

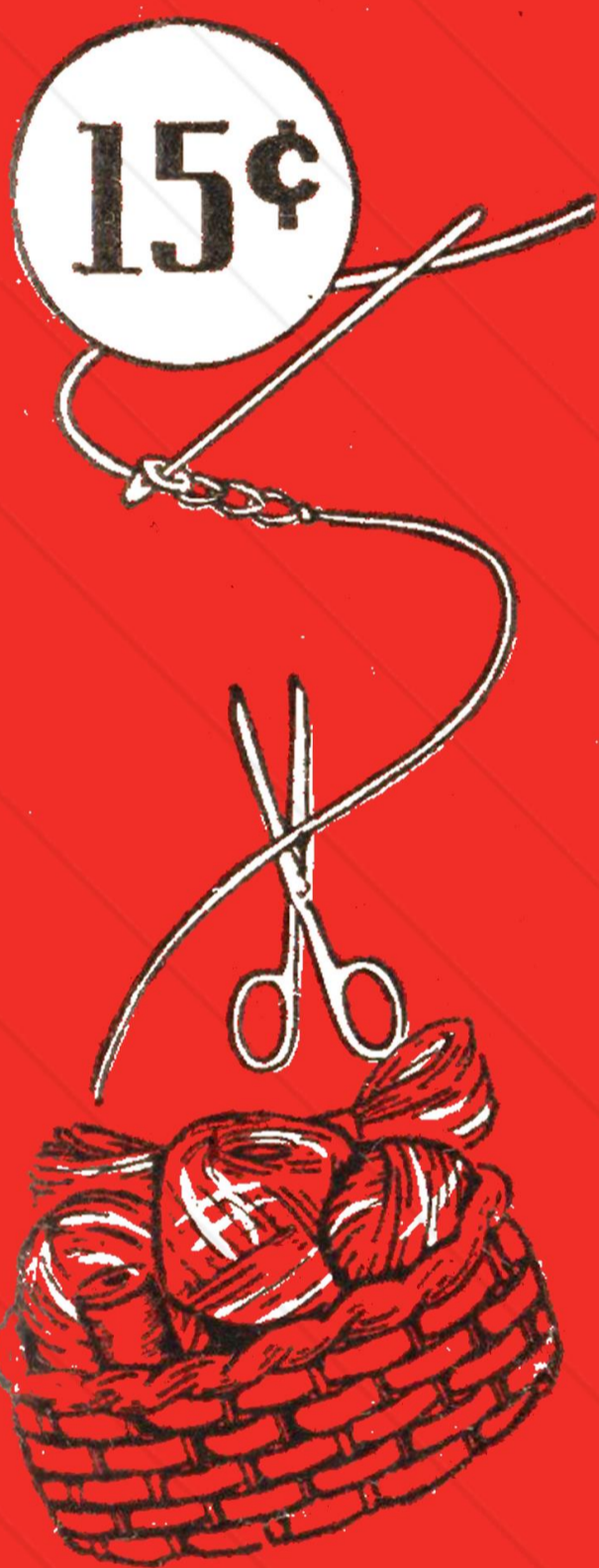
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Needle Pointers

Jute yarn, a favorite material for many a handcraft, has recently been brought out in colors. The sixteen hues range from chalk white through tones of gold, red, blue, green and black. The product is called "Juta-Cord." Now that color has been added, jute will be increasingly popular for crocheted bags, belts and hats, rug hooking, hand weaving, putting seats in chairs, winding lampshades and wastebaskets, embroidery on felt, and many other decorating ideas. And it's an economical material, too.

Rick rack or inexpensive decorative braid from the dime store can keep a little girl's wash dress from betraying its age after the hem has been let down. The faded or worn line usually left from the previous hem can be covered with the braid, hiding the evidence that the garment has been "let down."

If you have an old fashioned curling iron, get it out the next time you have a home dye project. It is a perfect tool for gripping the material and turning it in the dye bath. And it is far less likely than a wooden stick, spoon or fork to let the material drop with a scalding splash.

Hand knitted or crocheted garments containing button holes will look better after laundering if beforehand you first stitch the buttonholes shut. It will keep them from pulling out of shape.

For a smooth finishing edge in knitting, use a needle one size larger for binding off stitches. There will then be no tendency toward tightness.

Shell Stitch Afghan

(As shown on front cover)

Here is an attractive afghan worked in the easy-to-do shell stitch. The model was made of American Thread Company "Dawn" knitting worsted. The main color is gray (50 ounces), with brown (6 ounces), amber (7 ounces), medium green (10 ounces), bittersweet or orange (3 ounces); use a number 6 or H plastic crochet hook. The finished afghan without fringe is about 51 by 70 inches.

Abbreviations: Ch (chain); sc (single crochet); sk (skip); sts (stitches); dc (double crochet); sp (space).

Gauge: 2 shells equal 2½ inches.

With gray, ch 352.

Row 1: Sc in second st from hook, * sk 2 sts of ch, 5 dc in next st (shell made), sk 2 sts of ch, sc in next st, repeat from * across ch, ch 3, turn.

Row 2: 2 dc in same sp, sc in center dc of next shell, * shell in next sc, sc in center dc of next shell, repeat from * across row ending row with 3 dc in last sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 3: Sc in same sp, * shell in next sc, sc in center dc of next shell, repeat from * across row working last sc in third st of ch, drop gray yarn.

Row 4: Turn, join green and work 1 sc in each st, ch 1, turn.

Row 5: Sc in each sc, cut yarn.

Row 6: Do not turn, pick up gray in first sc, ch 3, 2 dc in same sp, sk 2 sc, sc in next sc, * sk 2 sc, shell in next sc, sk 2 sc, sc in next sc, repeat from * across row working 3 dc in last sc, cut yarn.

Row 7: Without turning, join amber in third st of ch and work 1 sc in each st, cut yarn.

Row 8: Without turning, join brown in first sc, sc in same sp, sk 2 sc, shell in next sc, * sk 2 sc, sc in next sc, sk 2 sc, shell in next sc, repeat from * across row ending with sk 2 sc, sc in next sc, cut yarn.

Row 9: Without turning, join amber in first sc and work 1 sc in each st, cut yarn.

Row 10: Same as 6th row.

Rows 11, 12: Same as rows 4, 5.

Row 13: Without turning, join gray in first sc, sc in same sp, * sk 2 sc, shell in next sc, sk 2 sc, sc in next sc, repeat from * across row, ch 3, turn.

Row 14: Same as row 2.

Row 15: Repeat row 3 but do not drop yarn, ch 3, turn.

Rows 16, 17, 18, 19: Repeat the last 2 rows twice, cut yarn.

Row 20: Join amber and work same as row 4, cut yarn.

Row 21: With orange or bittersweet, work same as row 5, cut yarn.

Row 22: Same as row 6.

Row 23: In green, work same as row 7.

Row 24: Same as row 8.

Row 25: In green, repeat row 9.

Row 26: Repeat row 6.

Row 27: Turn, in orange, work same as row 7, cut yarn.

Row 28: Turn, with amber, sc in each sc, cut yarn.

Row 29: Same as row 13.

Row 30: Same as row 2.

Row 31: Same as row 15. Repeat the last 2 rows twice, cut yarn.

Repeat from row 4 five times, then repeat from the 4th to 15th rows once, cut yarn.

Fringe: Cut 12 inch lengths, double in half and loop through each st having the colors to correspond to stripes.

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The Swirl Tablecloth

The model was made of mercerized crochet cotton, size 20, and a number 10 crochet hook. Each motif measures approximately 4 inches and requires about 35 yards of thread. The fill-in motif takes 7 yards of thread. The completed tablecloth gives a very pretty and lacy design.

Abbreviations: Ch (chain); sts (stitches); sl st (slip stitch); dc (double crochet); sc (single crochet); sk (skip); p (picot); lp (loop); tr (treble)—thread over twice, work off 2 lps at a time; rnd (round).

Motif—Begin in center and make a ch of 4 sts, 15 dcs in first st, sl st in third ch of ch 4 first made.

First Scroll—Ch 1, sc in same st with sl st, sc in next dc, ch 14, dc in 4th st from hook, 2 dc in next st, dc in next, ch 3, sl st in top of last dc for a p, * (2 dc in next st of ch, dc in next) twice, 2 dc in next dc, ch 3 for a p (sl st in top of last dc), dc in each

of last 3 sts, sc in each of next 2 dc of center. This completes one scroll.

Second Scroll—Ch 11, sk 5 dc of previous scroll after first p, sl st in next dc—joining scrolls. Ch 1, 2 dc in each of last 2 sts of ch 11, dc in next, p, repeat from * of first scroll around center making 7 scrolls. Work the last or 8th scroll in the same way, after 5 dc, p, 5 dc, join with sl st in first dc at beginning of first scroll, complete last scroll as usual. Join at base of first scroll and fasten off.

Border—Rnd 1: Join thread in third dc after p on any scroll, ch 3 for a dc, * dc in third dc on next scroll, ch 6, sc in next p, ch 6, dc in third dc from same p, repeat from * around, ending with ch 6, sl st in third ch of ch 3 first made.

Rnd 2: Sl st in next ch lp, ch 3 for a dc, 11 more dc in same ch 6 lp, (ch 6 in next ch lp, ch 6, 12 dc in next ch lp) repeated around. Join last ch 6 to third st of ch 3 first made.

Rnd 3: Ch 3, dc in each of next 9 dc, (ch 6, dc in each of next 10 dc of 12 dc group) repeated around. Join with sl st.

Rnd 4: Ch 3, dc in each of next 7 dc, (ch 6, tr over both ch 6 lps of two previous rnds, ch 6, dc in each of next 8 dc) repeated around. Join with sl st.

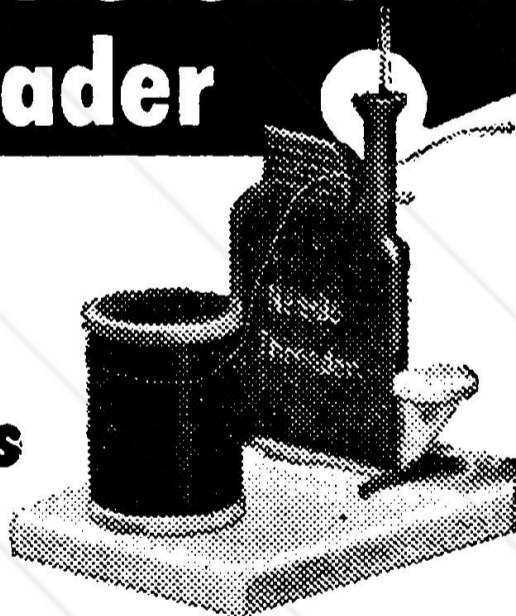
Rnd 5: Ch 3, dc in each of next 5 dc, * ch 6, sc in lp, ch 8, sc in next lp, ch 6, dc in each of next 6 dc, repeat from * around. End with a ch 6, join with sl st in ch 3 first made.

Rnd 6: Ch 3, dc in each of next 3 dc, * ch 5, sc in lp, (ch 9, sc in next lp) twice, ch 5, dc in each of next 4 dc, repeat from * around. Join with sl st in first ch 3 made.

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Make and join all motifs in same way.

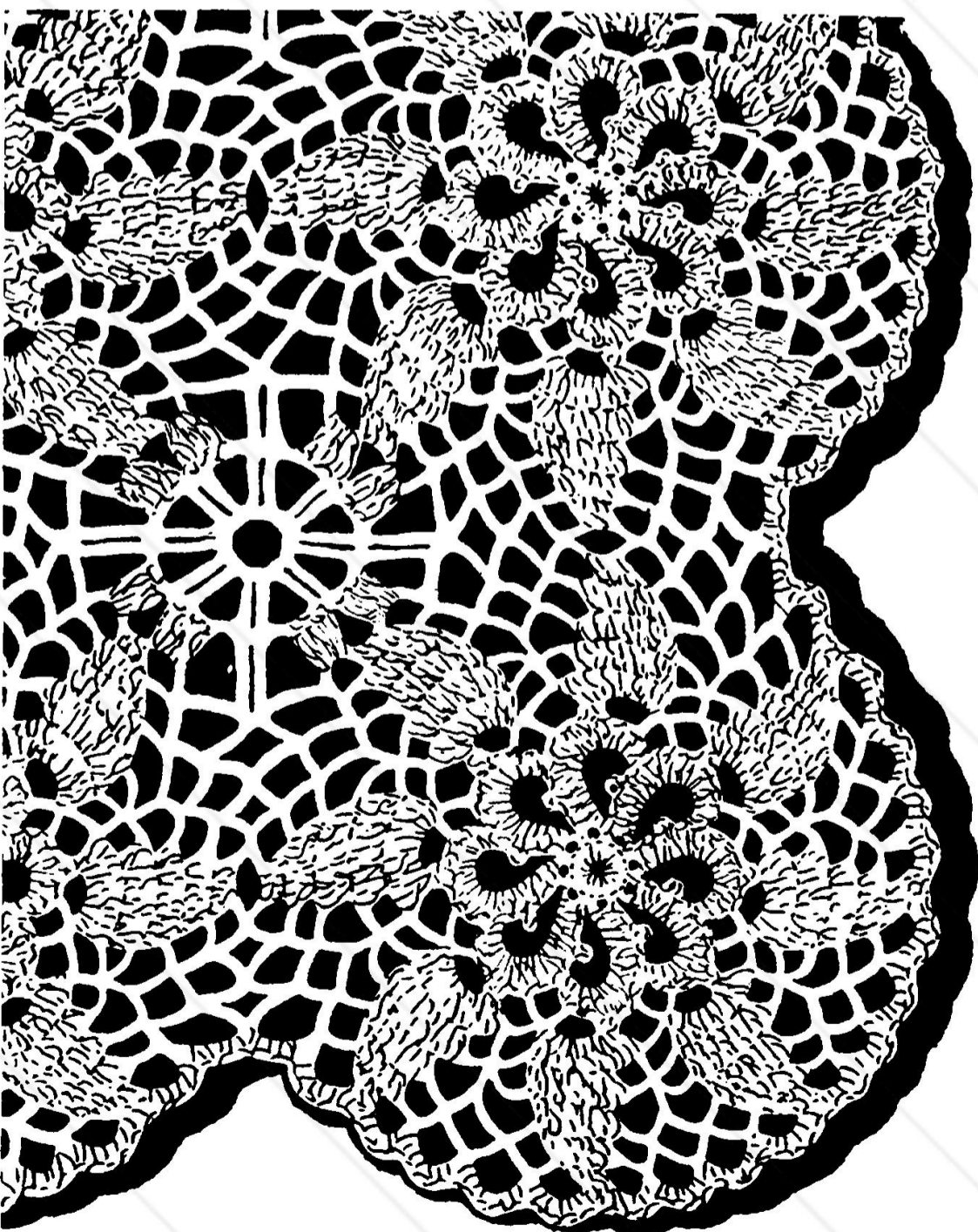
Fill-In Space Between Motifs—

Rnd 1: Work (4 tr in each ch 5 lp, ch 8, sc in next ch 9 lp twice, ch 8) repeated around, sl st in first tr made and in next 3 tr, sc in sp between groups of 4 tr.

Rnd 2: (Ch 8, sc in each of ch 8 lp, ch 8, sc between next 2 groups of 4 tr) repeated around, ending with ch 4, tr in first tr—this brings thread in position to begin next rnd.

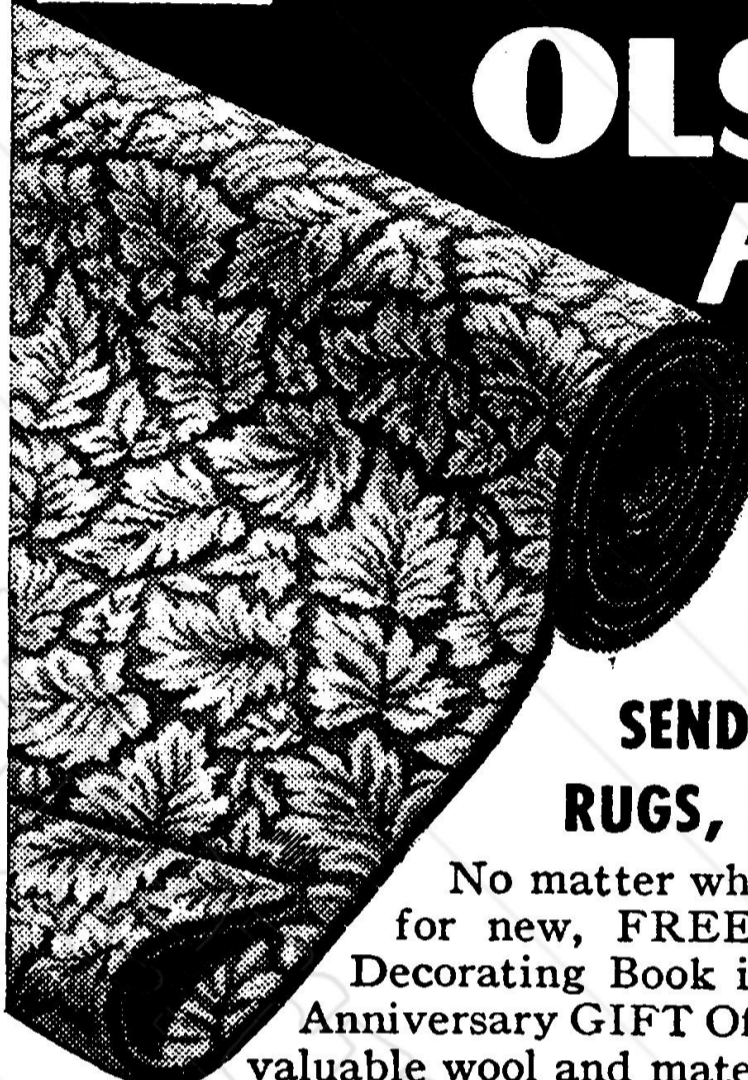
Rnd 3: 2 sc in each ch 8 lp around. Sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

When all motifs are joined for the size tablecloth desired, work edge around as follows: 9 sc in each ch 9 lp, 5 sc in each ch 5 lp and sc in each dc around. Sl st in first sc. Fasten off.



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Plate—To begin, ch 8, join in first ch to form a ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 5 (for a tr and a ch 1), 15 tr in ring with a ch 1 between each, join with sl st in 4th ch of ch 5 first made.

Rnd 2: Sl st into first sp, ch 5 (for a tr and ch 1), * 2 tr in next sp with ch 1 between, ch 1, tr in next sp, ch 1, repeat from * around, join with sl st in 4th ch of ch 5 first made.

Rnd 3: Sl st into first sp, ch 5, * 2 tr in each of next 2 sps with a ch 1 between each tr, ch 1, tr in next sp, ch 1, repeat from * around, join as in previous rnd.

Rnd 4, 5: Sl st into first sp, ch 6 (for a tr and ch 2), tr in each sp around with a ch 2 between each tr, join in 4th ch of ch 6 first made.

Rnd 6: Ch 5, * 2 tr in next sp with a ch 1 between, ch 1, tr in each of next 2 sps with a ch 1 between, ch 1, repeat from * around, join.

Rnd 7: * Ch 12, sk 2 sps, sc in next sp, repeat from * around, ending with a ch 6 and dtr in first ch of ch 12 first made. This brings thread in position to begin next rnd.

Rnd 8: Repeat rnd 7.

Rnd 9: Work same as rnd 8 only make a ch lp of 15 sts, at end ch 7, tr tr in first ch of ch 15 first made.

Rnd 10: Make ch 17 lps and work

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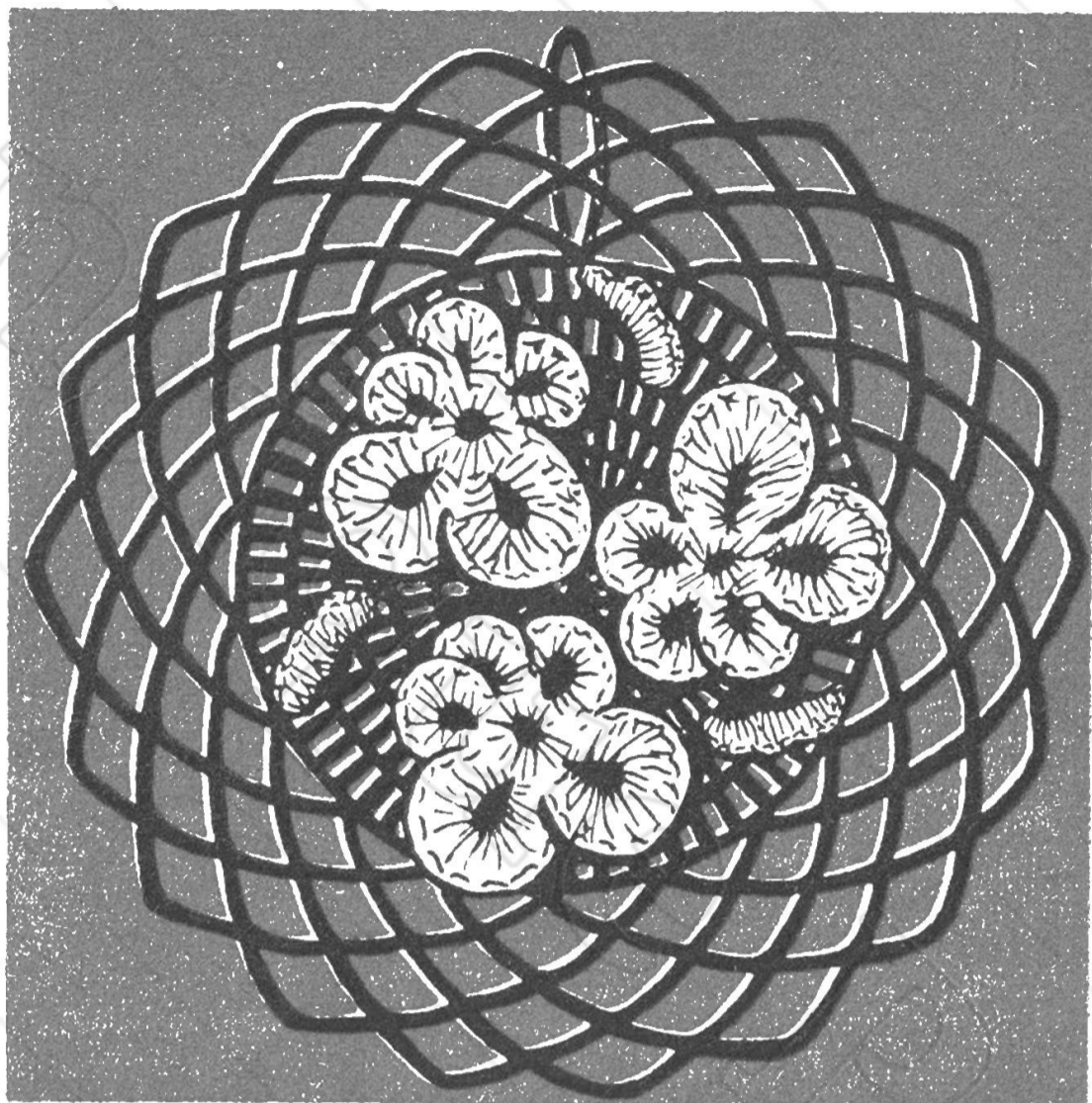
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Pansy—Ch 8, join in first ch to form a ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 3 (for a dc), 2 more dc in ring, * ch 7, 3 dc in ring, repeat from * 3 times, end with a ch 7, join with sl st in third ch of ch 3 first made.

