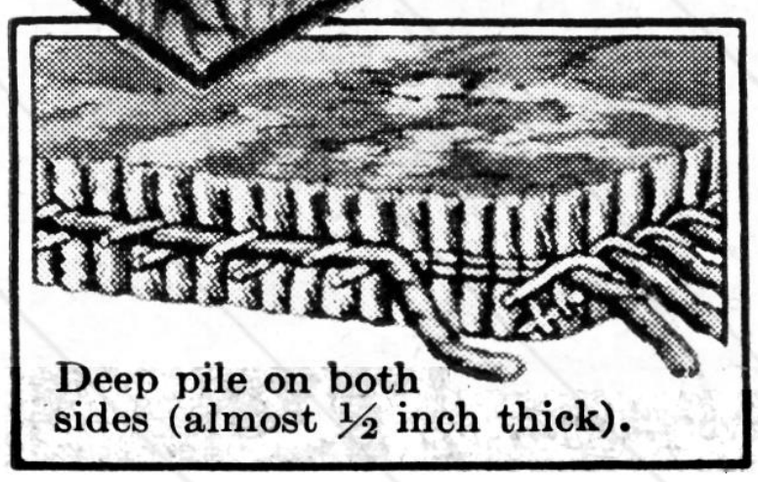
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