Rnd 2: Sl st to lp, ch 3, 12 dc in lp, (sc in center dc of next dc group, 13 dc in next lp) twice, sc in center dc of next group, ch 4, (8 dtr, 2 tr, 2 dc) in next lp with a ch 1 between each st, sc in center dc of next dc group, (2 dc, 2 tr, 8 dtr) in next lp with a ch 1 between each st, ch 4, sc in center dc of next dc group, sl st to beginning and fasten off.

This completes one pansy. Make 2 more pansies, each in a different color.

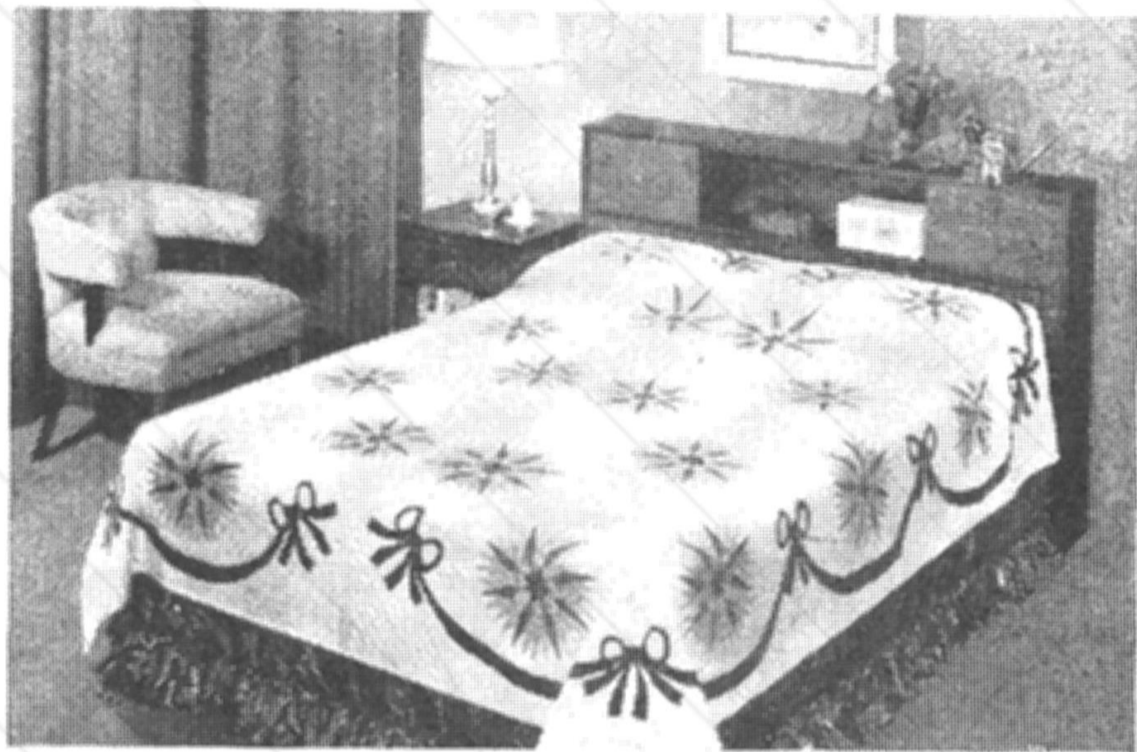
Arrange pansies in center of plate and tack with needle and thread on wrong side. Then between each pansy, using a bright green, fasten thread in top of a dc in rnd 5, ch 2, hold work sideways, make (2 dc, 6 dtr) in same sp, (6 tr, 2 dc) over dc in rnd 6, ch 2, sl st in same sp, fasten off.

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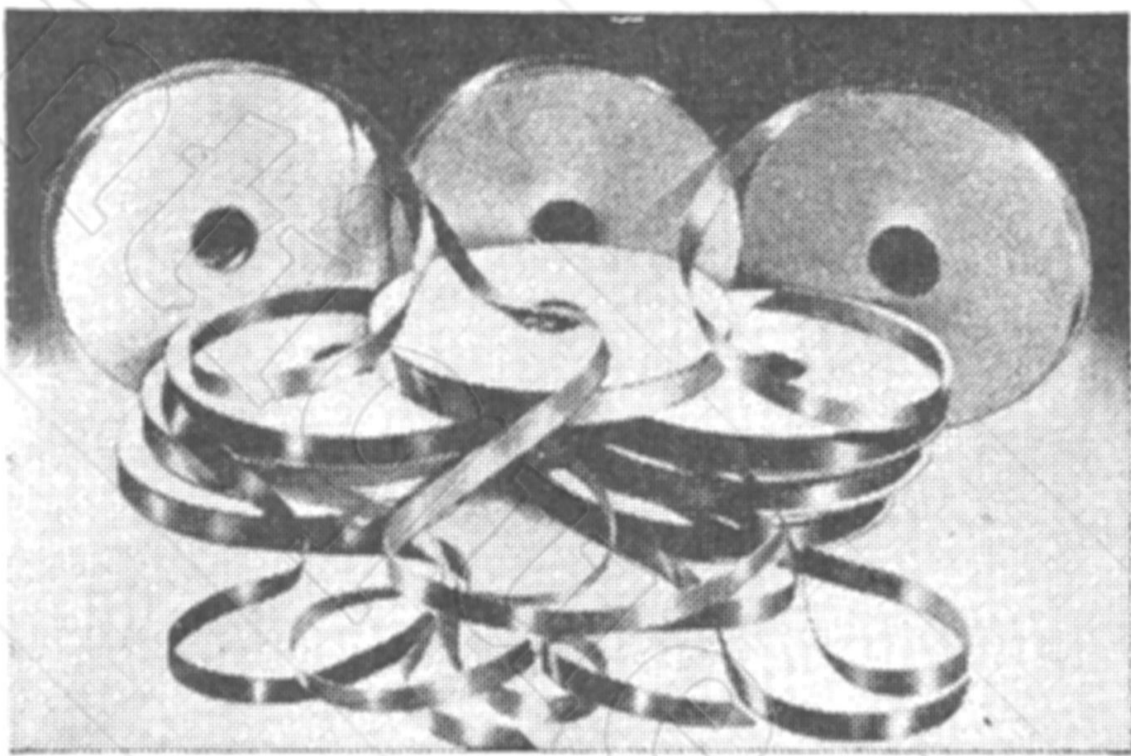
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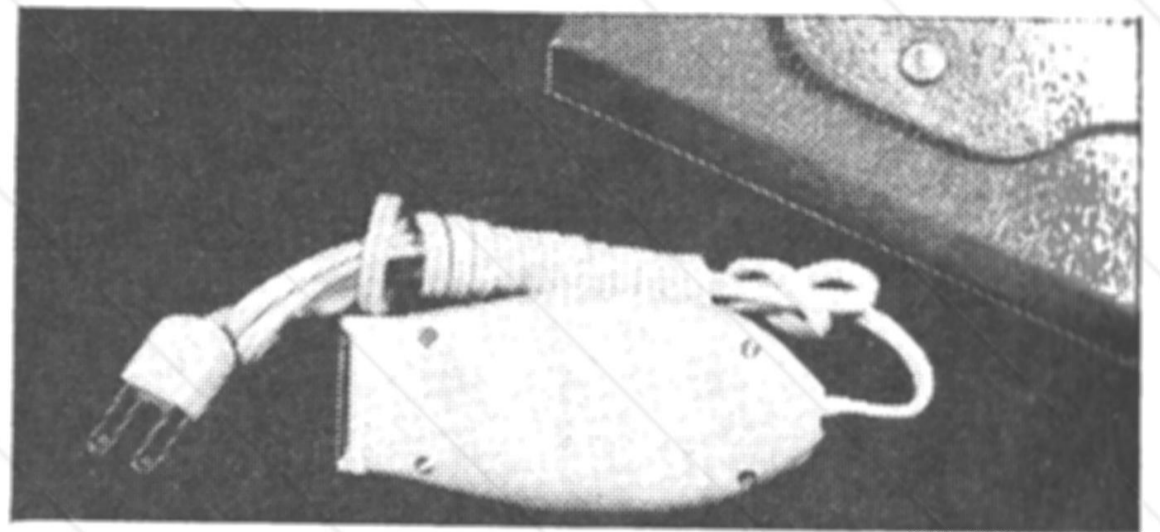


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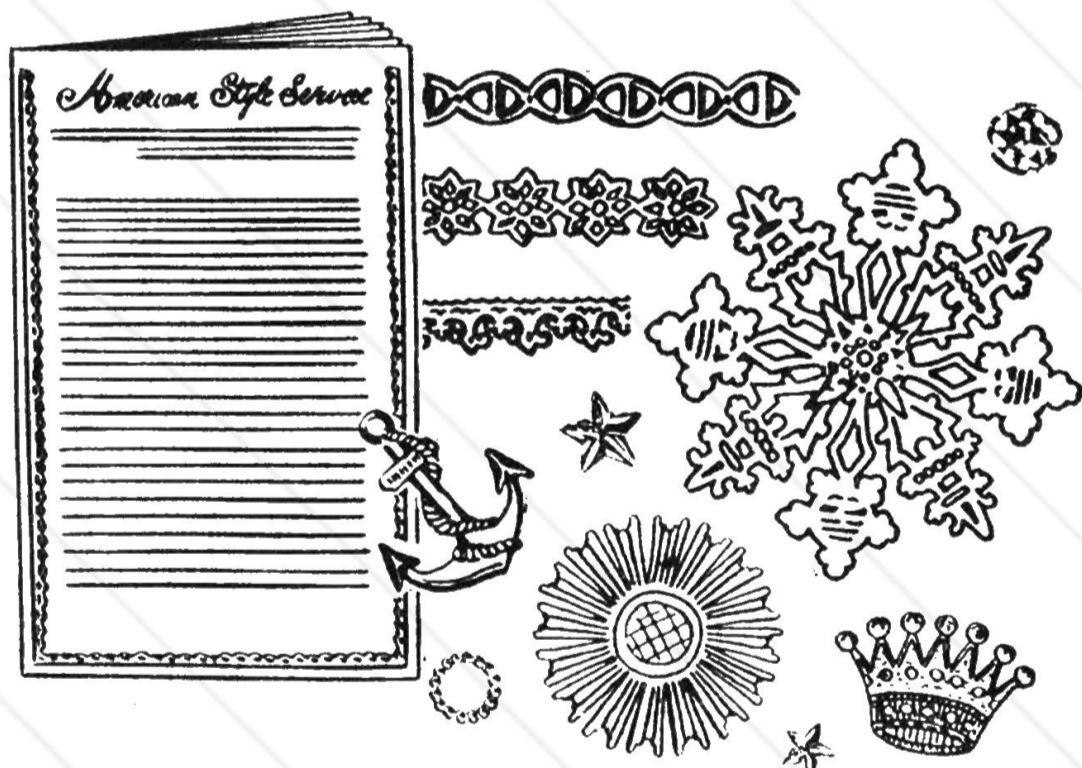
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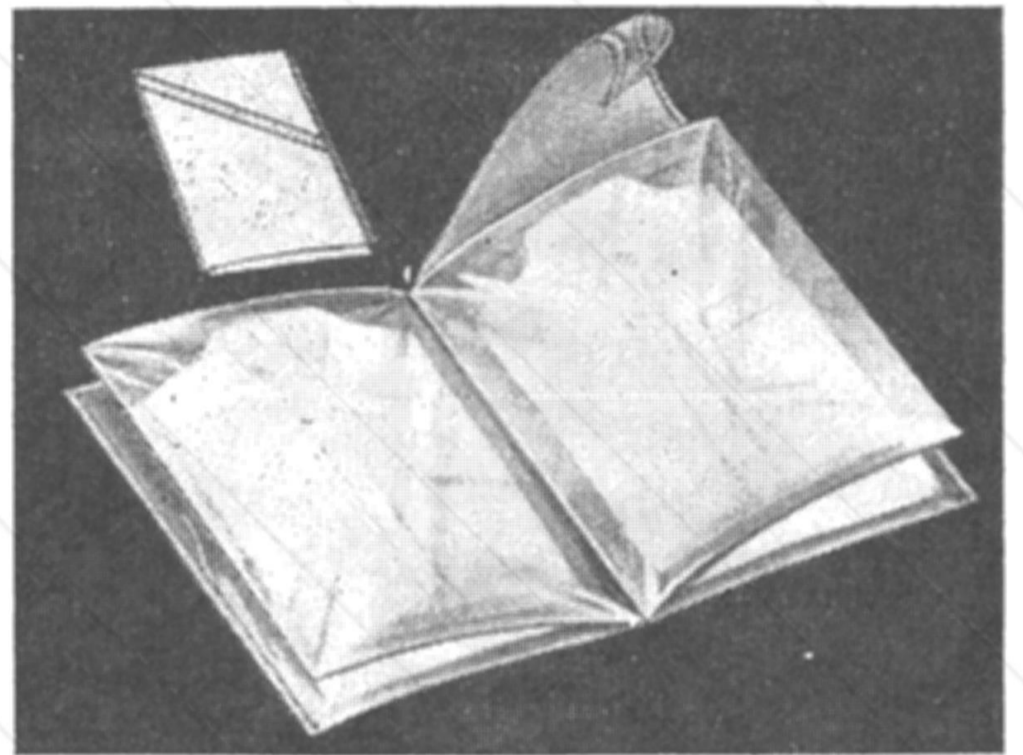
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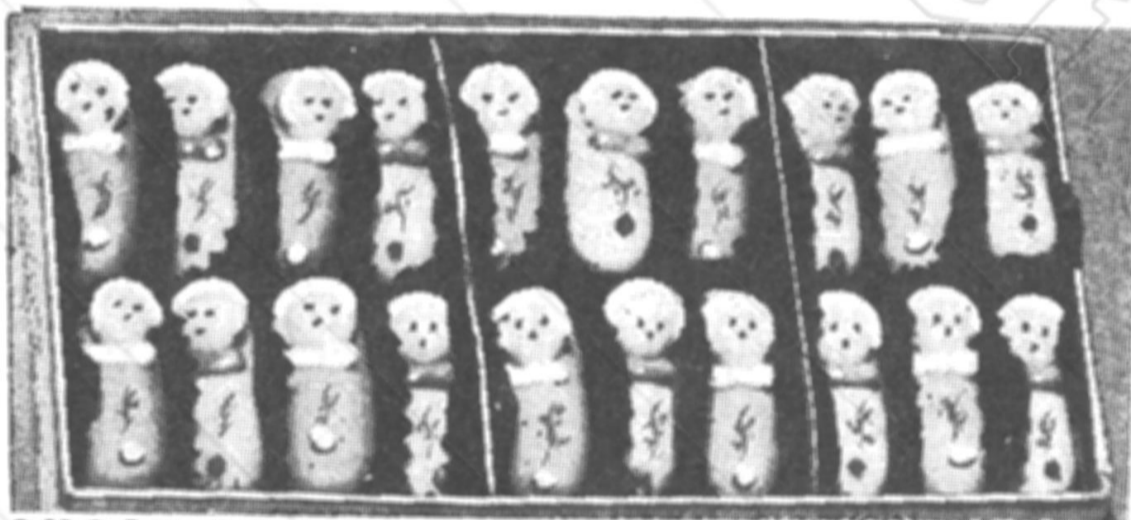
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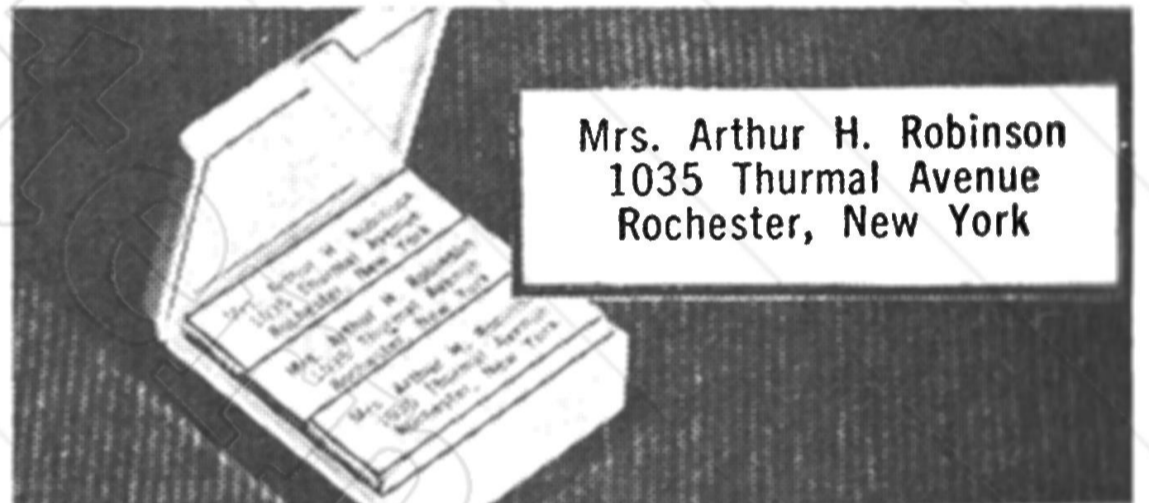
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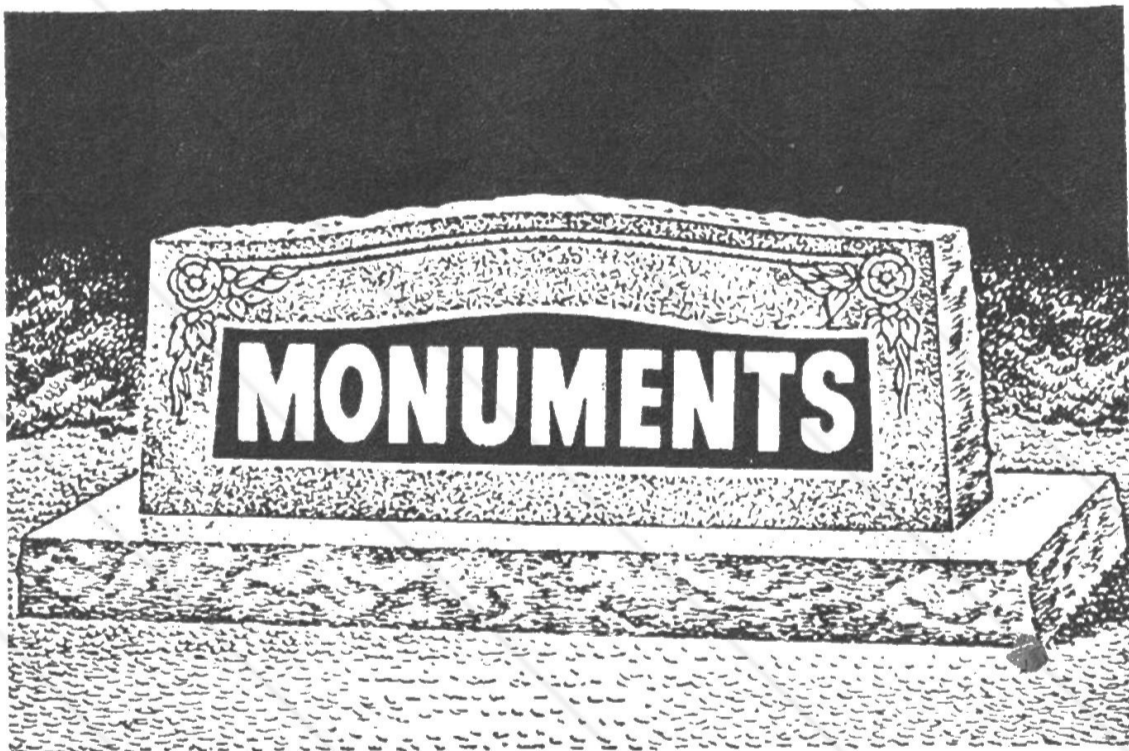
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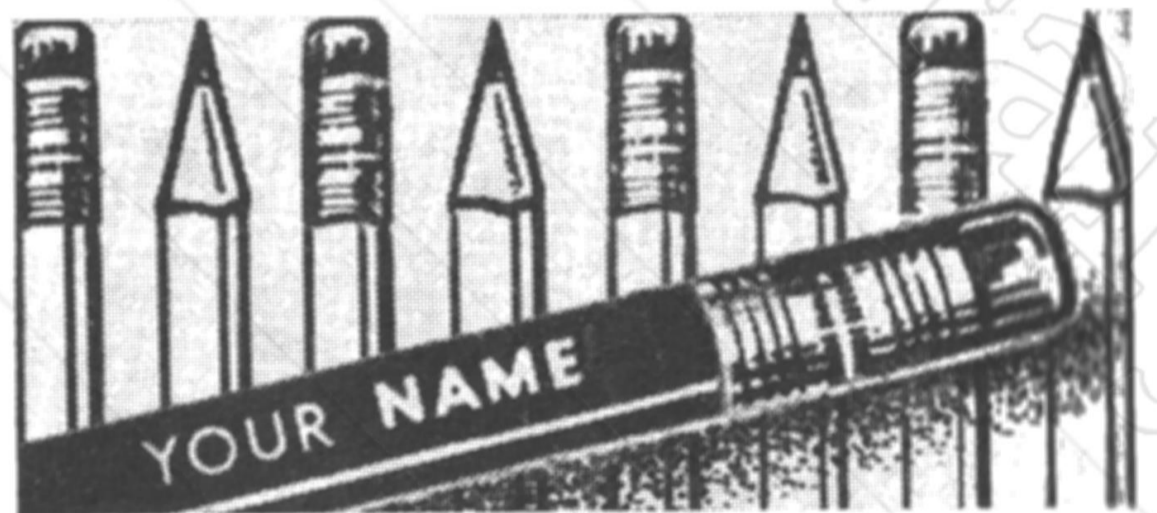
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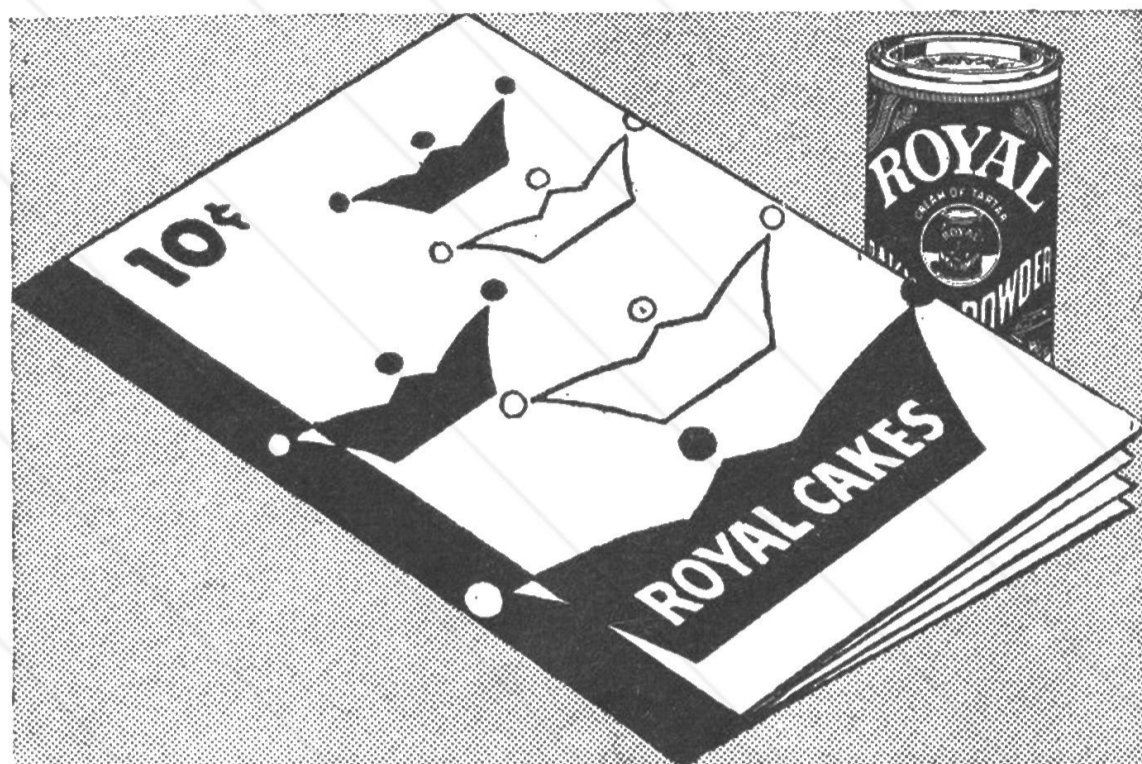
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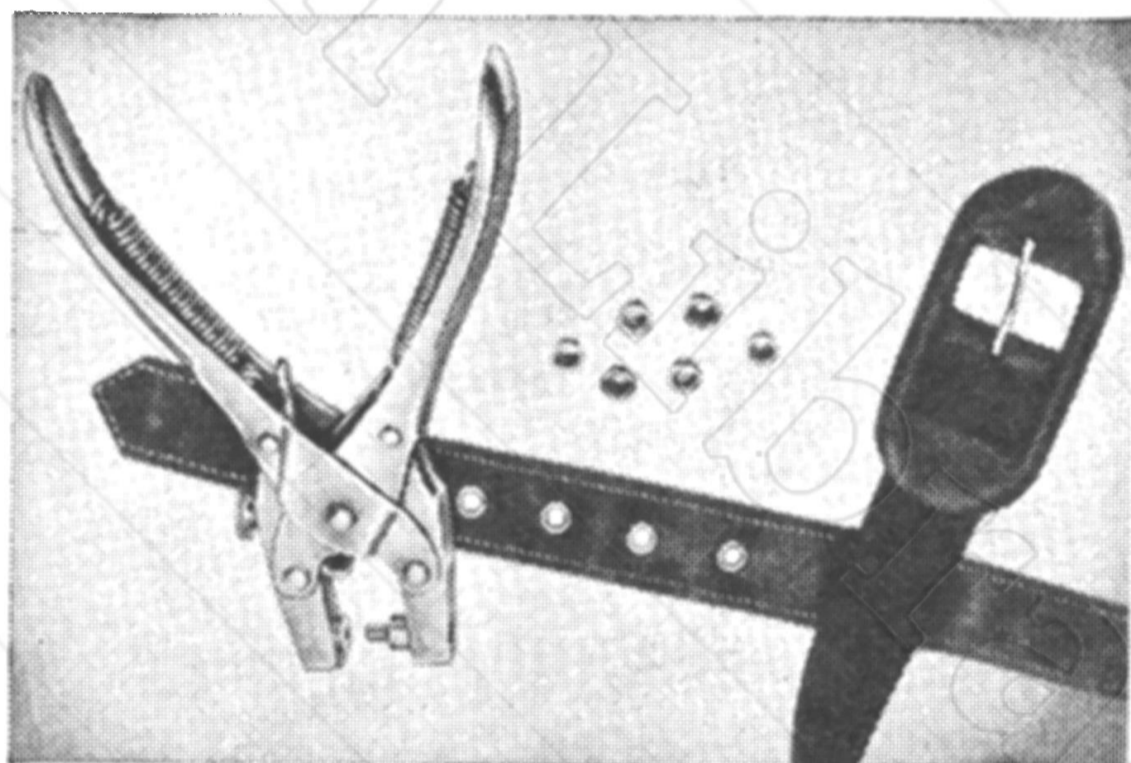


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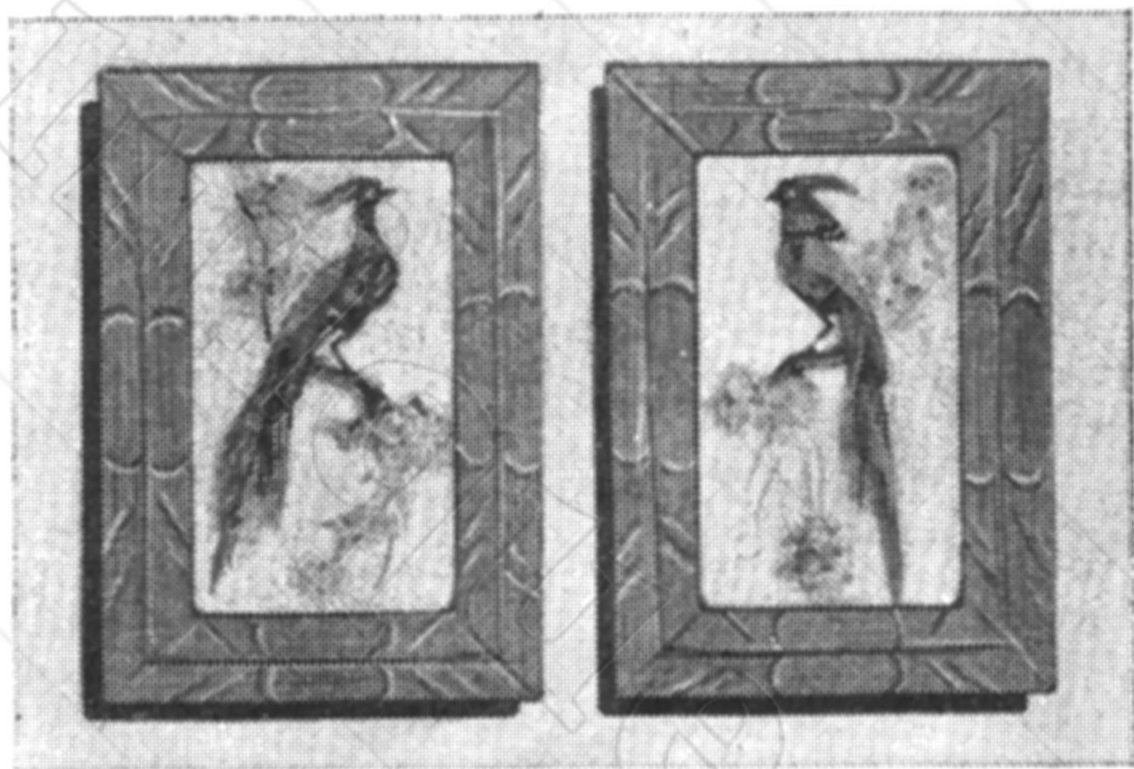


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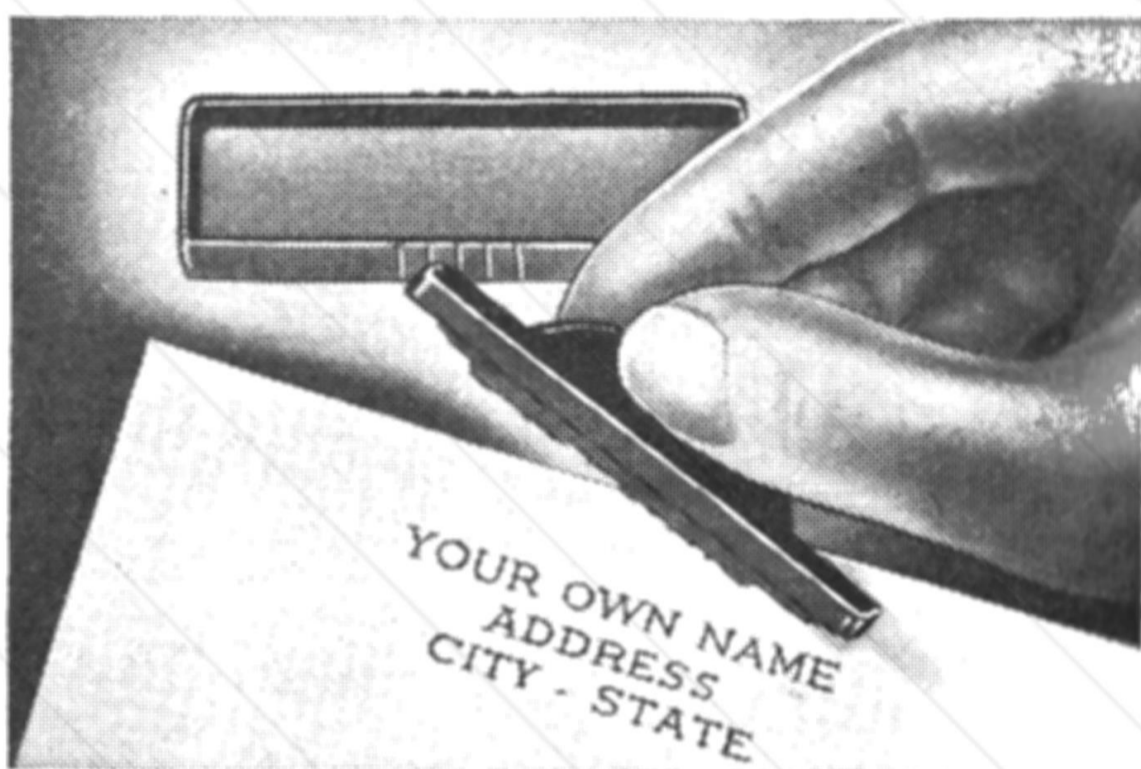
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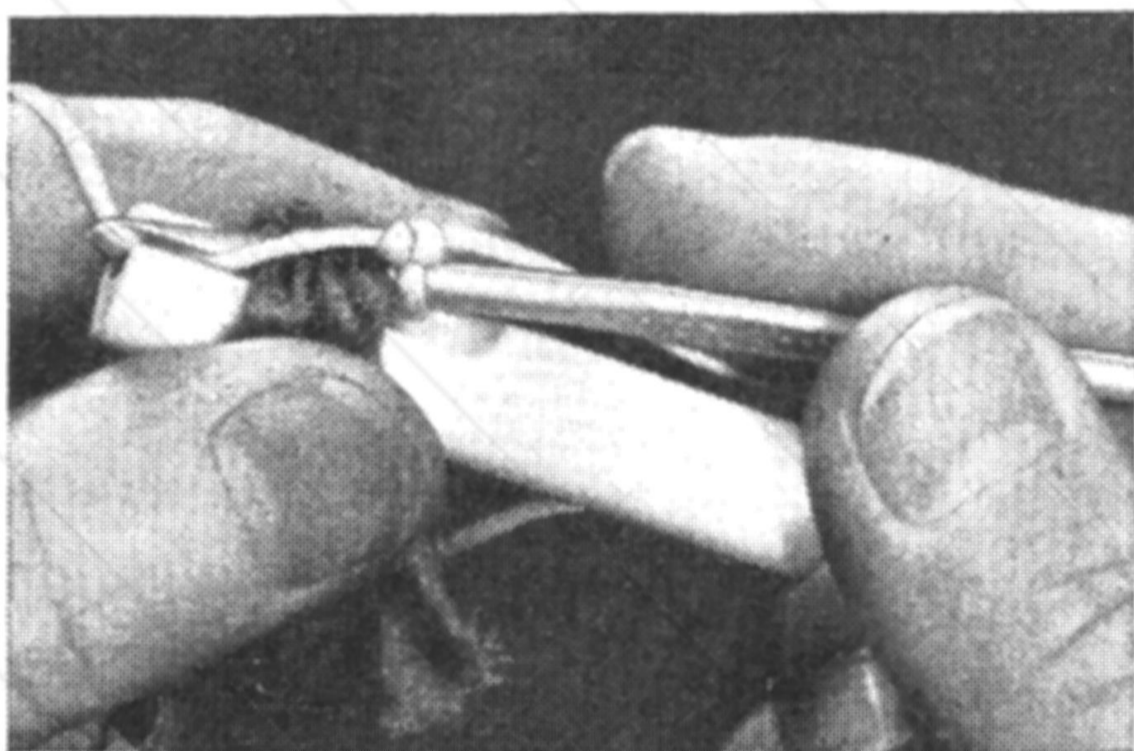
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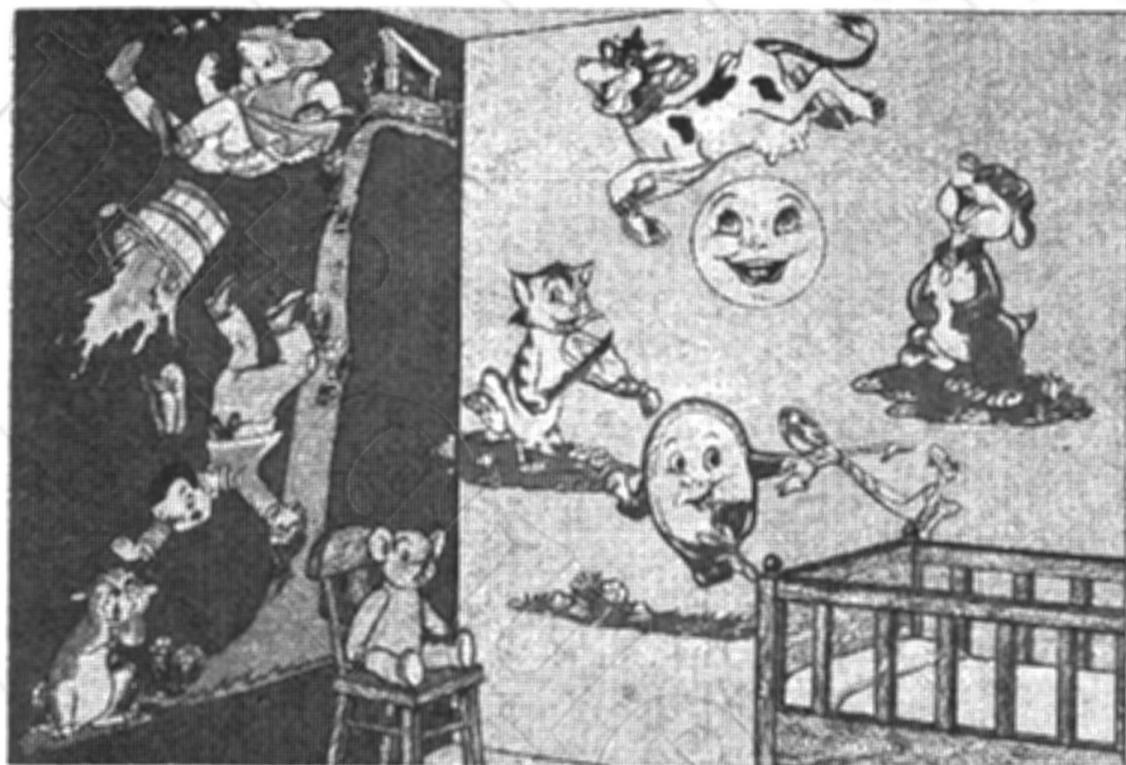
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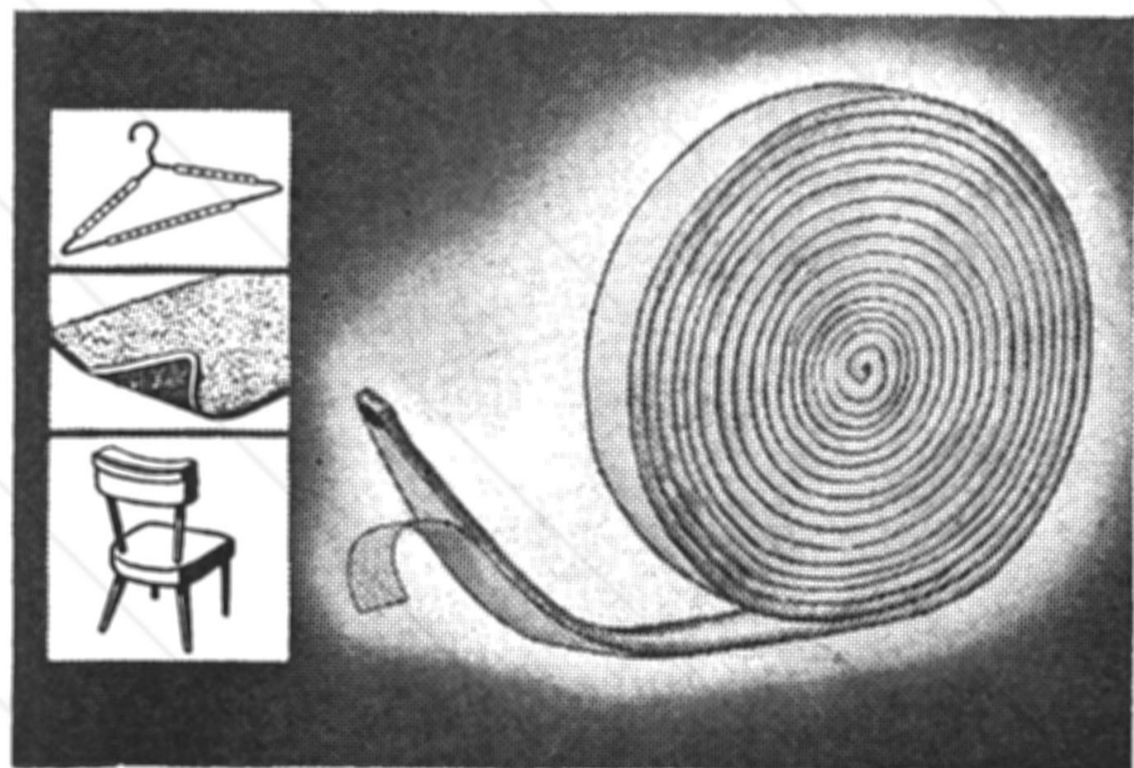
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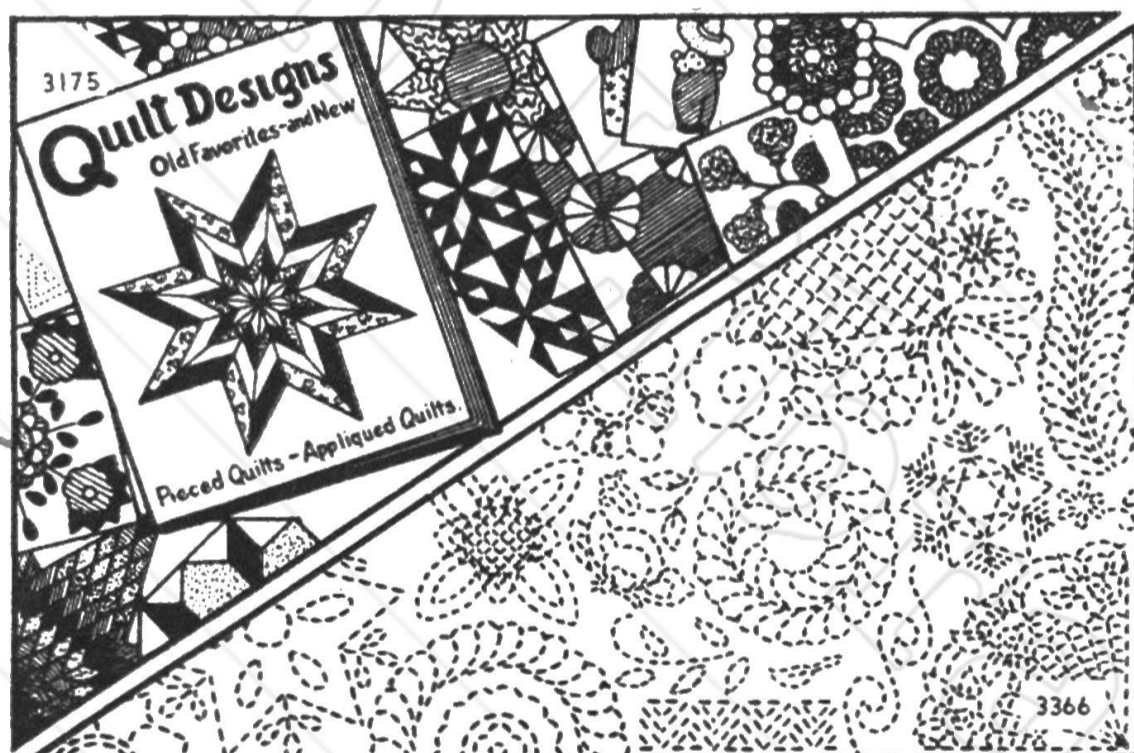
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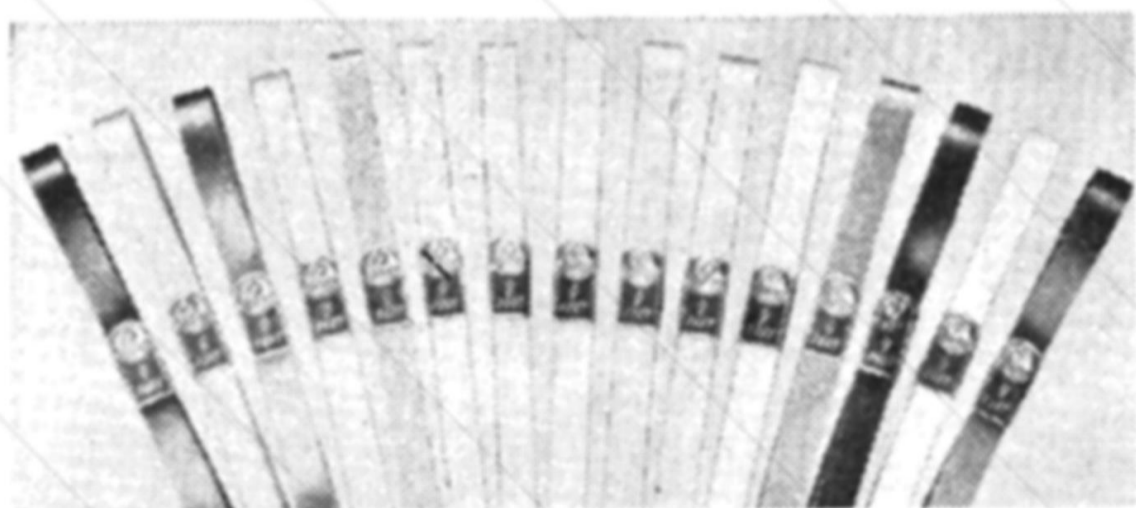
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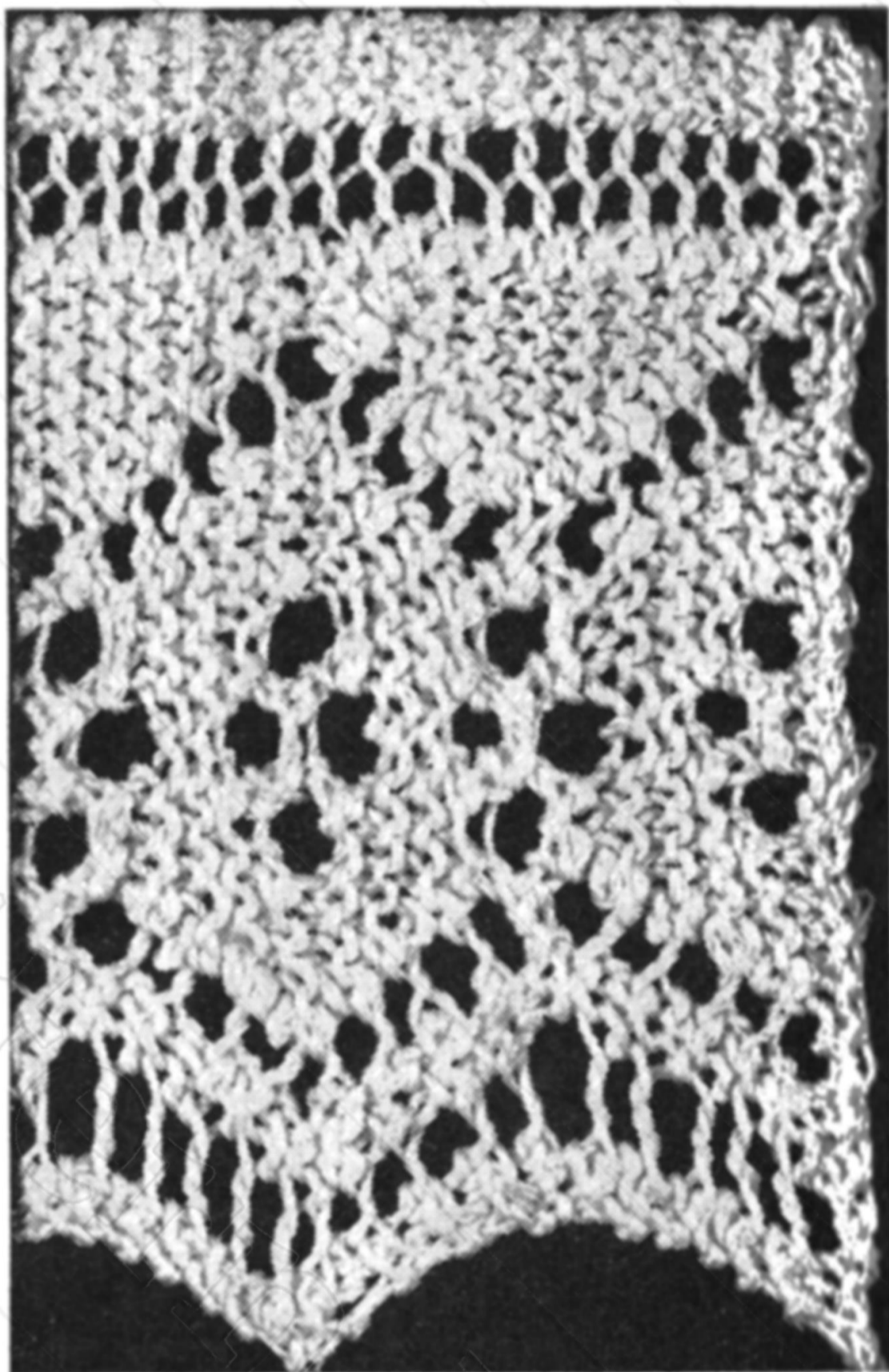


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Abbreviations: K (knit); p (purl); O (yarn over); tog (together); sts (stitches); to make an eyelet—k 2 tog, O twice, k 2 tog.

To begin, cast on 31 sts and k once across.

Row 1: K 4, O, k 2 tog, eyelet, k 2, eyelet twice, k 2, eyelet twice, k 1 (31 sts).

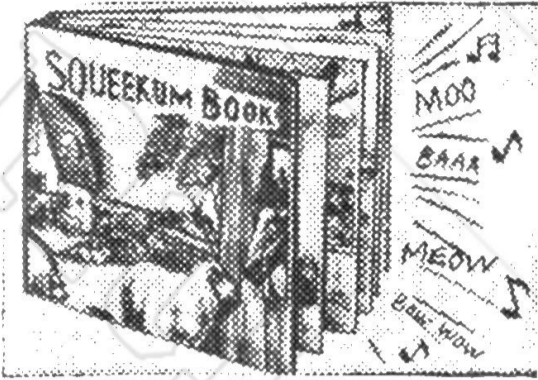
On even number rows the second of over twice on the needle is purred.

Row 2: K 1, k 2 tog, k 24, O, k 2 tog, k 2 (30 sts).

Row 3: K 4, O, k 2 tog, k 1, eyelet, k 3, eyelet, k 3, eyelet twice, k 1 (30 sts).

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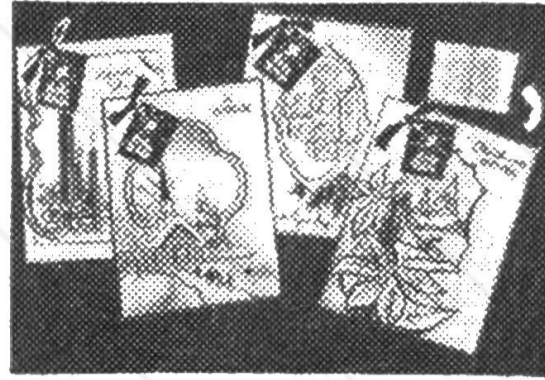
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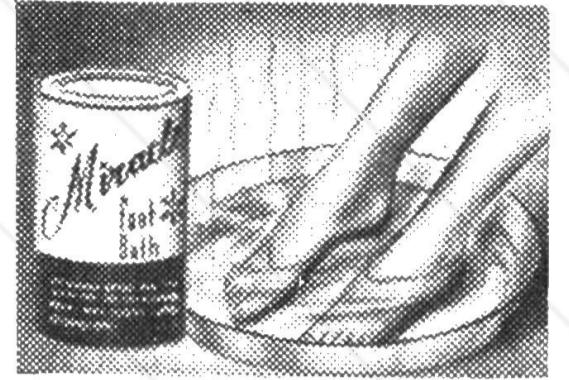
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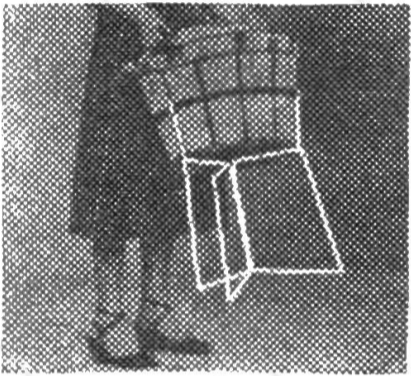
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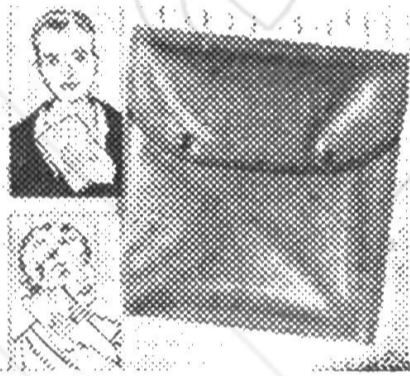
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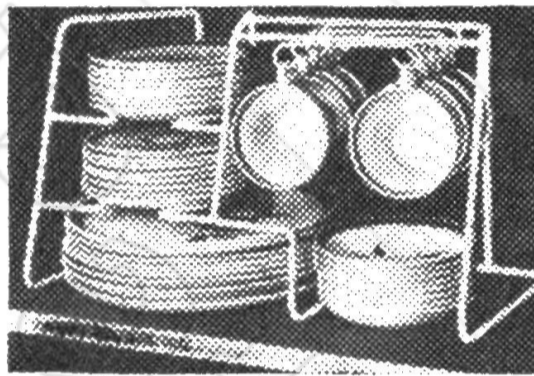
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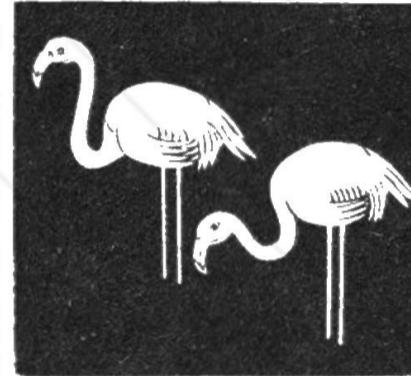
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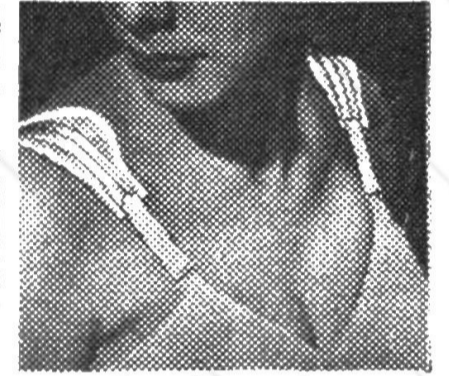
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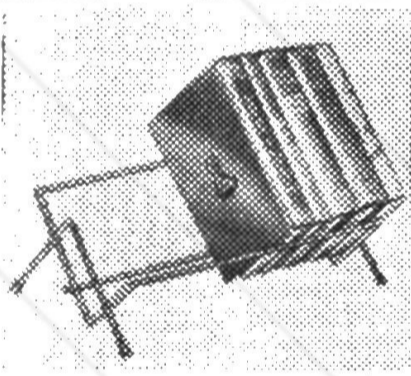
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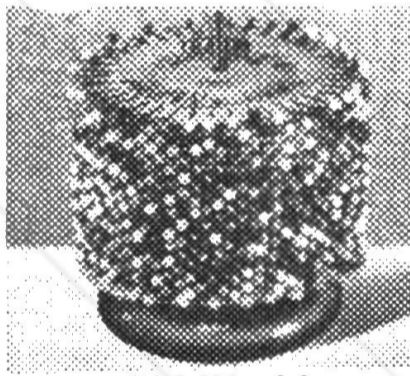
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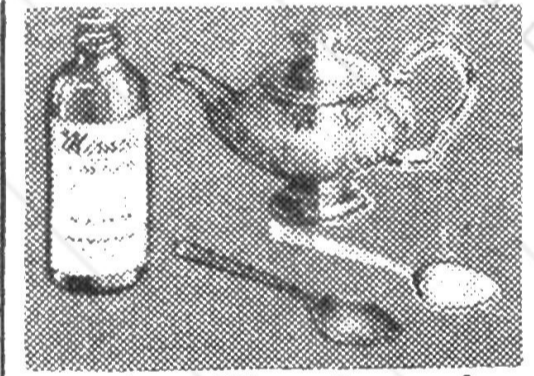
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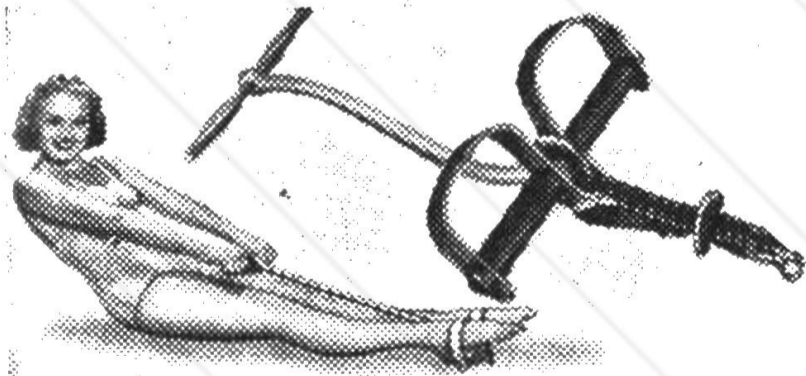
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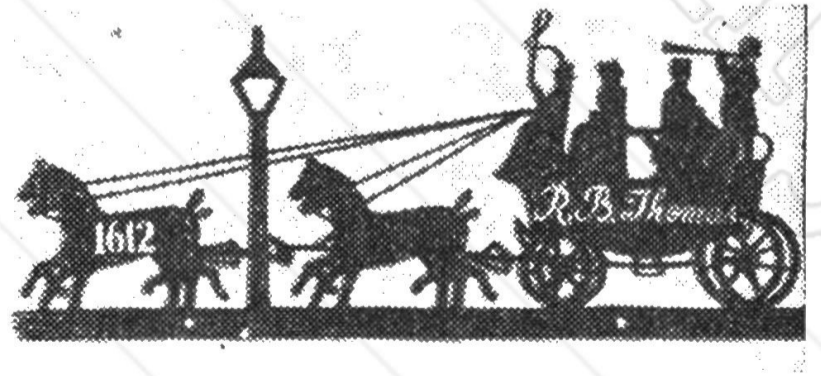
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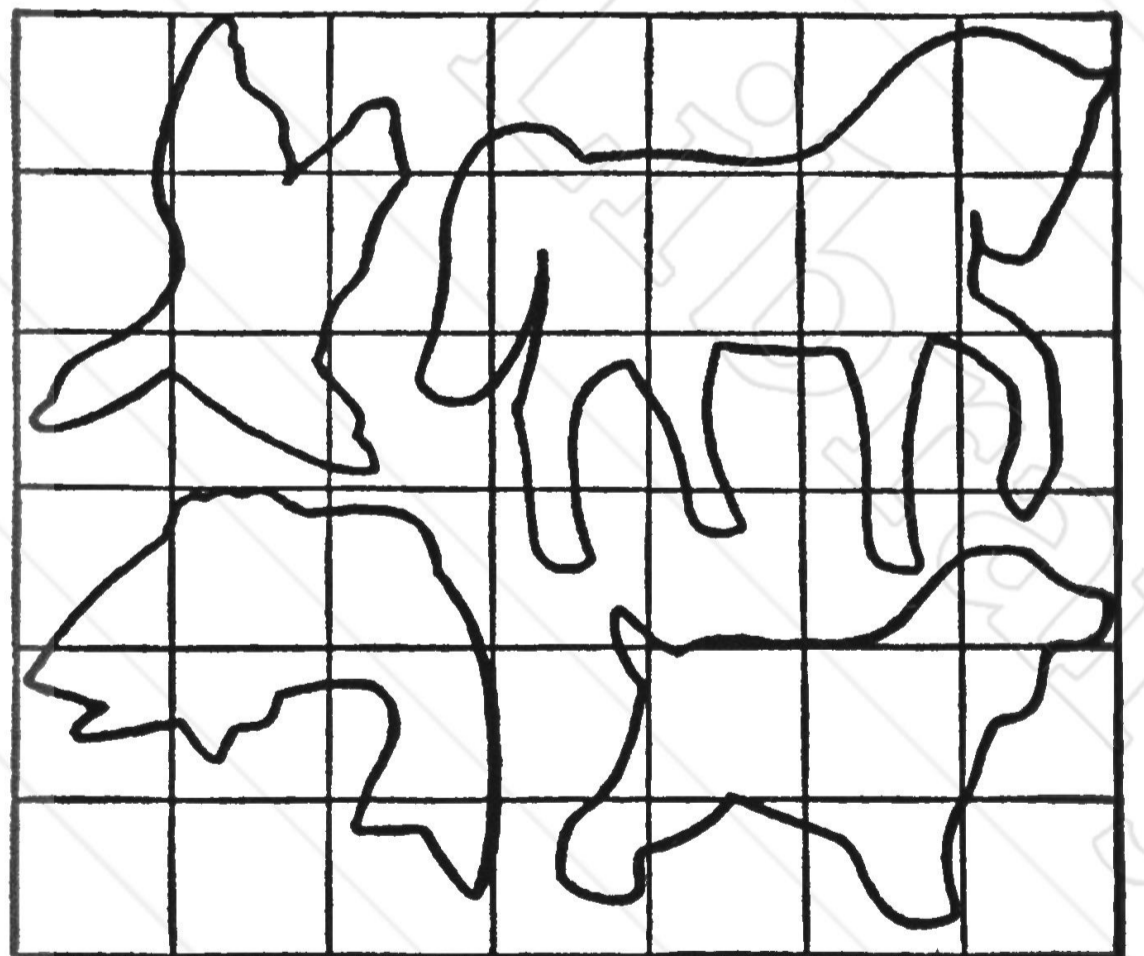
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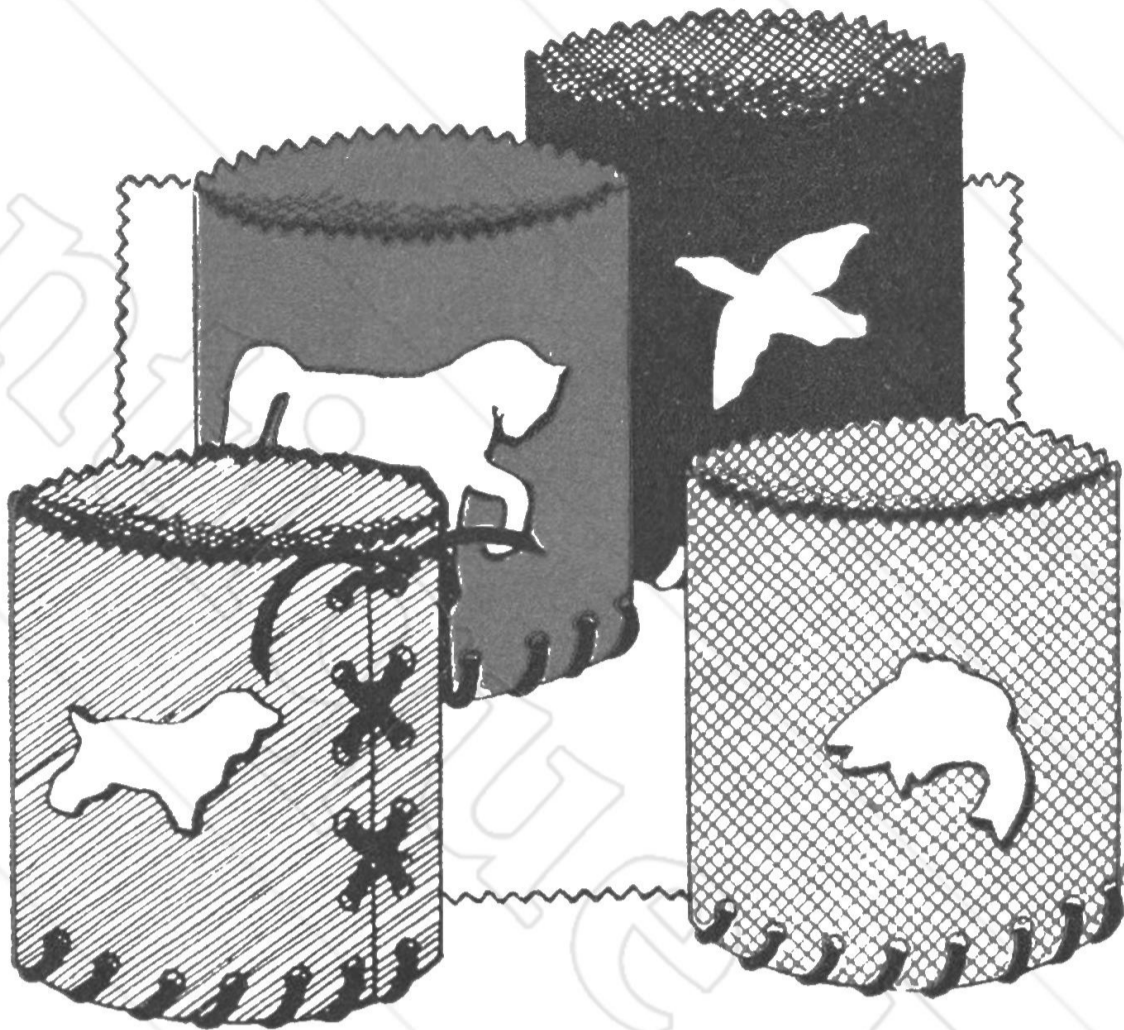
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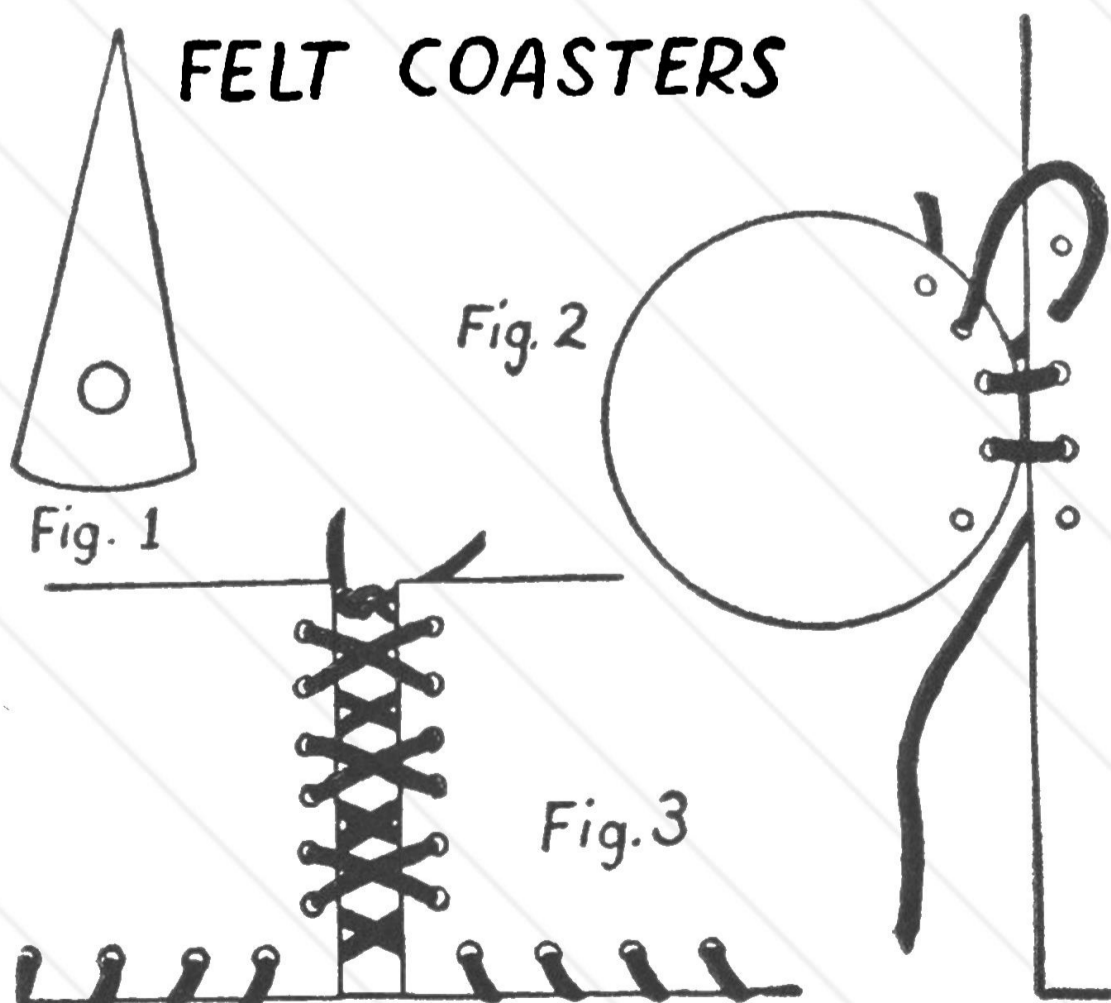


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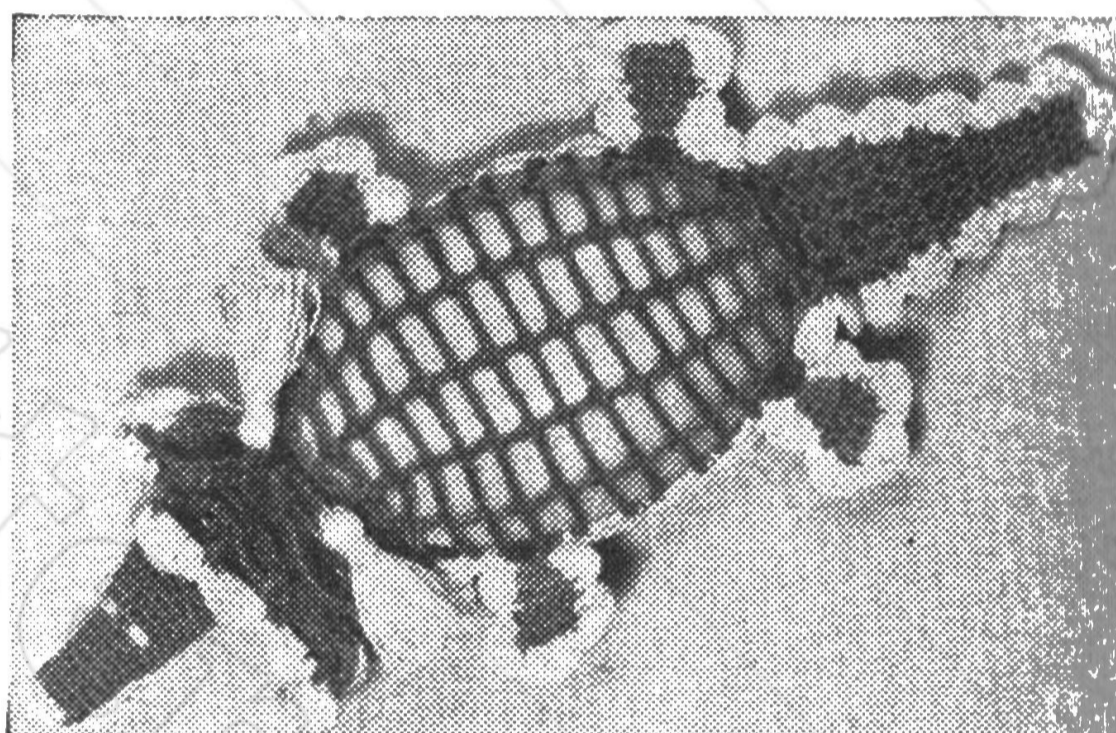


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Body (starting at top of ruffle)—In color, ch 72, sl st in first st to form a ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 8, * sk 5 sts, dc in next, ch 5, repeat from * 10 times, sl st in third st of ch 8 first made.

Rnd 2: Ch 8, * sk sp, dc in top of next dc, ch 5, repeat from * around, sl st in third st of ch 8 first made.

Repeat rnd 2 thirteen times.

Rnds 16, 17, 18: Ch 7, * sk sp, dc in top of next dc, ch 4, repeat from * around, join with sl st in third st of ch 7 first made.

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Rnds 28, 29, 30, 31, 32: Ch 3, * dc in top of dc, repeat from * around, sl st in top of ch 3 first made. Fasten off.

Legs: In color, after flattening body so that dc rows are along outside edge, mark rows 12 and 18 on each edge and work legs in them as follows:

Row 1: Ch 3, make 5 dcs in sp, ch 3, turn.

Row 2: Dc in each dc, ch 3, turn.

Row 3: Same as row 2, fasten off.

Edging: Join white in first row (edge of ruffle) at left side. * In first sp make (2 dc, 2 tr, 2 dc), sc in second sp, repeat from * around edge, making 5 shells on each leg (2 on each side, and 1 at end), work a row of shells around top of ruffle with 1 shell in each sp, and with the sc in top of dc.

Head: In color ch 35, join in first st to form a circle. Sc in each st of ch, picking up both lps, then sc in each sc, dec 1 st every 20 sts until there are 12 scs left (about 25 rows). In white embroidery floss, buttonhole stitch the small end together flat. Make two white sts for eyes. Stuff head with cotton and sew in center of 4th row of ruffle.

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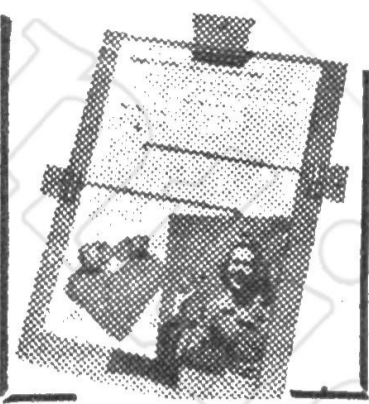
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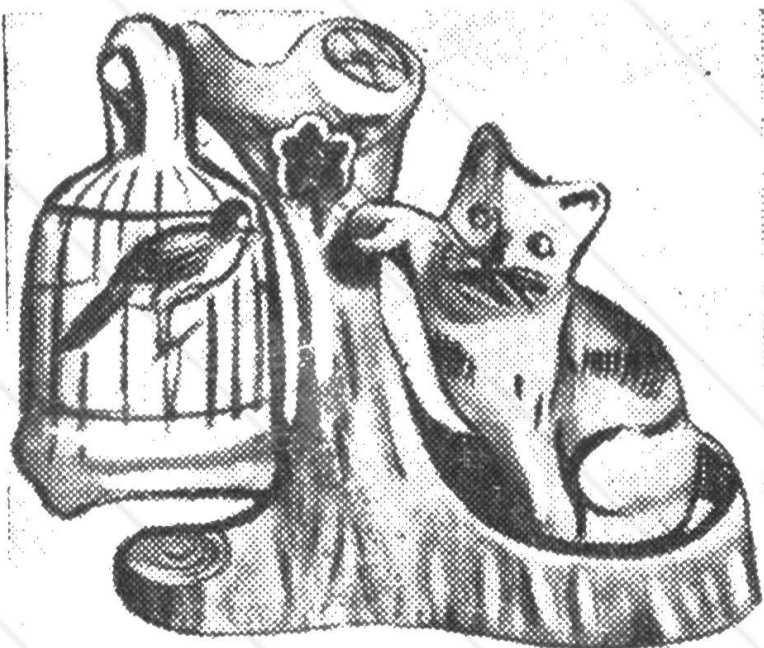
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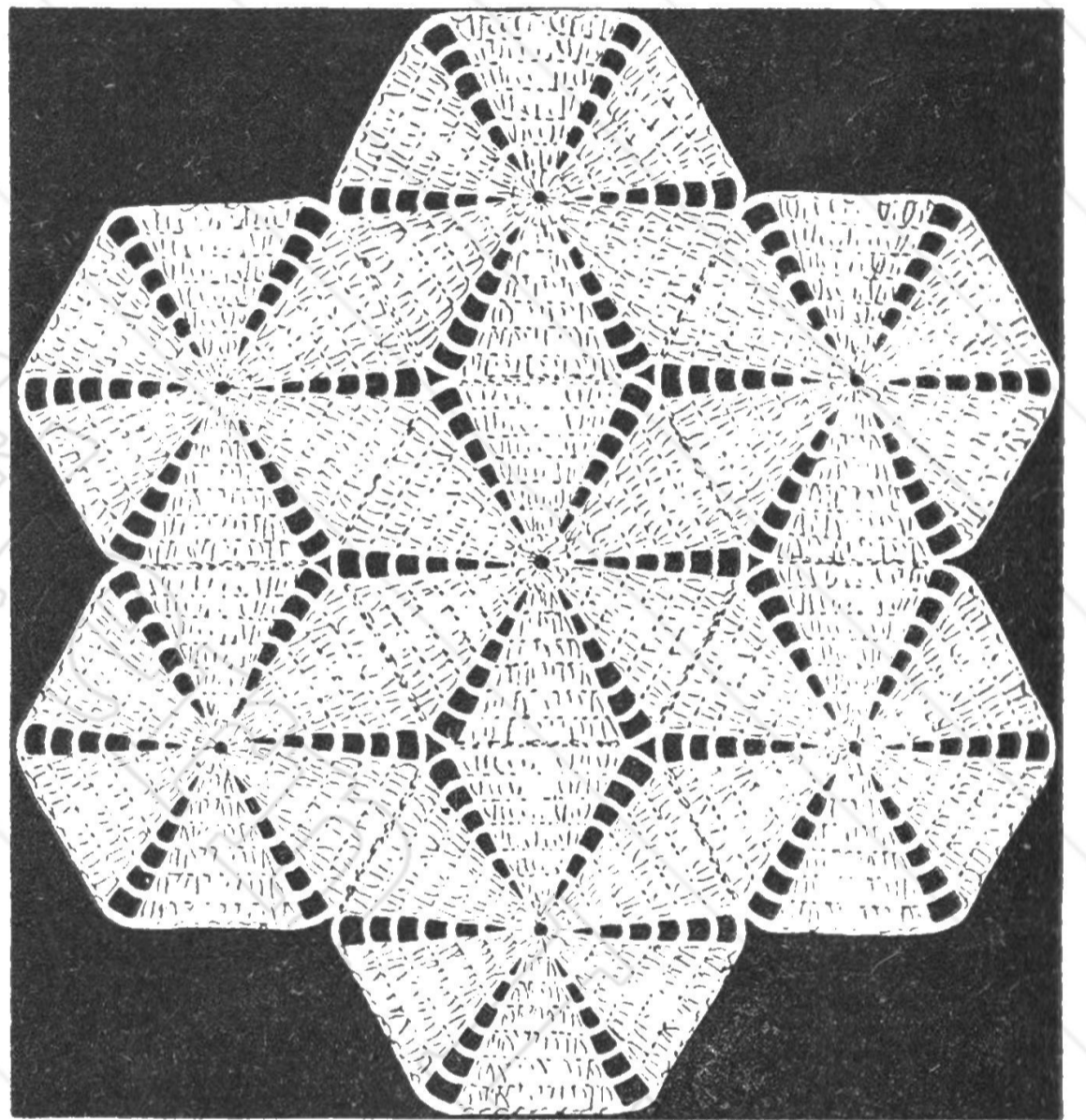
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Abbreviations: Ch (chain); sts (stitches); sl st (slip stitch); tr (treble) —thread over twice, work off 2 lps at a time; rnd (round); inc (increase).

To begin, ch 6, join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 4 (for a tr), make 29 more trs in ring, join with sl st in top of ch 4 first made.

Rnd 2: Ch 4, tr in each of next 4 tr, * ch 2, tr in each of next 5 tr, repeat from * around, end with ch 2, join with sl st in top of ch 4 first made.

Rnd 3: Ch 4, tr in same place, * tr in each of next 3 tr, 2 tr in last tr, ch 2, 2 tr in first tr of next group, repeat from * around and join as before.

Rnd 4: Ch 4, tr in same tr, * tr in each of next 5 tr, 2 tr in last tr, ch 2,

2 tr in first tr of next group, repeat from * around and join.

Rnd 5: Work same as previous rnd only make a ch of 3 between tr groups. Two more trs are added to each group in this rnd.

Rnds 6, 7: Work these rows the same only inc the ch between tr groups by 1 st each rnd.

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Rose—In red, ch 8, sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 6 (ch 3 and a dc), dc in ring, * ch 3, dc in ring, repeat from * 5 times. End with a ch 3, sl st in third st of ch.

Rnd 2: * (Sc, hdc, 4 dc, hdc, sc) in next lp, repeat from * 7 times.

Rnd 3: Sc around dc of rnd 1 directly below, ch 6, * dc around next dc of rnd 1, ch 3, repeat from * around, end with a ch 3, sl st to beginning.

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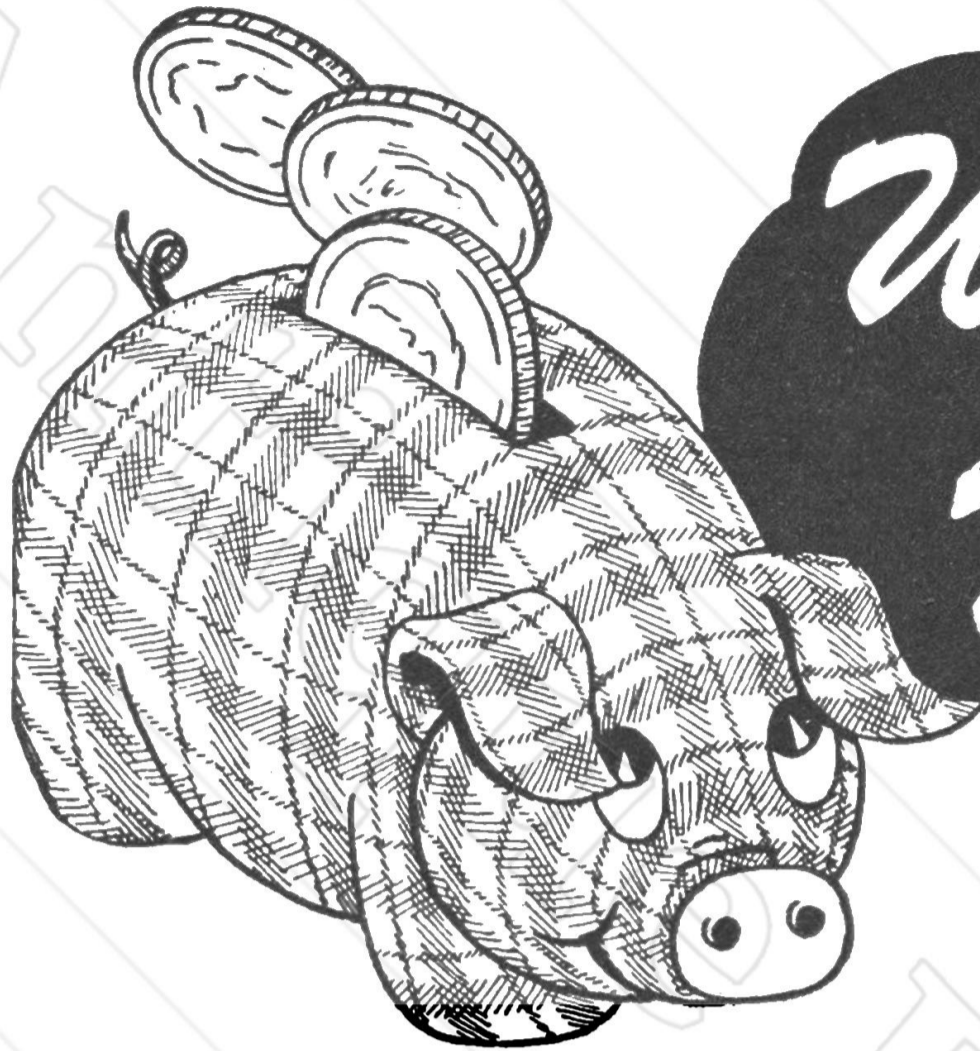
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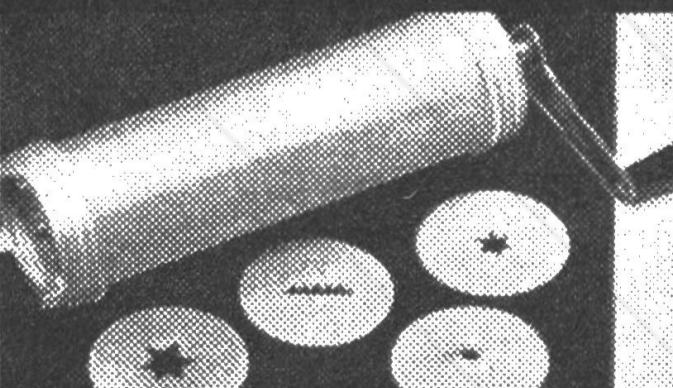
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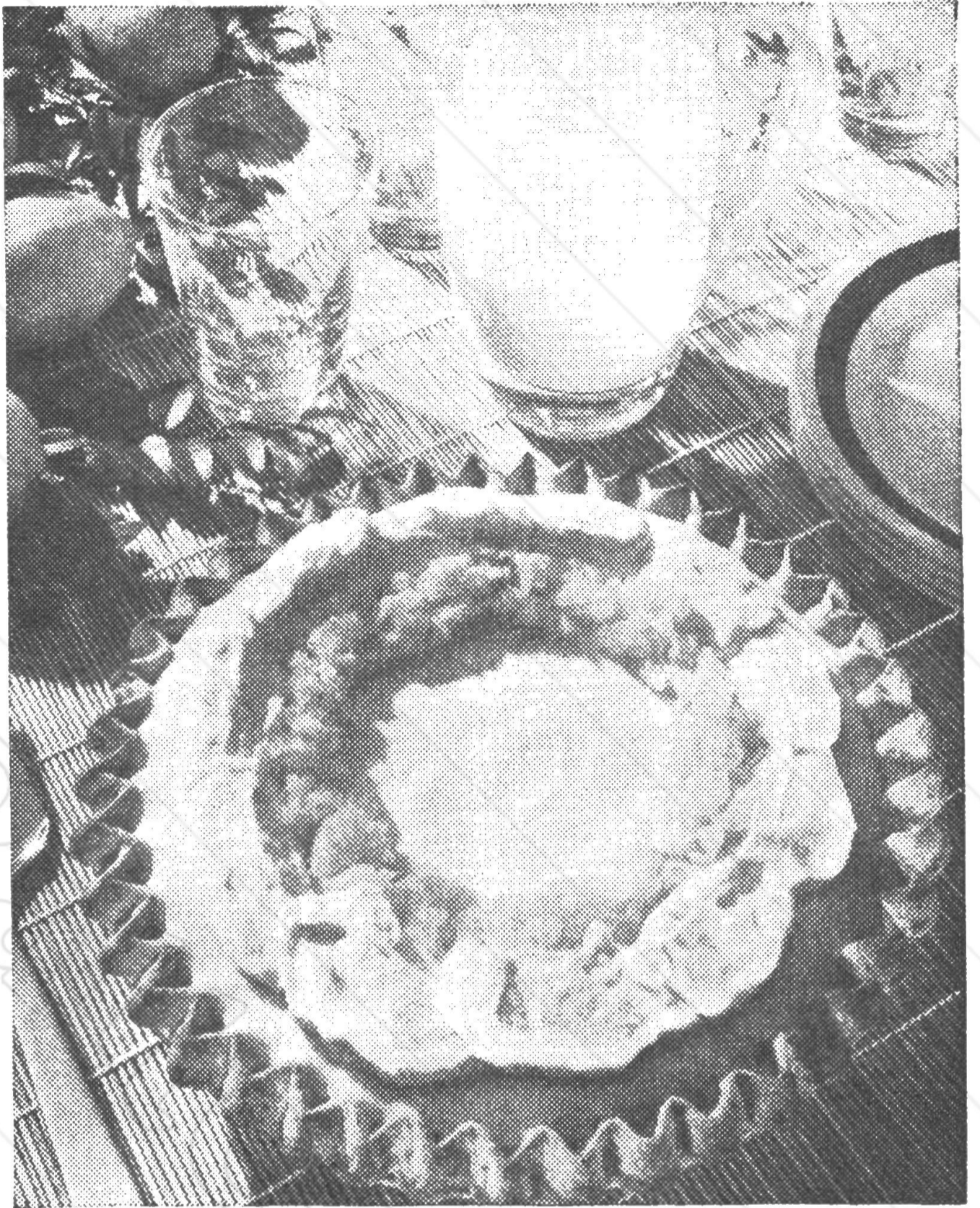
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THERE ARE so many different ways to cook with both sour cream and sour milk that one certainly doesn't always have to repeat the same chocolate cake or cottage cheese recipe. Many quarts of milk have gone down the drain because the "cook" was tired of baking chocolate cakes or straining the whey out of the cheese. Dozens of delicious dishes require sour cream or milk, or buttermilk. With a little help on ideas maybe you will be converting sweet milk into sour milk and sweet cream into sour cream instead of moaning "what will I do with it" the next time some milk or cream stays in your refrigerator too long.

Some simple uses of sour cream don't even need a recipe. Mix chives (or finely minced onion) and a little salt (to taste), with thick sour cream and heap it on a hot baked potato. Remember to split the potato across the top first, of course. Perhaps you would prefer just to put a bowl of the cream mixture on the table and let all help themselves. There is no better dressing for a fruit salad than plain sour cream, but be sure it is very thick and fluffy. If you do not have access to commercially soured cream, you can make it yourself. Use heavy cream such as whipping cream, add one tablespoon of lemon juice or vinegar to each cup of cream to sour it, then whip it to make it thick and fluffy.

Both sour milk and sour cream can be used in meat cookery. One point to remember here is to have your

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cream or milk at room temperature. If the cream or milk is cold when you add it to the meat it will tend to make the meat tough. Cook a pot roast by the recipe given in this issue with sour cream (that has been warmed to room temperature), and you will have a dish fit for a king! The same is true of the meat balls with sour cream.

One word of caution about souring milk. Do not try to sour homogenized milk. Because of the nature of homogenized milk it will break down instead of sour, giving an undesirable flavor and odor. Even letting homogenized milk stand for a long time will not give you sour milk. For best results, use plain pasteurized milk. The proportions are the same as for cream, one tablespoon of lemon juice or vinegar to one cup of milk.

Some recipes that call for sweet milk can be changed to use sour milk. Let us say you have a little sour milk left on hand and you want to make some biscuits. Here is how you can change a recipe. If a recipe requires 3 teaspoons of baking powder and 1 cup of sweet milk, it may be changed to a sour milk recipe by using 1 teaspoon baking powder, 1/2 teaspoon baking soda, and 1 cup sour milk. The proportions to use in changing a recipe are these: 1/2 teaspoon baking soda is equal to 2 teaspoons baking powder and 1 cup sour milk requires 1/2 teaspoon baking soda.

The flavor of both sour cream and sour milk is subtle and pleasing, especially with meats. Sour cream is an excellent flavor companion for vegetables, too. Here are several recipes to start you with this wonderful combination. Try them all; you will not be sorry.

Pot Roast with Sour Cream

(Remember to get the sour cream out of the refrigerator now! It will be room temperature when you need it.)

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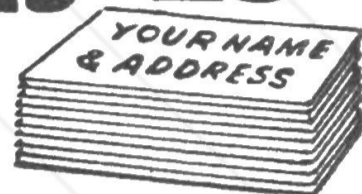
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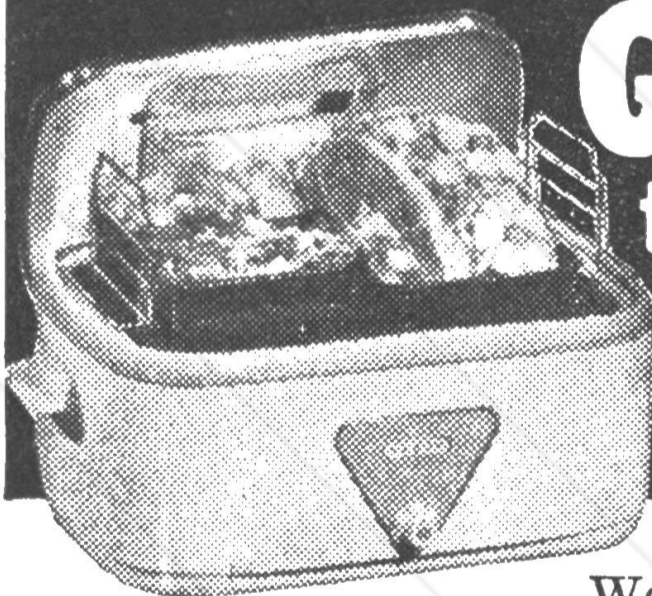


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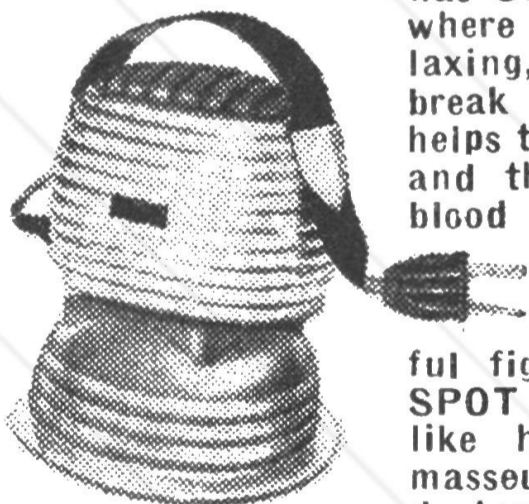
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1 teaspoon pepper

1 clove garlic

1 large carrot

1 large onion

3/4 cup water

Rub the salt and pepper over the meat. Brown on all sides in a heavy pan over high heat. Chop garlic fine, slice carrot into thin strips and onion into rings. Add to pan and cook until the onions are golden brown. Turn down the heat and let meat cook 5 minutes. Add water and stir in sour cream, cover tightly and cook over very low heat (simmer) for about 2 1/2 hours or until meat is tender when pierced with a fork.

Gravy: Remove meat to a warm platter. Skim off any obvious fat from the top of the liquid. Mix 3 tablespoons flour and 1/2 cup water, stir into liquid. Stir in juice of 1/2 lemon. Serve immediately.

Beef Stroganoff

1/3 cup butter or margarine

1/2 cup finely chopped onions

1/2 pound fresh mushrooms, sliced or 1 8-ounce can mushrooms

1 1/4 pounds top round beef cut in strips

2 tablespoons flour

1 cup water

1/2 teaspoon salt

2 tablespoons tomato paste

3/4 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

3/4 cup sour cream

1/4 cup heavy cream

1 1/3 cups packaged pre-cooked rice

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 1/2 cups boiling water

2 tablespoons butter or margarine

Melt 4 tablespoons of the butter or margarine in a saucepan. Add onions and mushrooms and sauté until golden brown, remove from heat and set aside. Melt remaining butter in skillet. Roll beef in flour and sauté until browned. Add water, 1/2 teaspoon salt, onions and mushrooms. Cover and simmer gently until beef is tender (about 1 1/2 hours). Add tomato paste, Worcestershire

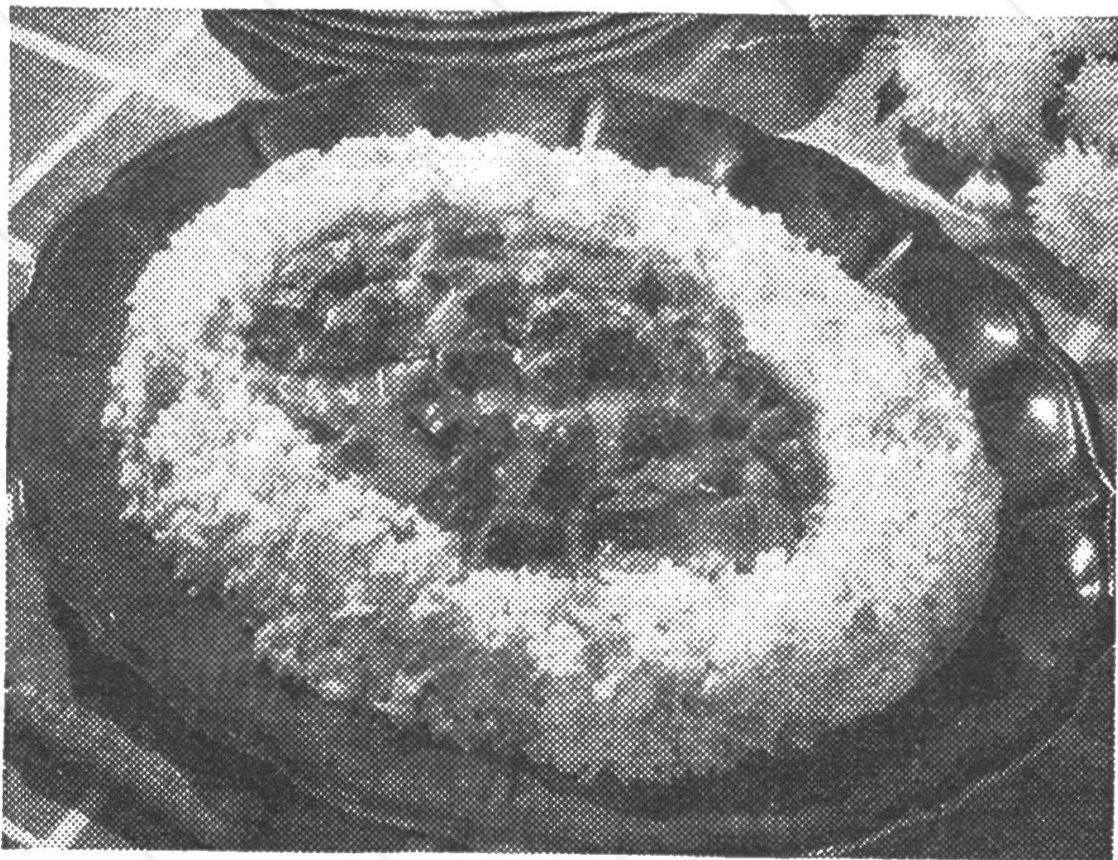
sauce, sour cream, heavy cream and mushrooms. Heat thoroughly.

Meanwhile, add rice and 1/2 teaspoon salt to boiling water in saucepan. Mix just to moisten all rice. Cover and remove from heat. Let stand 13 minutes. Add 2 tablespoons butter and mix lightly with a fork. Arrange on platter and top with beef stroganoff.

Meat Balls with Sour Cream

- 2 slices whole wheat or rye bread
- 1 pound ground beef
- 2 large onions, finely minced
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1 egg
- fine cracker or bread crumbs
- 4 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1 onion, thinly sliced
- 1 1/2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg

Soak the bread in cold water, press out between hands. Add bread to meat. Add minced onion, salt, pepper, egg. Mix well. Roll into small balls. Roll in the bread crumbs. Melt butter or margarine in skillet. Add onion slices and sauté until golden brown. Add Worcestershire sauce, then meat balls. Turn meat balls until brown on all sides, simmer until done. Mix nutmeg with sour cream and pour over meat balls in a ribbon. Serve at once.



Beef stroganoff is almost a one dish meal. Fix a tossed salad and some crusty bread and butter to complete the supper. Be sure to make plenty of stroganoff; it is so good that a big platter of it will vanish before you know it.

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- 1 teaspoon salt

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Sour Cream Cold Slaw

- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sour cream
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon dry mustard
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
- $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon pepper
- 3 tablespoons vinegar
- 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups shredded cabbage
- 2 tablespoons minced onion

Blend sour cream, seasonings and vinegar. Pour over cabbage and onion, mix well. Serve in lettuce cups. Serves 6.

Buttermilk Chiffon Pie

- 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup cold water
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar
- 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ cups buttermilk (or sour milk)
- 3 eggs, separated
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 No. 2 can crushed pineapple
- 9 inch baked pastry shell

Soften gelatin in $\frac{1}{4}$ cup water. Mix cornstarch, salt and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar; add buttermilk. Cook over hot water, stirring constantly, until slightly thickened. Beat egg yolks, slowly add milk mixture; cook over hot water 3 minutes. Add gelatin, stirring until dissolved. Add lemon rind and juice, chill until slightly thickened. Beat egg whites stiff; gradually add remaining $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar, beating constantly; fold into gelatin mixture. Drain pineapple, reserve some for garnish. Place remaining pineapple into pastry shell. Add buttermilk filling. Chill until firm. Garnish with pineapple. Serves 6.

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- 2 eggs, unbeaten
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- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- $2\frac{1}{2}$ tablespoons cocoa
- 1 cup buttermilk (or sour milk)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs and mix well. Sift dry ingredients together. Add dry ingredients to butter, sugar, egg mixture alternately with milk and vanilla. Beat until smooth after each addition. Pour into greased and floured 8-inch layer pans. Bake in a moderate oven (375°) for 25 minutes. Turn out on racks and cool. Fill with cream filling and frost with a mocha or chocolate icing.

Cream Filling:

- 4 egg yolks
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup confectioners' sugar
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup milk
- $\frac{1}{4}$ pound butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon almond extract

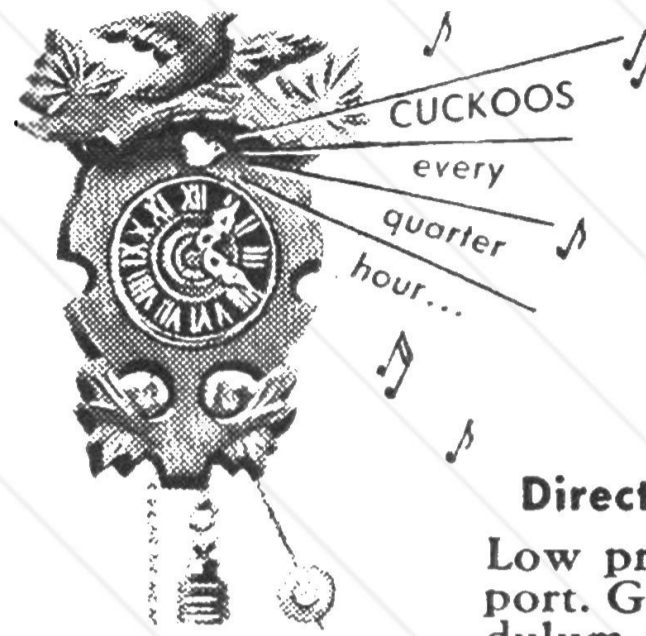
Beat yolks until thick and lemon colored. Add sugar and milk and cook in a double boiler, stirring constantly, for about 10 minutes, until thick. Cool. Cream butter until fluffy. Add the cold custard and flavorings and beat with a rotary beater until smooth. Spread between the layers of cocoa cream cake.

Asparagus with Sharp Sour Cream Sauce

- 2 pounds asparagus spears
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup thick sour cream
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup drained horseradish
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt
- $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon paprika

Cook asparagus spears in a small amount of boiling salted water until tender, about 25 minutes; drain. Meanwhile, make sauce. Beat sour cream slightly, add remaining ingredients and blend. Serve with cooked asparagus spears. Serves 6.

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After the first frost, cut off the tops of the cannas. Shortly thereafter dig the clumps leaving as much dirt as possible clinging to the roots. After digging let the clumps lie until the soil becomes dry. Then store the clumps, dirt and all, in a cool basement. Store them in boxes or baskets packing them in with the stem ends down. Sift sand or dry soil around the clumps until they are completely covered. Occasionally during the winter inspect them and if they are becoming too dry and shriveled add a little water.

How do you start new plants from a crown of thorns, and what general care does this plant need? C. D., Kentucky.

The crown-of-thorns, Euphorbia splendens, is started from cuttings. They root readily although slowly. Take a 4-inch tip cutting and the instant the cutting is made dip the cut end in powdered charcoal or in ice water to stop the loss of the milky sap that exudes from the cut. After it has stopped "bleeding," plant the cutting in a porous well drained soil. Kept slightly moist on a warm shaded window sill out of drafts the new plant will, after a time, be rooted and ready to go into full sunlight.



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If the geraniums are growing in beds outdoors they should be potted before frost and brought inside and placed in a sunny window. When potting the plants cut them back severely removing at least one-half of the tops of each plant. Plant them in rather heavy, rich garden soil. Grow them along cool, not over 60 degrees, and moderately dry all winter. By spring they should show many new growths ready to start a new cycle of bloom.

What is the best way to prepare roses for winter in this region? In the past I have just turned a bushel basket over them, but they have grown too large to do that now. Mrs. C. L., Kansas.

The hybrid tea roses need only a little winter cover to protect the base of the canes from drying and from wide temperature changes. The simplest method is to hill up the soil around each plant in the fall so that the base of the plant is covered to a depth of 4 to 6 inches. In the spring when the dirt is hoed away the fresh green canes protected by the soil covering will put forth all the new growths needed to produce an adult sized rose bush. All dead canes above the protective mound of soil are cut away and any that remained alive above the protected area should be cut back severely. This gives the bush entirely new wood each year that will be in full bloom around Decoration Day.

I would like to know if seeds purchased this year and not used will be all right to use next spring. I have 30 packets that I was not able to plant because of moving unexpectedly. Mrs. C. M. W., California.

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When do you repot gloxinia bulbs? Mrs. Z. B., Missouri.

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Over a year ago I got a leaf from a hoya plant which I put in soil to start it. The leaf is alive and has roots, but it doesn't put forth any more leaves. Is there anything I can do to stimulate it into growth? Mrs. J. H. G., Illinois.

The leaf taken from the hoya plant will probably never develop any further. Doubtless you did not get the dormant bud with the leaf when the leaf was removed from the stem. To take a leaf cutting, cut into the stem just below the leaf, then cut upward so that when the leaf is removed the bud at the base of the leaf petiole remains. This dormant bud is the start of the new plant after the roots form. Without this bud there can be no new growth.

I have three healthy poinsettia plants grown from cuttings from a plant received last Christmas. I wish to know the right watering and feeding methods to insure bloom this Christmas. When should I see signs of blooms developing? A. H., Missouri.

Just keep the plants growing, gradually increasing the water as the plants get larger. Give them all the light possible from now until they bloom. However, keep the plants away from artificial lights for they require the long dark nights to set bloom. Maintain a temperature of 60 degrees or more. If they are potted in rich soil they require no additional food. A regular feeding every ten days using a commercial fertilizer such as Vigoro may increase the size of the blooms. Do not give any feed of any kind until the bracts are set. If the plants are to bloom for Christmas the bracts should show by Thanksgiving. Increasing the temperature will hasten the blooming date and increase the size of the poinsettias.

Would you please tell us the proper care of a gardenia plant. What makes the buds drop? Mrs. D. K., New Jersey; Mrs. R. D. H., West Virginia.

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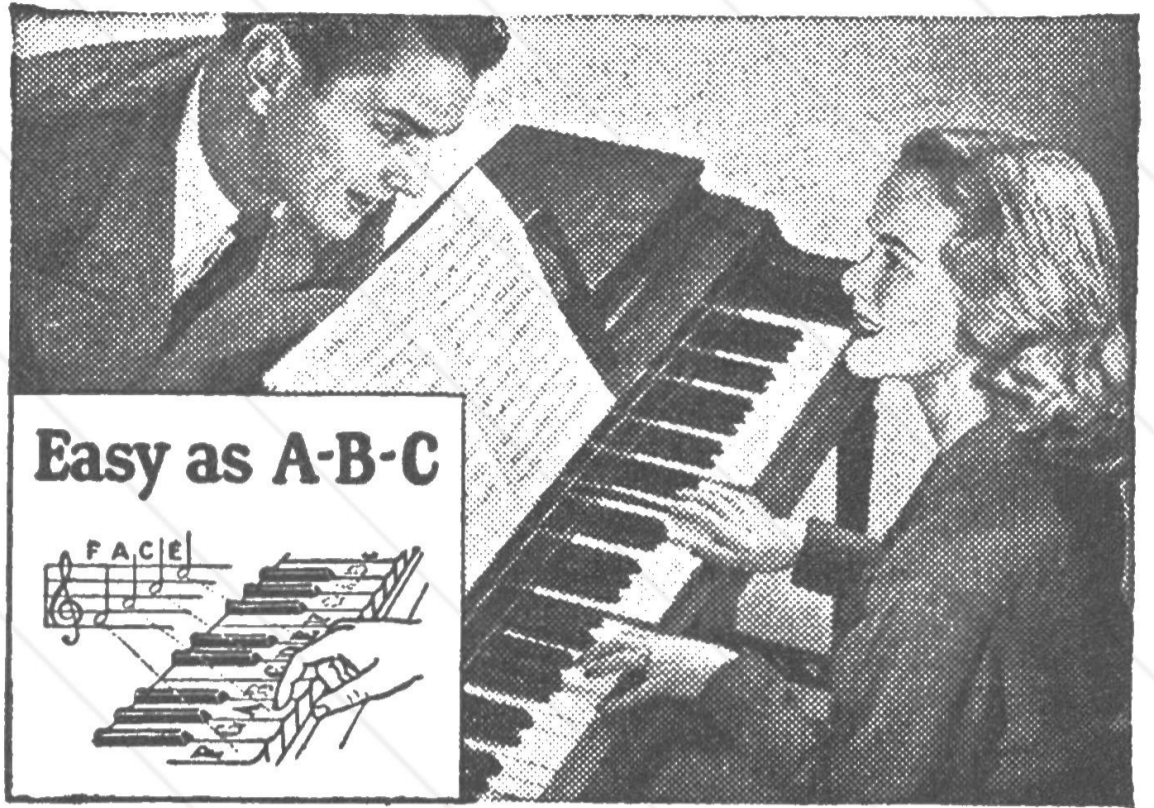
Five months ago I received a Thayeriana orchid which was blooming at the time. Shortly afterward the blooms wilted and fell off, but the leaves are still green and I believe the plant is alive. Will it bloom again, and how should I handle it? Mrs. D. J., Texas.

I assume that your orchid is a hybrid cattleya. If so, it should bloom each year at about the same time. Some hybrids have variable blooming dates but usually they bloom at about the same time each year. Cattleyas require regular syringing and heavy watering about once every ten days. Give them shade in summer, full sun in winter and a constant air humidity of 50 per cent or better. Humidity is the thing that is fundamental to the successful growth of your plant.

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Whether your winter garden is in a greenhouse or on a sunny window sill, you'll be busy this month getting things ready for the cold months ahead. There are houseplants to bring in, soil mixtures to store, pruning to do, cuttings and bulbs to start, to mention a few of the chores.

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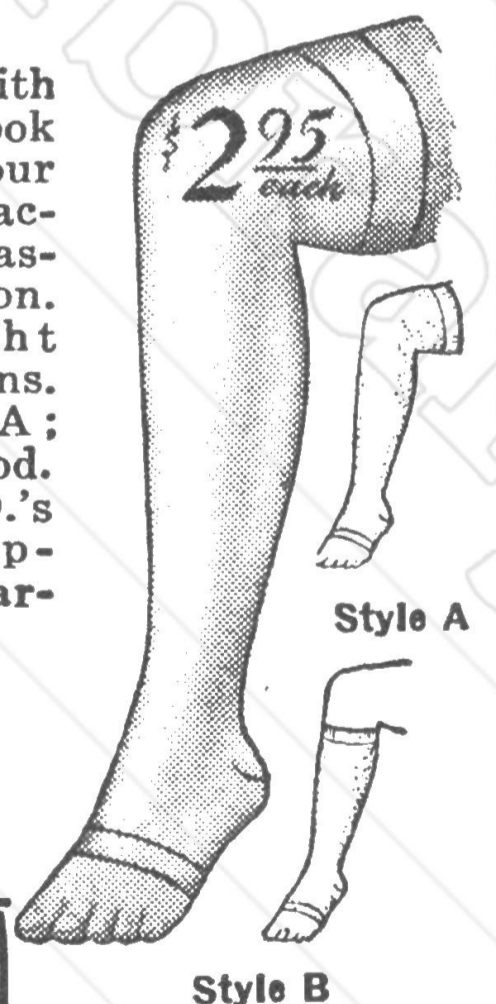
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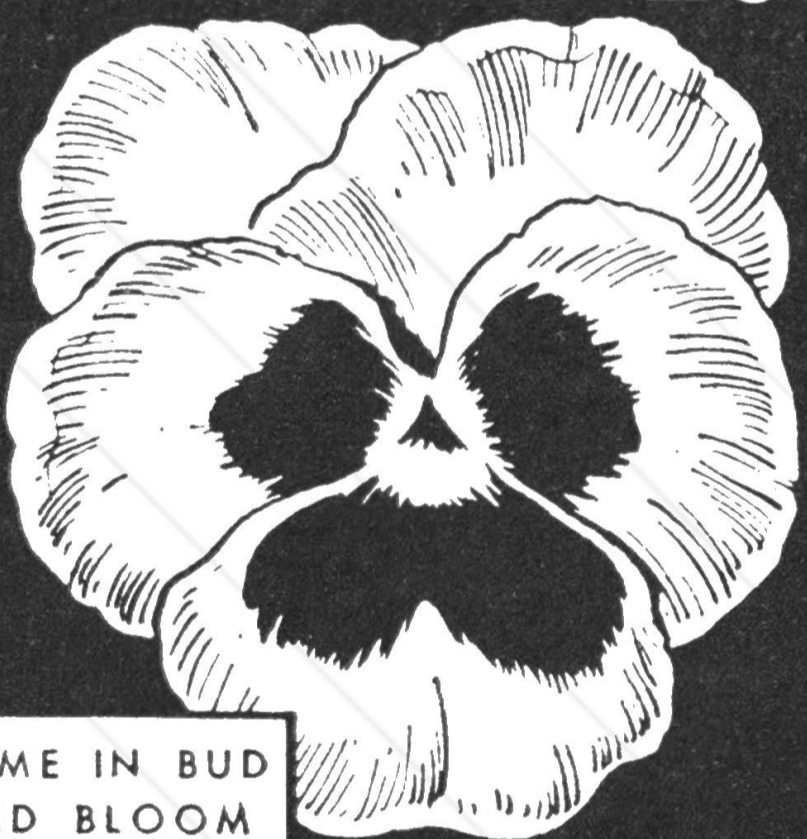
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Plants are likely to be "shocked" by conditions in your house. This is not your fault. After enjoying their outdoor quarters which were nearly ideal, the plants are unaccustomed to the hot dry air of the average house. It takes a while to adjust to it. Some such as the cyclamen will never adjust, which is why they are better left to the greenhouse where conditions can be better controlled. Nevertheless, you can help your plants to some extent by raising humidity around them. Get a shallow tray to fit your space, spread pea-size pebbles over the bottom, pour in water until you begin to see it but the surface of the gravel is still dry. Then stand your houseplants on the pebbles. The water evaporating through the pebbles will raise humidity around the plants. If this is too complicated, at least you can set a few little glasses of water among the pots, to send moisture into the air.

Do you want some bulbs to be blooming indoors next January or February? Then get them into pots now and sink them in the ground outside to start their roots growing. After freezing or near-freezing weather (about 6 weeks of it), move the pots inside into a cool light place to let leaves develop; then bring into sun and a warmth of about 60° for flowering.

This is the time to pot up Amaryllis bulbs for bloom in February. Be sure

to use a pot only slightly larger than the bulb; leave 1/3 of the bulb above the soil; water sparingly until flower buds form, and then do not really water generously until the leaves are coming out. Use a soil mixture of two parts garden loam, one part leaf mold, one part sand, with 1/3 cup of rotted manure and a teaspoonful of bone meal added to each 6-inch pot. No other houseplant gives a greater reward of color for a small amount of effort than the Amaryllis.

If you wanted geraniums for winter bloom, perhaps you took slips from the old plants during the summer. Rooted summer cuttings potted up now in small pots should be put in the sunniest window, or in full sun in the greenhouse. Keep them growing steadily and by February or March you should have some in bloom. Old plants for holding over until next year should be cut back sharply and rested through the winter. Use the cuttings to start more plants, rooting them in moist sand in a light spot out of direct sun. These will bloom next summer.

Did you bring in a poinsettia plant that you want to have in bloom for Christmas? If you rested it last spring and cut it back, then grew it along outdoors this summer, it has every chance of blooming again. The things that will make its leaves fall and buds fail to develop are dry air, sudden temperature changes, not enough light, or gas fumes. So guard against these hazards.

The Christmas cactus will soon be starting to bloom. If it was properly rested during the summer it should be putting on buds now, with the encouragement of a little more watering and a light feeding. Don't overwater, though—the buds will drop. Use your "green thumb" intuition and take your watering cue from the plant itself—its rate of growth, size and condition. Keep it in a bright, not hot, window.

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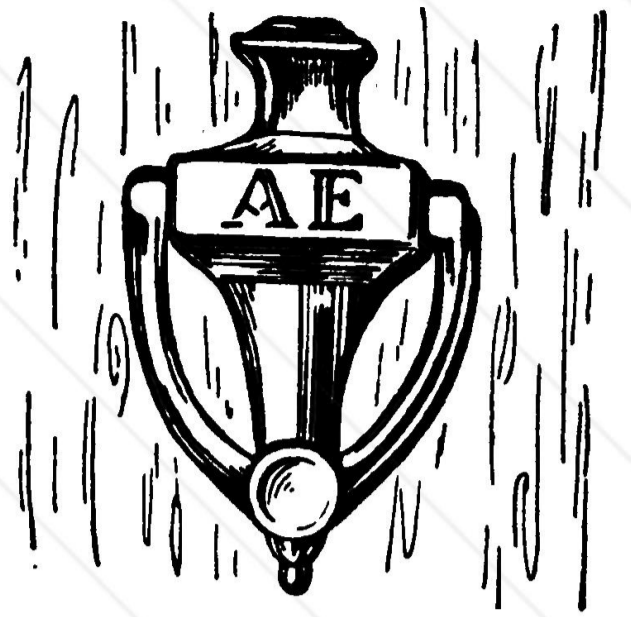
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Row 11: K 4, O, k 2 tog, k 6, eyelet twice, k 2, O twice, k 2 tog, k 1 (26 sts).

Row 12: K 22, O, k 2 tog, k 2 (26 sts).

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Row 19: K 4, O, k 2 tog, k 1, eyelet, k 3, eyelet, k 3, eyelet, k 1, O twice, k 2 tog, k 1 (30 sts).

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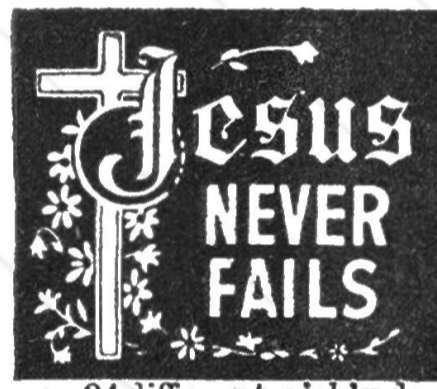
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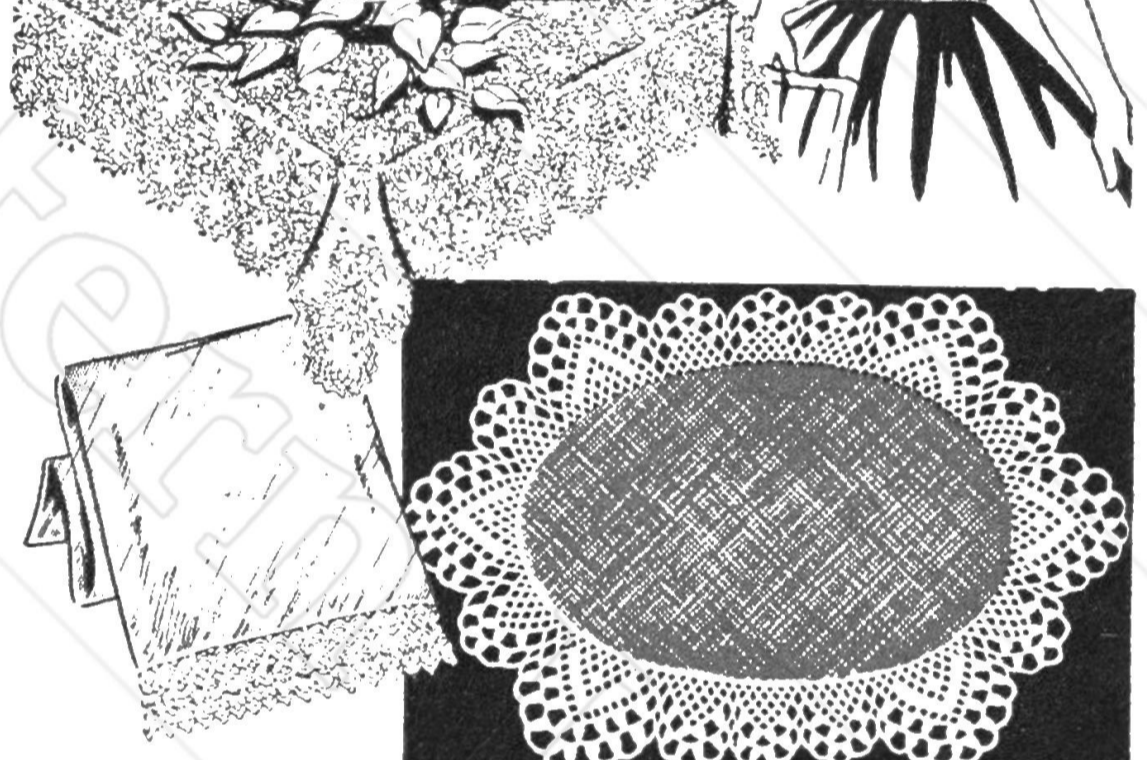
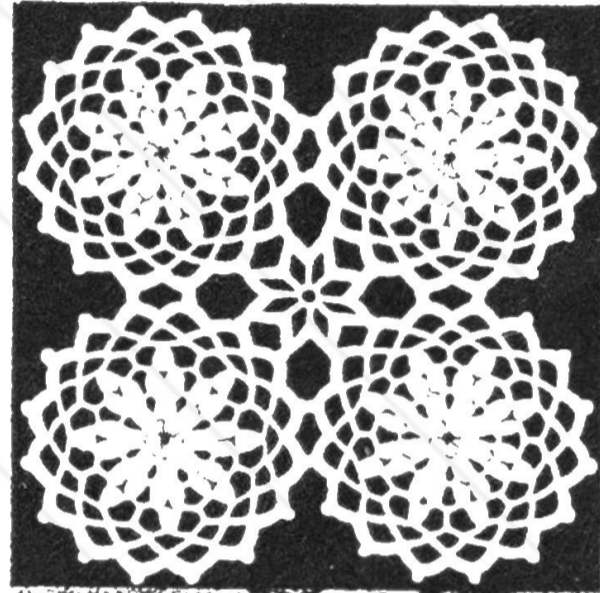
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Rnd 6: * (Sc, hdc, 2 dc, 4 tr, 2 dc, hdc, sc) in next lp, repeat from * 7 times, sl st in beginning sc. Fasten off.

Rnd 7: Join white in fourth st on side petal, * ch 12, sc in next 4th st on same petal, ch 12, sc in 4th st on next petal, repeat from * around, end with a ch 12, join in beginning. You should have 16 ch lps or points.

Rnd 8: Sl st to center of lp, * ch 8, sc in next lp, repeat from * around.

Rnd 9: Ch 4 (for a tr), * (5 dc, ch 3, 5 dc) over same ch lp, tr in sc, repeat from * around, join with sl st in top of ch 4 first made.

Rnd 10: Ch 3, * dc in each dc, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in each ch 3 lp, dc in each dc, dc in tr, repeat from * around, join with sl st in top of ch 3 first made. Fasten off.

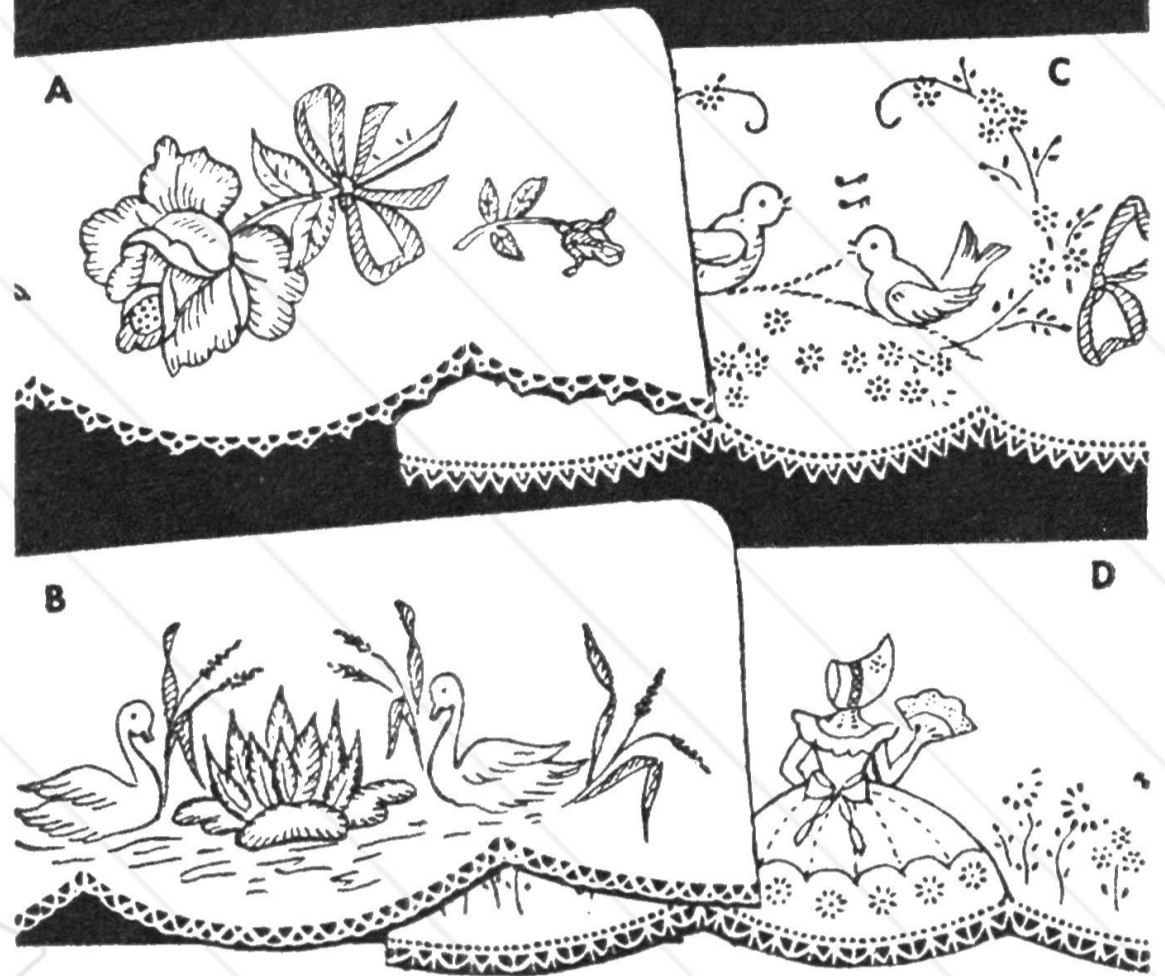
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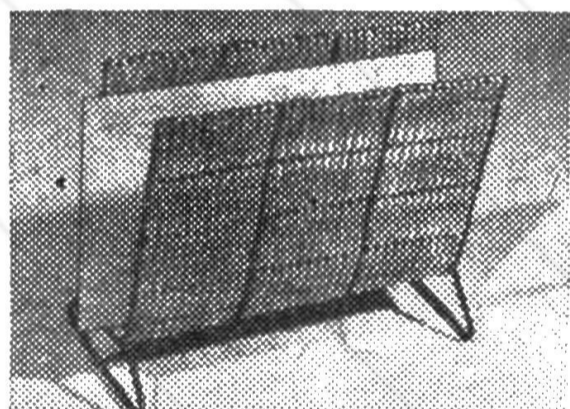


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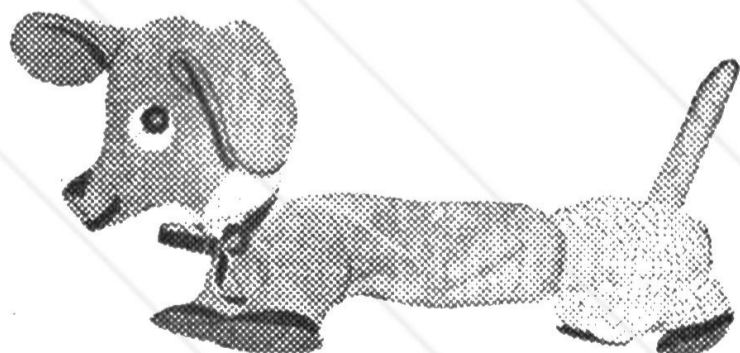


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ch 5, repeat from * around, join with
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Rnd 13: Sl st to ch 3 lp, * (3 dc, ch
3, 3 dc) in lp, ch 3, sc over ch 5 below,
ch 3, repeat from * around, join with
sl st in top of ch 3 first made.

Rnd 14: Sl st across to ch 3 lp, ch
4 (for a tr), make 7 more tr in lp, *
ch 5, sc in sc, ch 5, 8 tr in next ch lp,
repeat from * around, join and fasten
off.

Rnd 15: Join red, ch 1, sc in each
st around, join with sl st in ch 1.
Fasten off.

Turn work to wrong side, join
white to back lps of any sc in rnd 14,
* ch 11, sc in back lps of next sc in
rnd 14, repeat from * around, end
with ch 6, dtr at base of first ch 11.
This brings thread in position to begin
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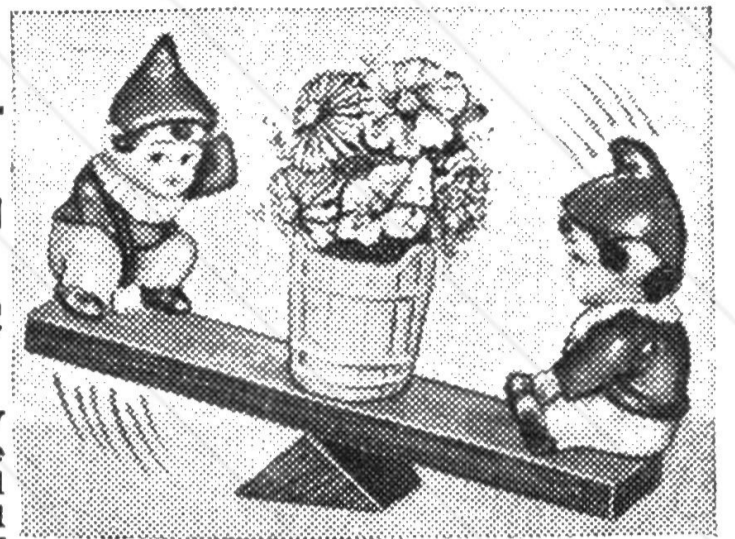
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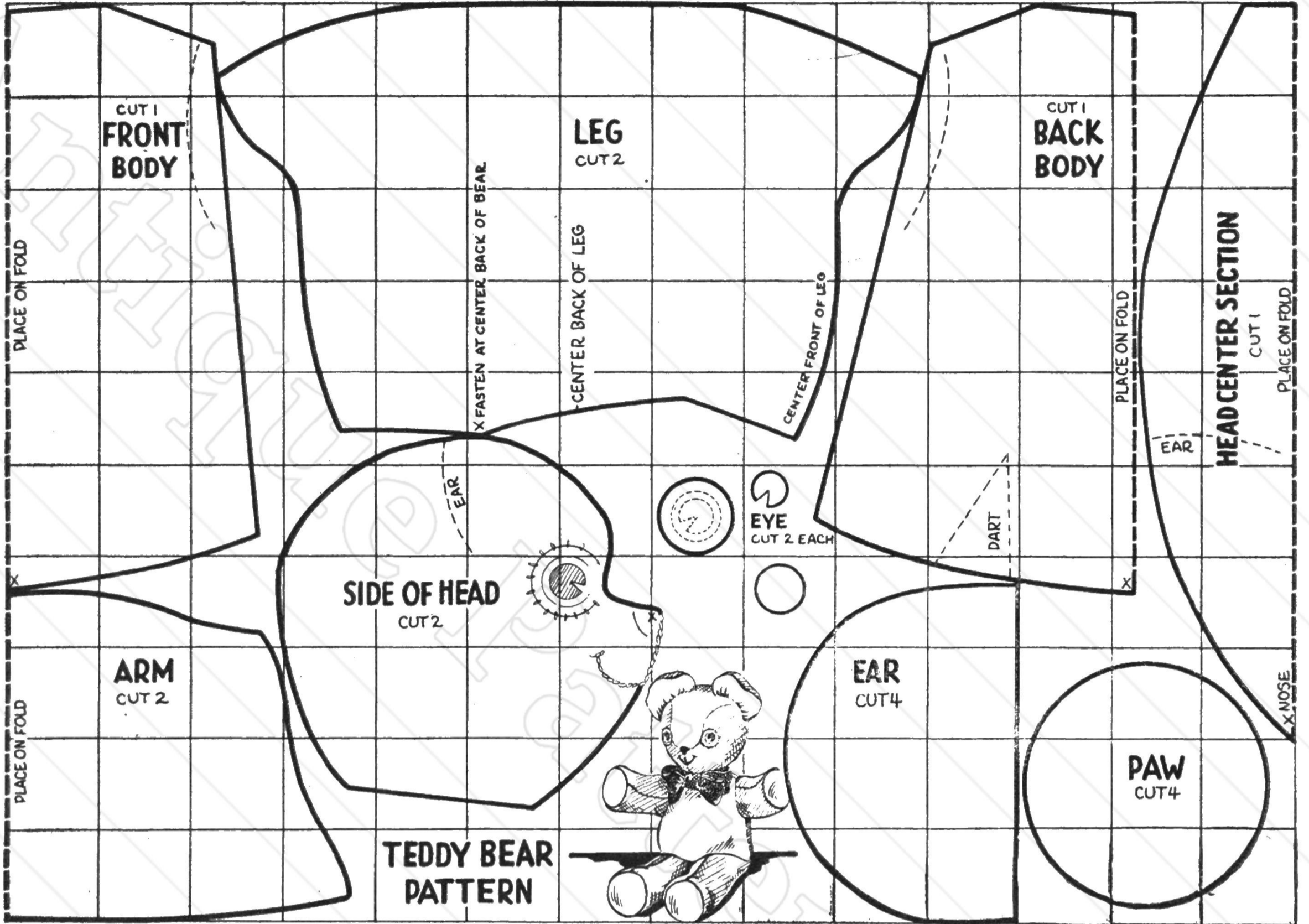
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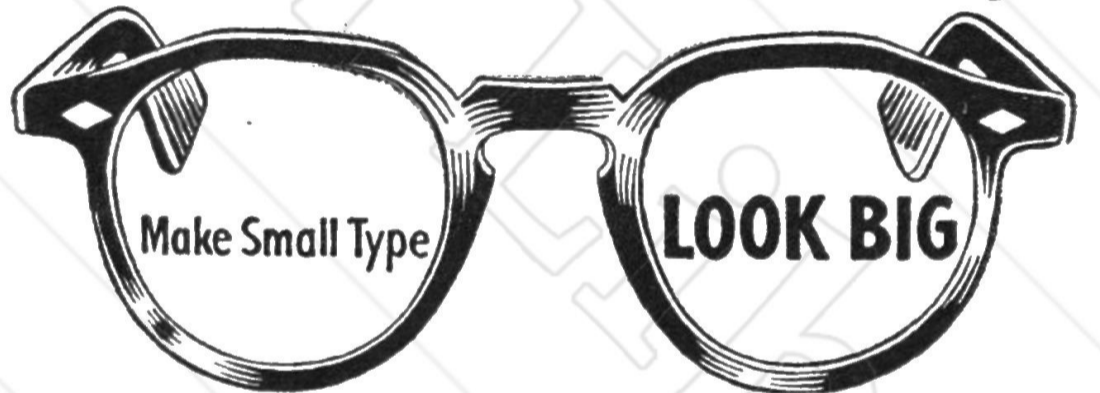
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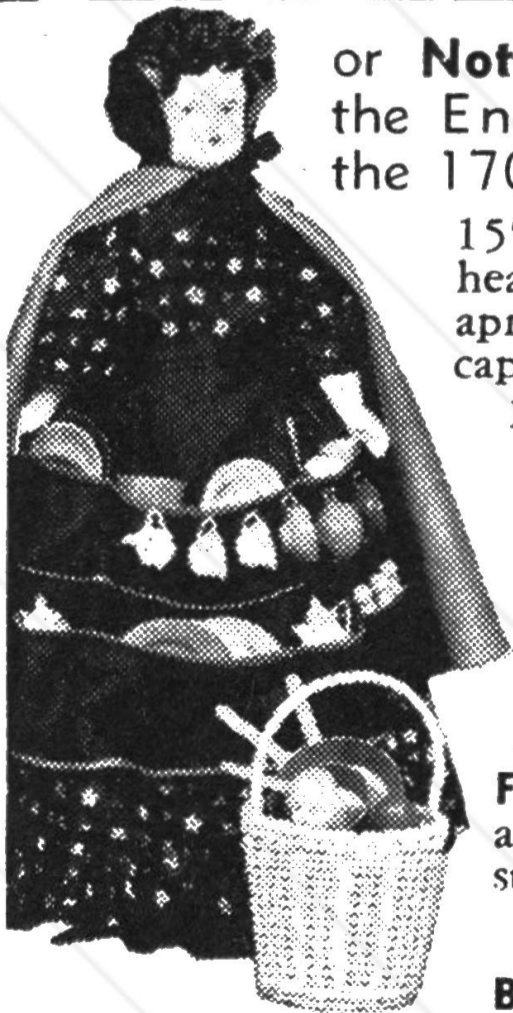
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Nearly any clean material that is strong enough to hold stitches and shape is suitable to use. Wool fabric, felt, flannel, tweed, velvet, coat or blanket cloth, fur fabrics, calico, corduroy, or plastic may be used. Discarded garments are a fine source of material if they are clean. An old coat or plush jacket carefully washed or cleaned would make several fine toys. The scrapbag will inspire you. Gather up odds and ends of oilcloth, patent leather, leather, old felt hats, leatherette, plastics, buttons and feathers for making faces, paws and accessories such as shoes, boots, belts, bags, saddles or reins, etc. Remember that stuffed toys usually are for children, and all coverings and fillings should be kept scrupulously clean. If the toy is for a baby, use no material in which the color will run, put no wires or pins into the construction, and no small buttons that little fingers might pry off and put into mouth. Always keep in mind the age of the person for whom the toy is intended—the teenager's animal can be loaded with fanciful gadgets, but the baby's cannot. For the three to six group a dressed stuffed toy brings hours of enjoyment. This age group loves to take off, to put on, to wash and to iron. Use simple garments, bright, practical and durable fabrics, buttons large enough to manipulate easily, and detachable ribbons.

It is not too difficult to design your own patterns. When designing your own pattern, make allowance for seams, turning, joining, stuffing, and any darts that may be required for curving or shaping. It is advisable to experiment first with muslin or cotton scraps. After stuffing you may see

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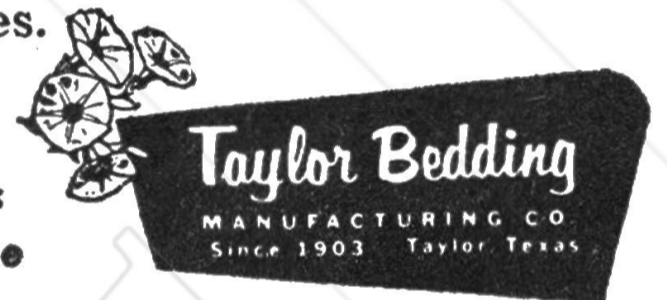


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outside. There may be a stripe or figure that should run a certain direction, or a nap or pile in the fabric to watch.

The fabric used and the size toy will determine the type stitch you use. Large toys and strong materials should be either back stitched by hand or sewn on the machine and then turned. Short lengths to be joined, curved or shaped go better by hand than by machine usually, and just as fast. Allow

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Proper and careful stuffing is one of the most important parts in your project. Toys for little children should be softly stuffed to keep them cuddly and light. Stuff larger toys more firmly, but do not overstuff or force because the seams may give or fray out. Kapok is always suitable for stuffing because it is so light for its bulk. Then there is cotton batting, or the shredded rubber bits. For tiny toys surgical cotton is very satisfactory. Use only clean stuffing. Cut up rags are too heavy and lump up. Wood straw (excelsior) can be used in a very large toy. To avoid that knotty or bunched effect push in small amounts at a time, and work well into ends of arms and legs first. Shape the form as you go, pushing out cheeks or nose or tummy. This step gives your toy a personality and can determine whether you are a successful toymaker or not.

The pattern given is drawn to scale, each square representing one inch. This proportion makes a Teddy Bear 13 inches tall from the top of ears to bottom of feet, just right for the nursery set. Enlarge him to 2 inches per square and you have a fine bed toy for the teen ager. If you have never used the chart method for enlarging or decreasing the size of a pattern, here are general directions. For the 13 inch Teddy Bear use a piece of paper about 15 by 11 inches and divide it into 1 inch squares, 14 in one direction and 10 in the other. Draw the portion of

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The model of the bear was made in yellow and white with blue eyes and neck bow, using white for the center section of the head, front of body, paws and front side of ears, with all other parts in yellow. Other color suggestions have been given, or make of desired color combinations. Seam allowance of about three-sixteenths of an inch has been made on all pieces.

First stitch up side seams of arms and legs, then sew the paws (circles) into the ends, easing in fullness as you go. Stuff, building up the paw ends and tapering off the thickness of the stuffing at open end so the limb can be flattened at that end and whipped to body at the seams. Take in the darts at the back and stitch back and front together, right sides together, leaving the neck open, turn. With seams in the middle of the front, turn leg ends in about one-half inch and sew securely to the bottom seam on body.

Place point marked X on leg to point marked X on center of body. Stitch arms to indicated lines on body with short or seamed side to the middle of the front. This makes the arms bend just a little bit forward. Stuff the body firmly, shaping the body round by holding it in your hand with the fingers and thumb on the side seams. Stitch the chin seam first in making the head. Then sew in center section, beginning at nose (x). Sew ears to-



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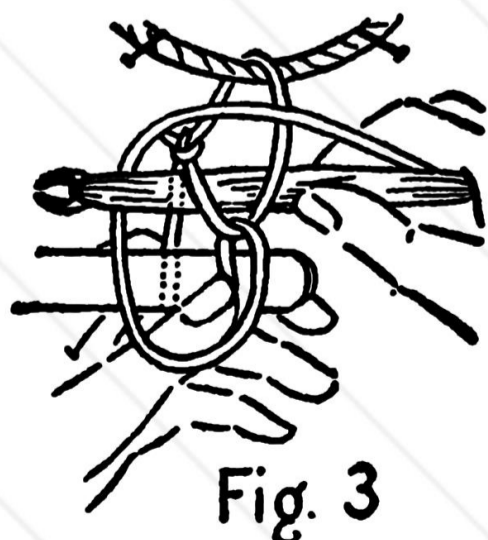
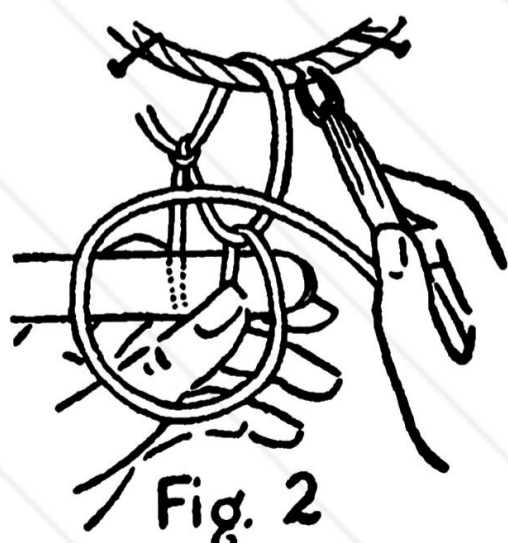
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gether, turn in raw bottom edge, gather up a little and sew to head on dotted lines. The eyes are made of three pieces of felt, the inner pupil black, whipped to center piece of white, and that whipped to the outer circle of sky blue. Then sew the eyes to head with straight black stitches—looks like eyelashes. Appliqué or embroider the nose, and embroider a smiling mouth.

Stuff the head, filling out the nose and cheeks and shaping the entire head wide like a baby's. When you are satisfied with its appearance turn in the neck about three-sixteenths of an inch and sew head firmly to the body. Use a long needle and run your needle and thread right through the stuffing and tack several places on the neck, then go around the whole neck with secure small stitches. Use heavy thread or embroidery floss. Now Teddy is ready for his necktie—a strip of felt 20 inches long and one inch wide ties attractively. Fold the tie in half around the neck, then loop once in front with upper tie about 2 inches longer than the other one. Spread ties open and finish bow, pulling firmly.

Correction

Figures 2 and 3 of the article "How to Net" on page 47 of the August, 1955, issue of The WORK-BASKET were wrong. The correct sketches are shown here.



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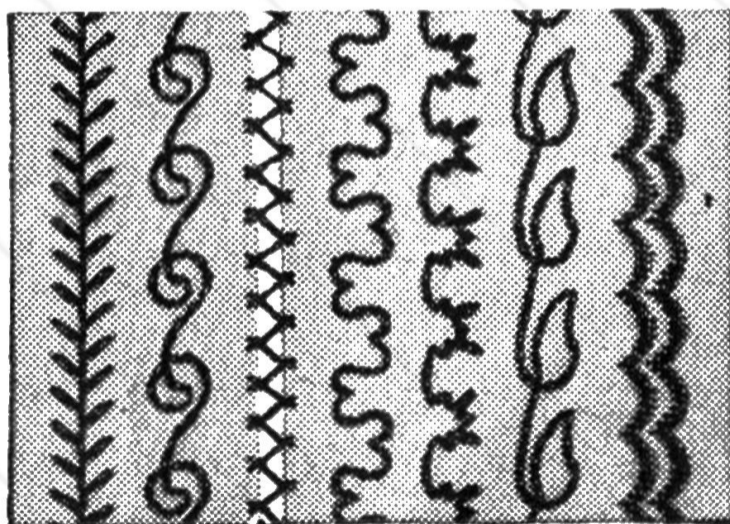


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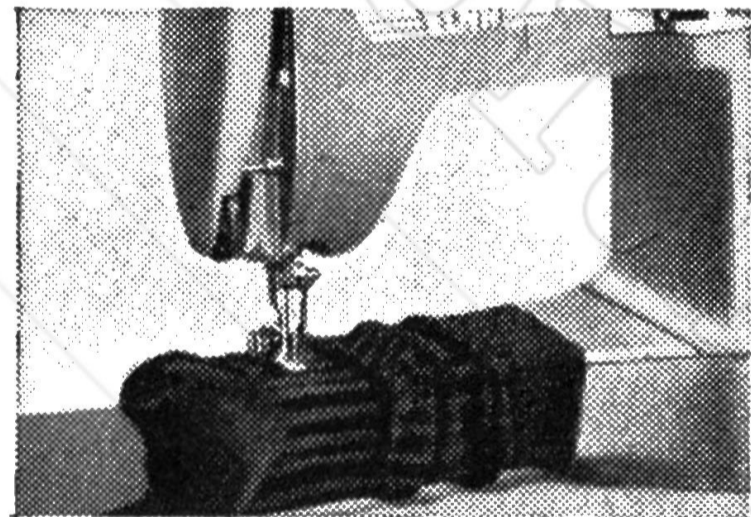
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To embroider, use outline stitch for most lines. The tear-shaped segments atop the pod in the center of the flower may be worked in satin stitch, to make them stand out. The fringe-like stamens radiating from the center may be worked in short straight stitches. To applique, divide the flowers into sections of manageable size, and work details in embroidery over applique. For needle point, trace design to needle point canvas and work in shaded yarns against neutral background.

Colors may range from white through tones of pink, salmon, orange, rose and crimson. The disc or pod in the center should be green, and the tear-shaped segments atop it should be black. The fringe surrounding the center should also be black or very dark purple. Leaves and stem should be bright green.

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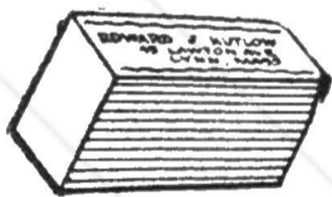
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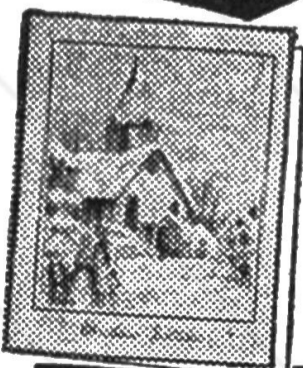
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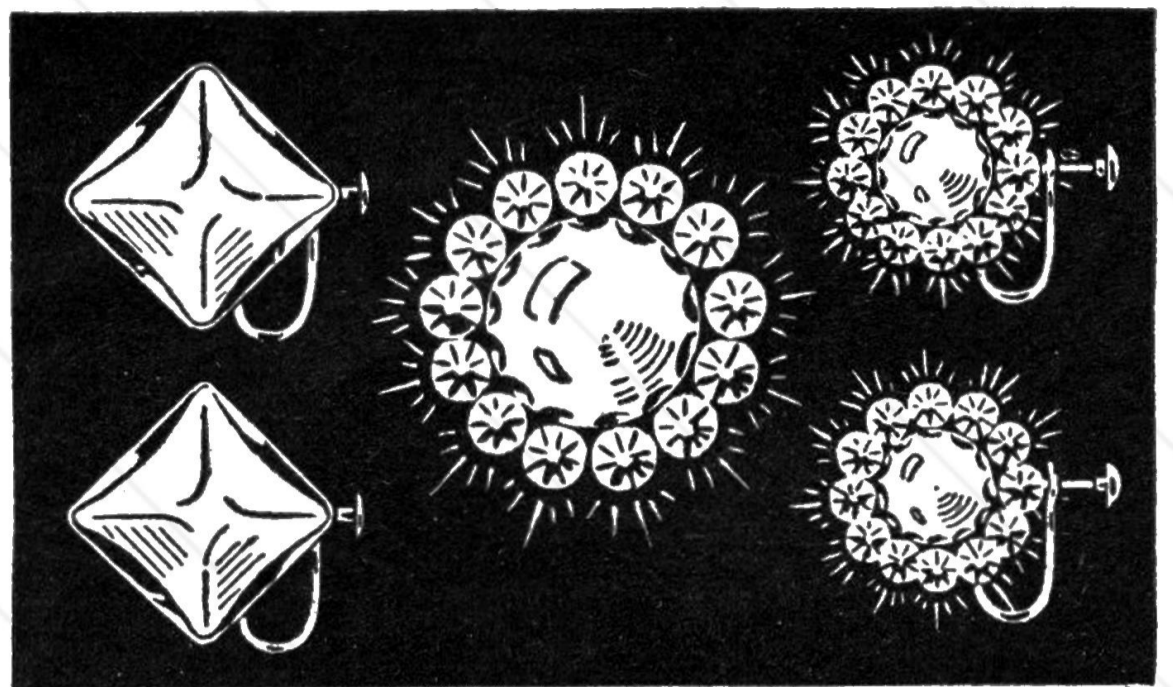
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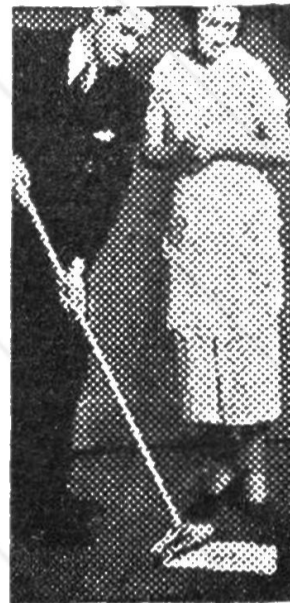
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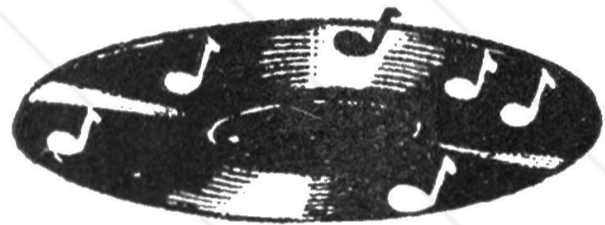
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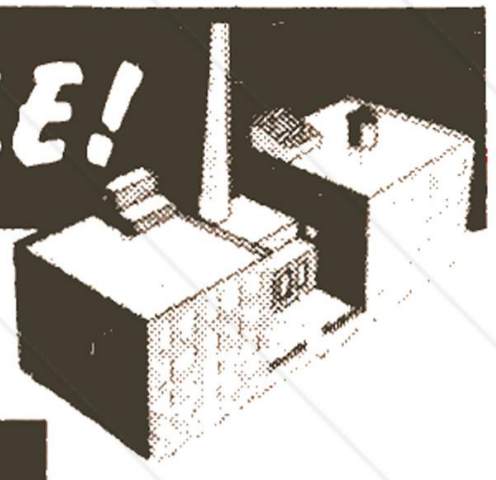
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