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Work Basket

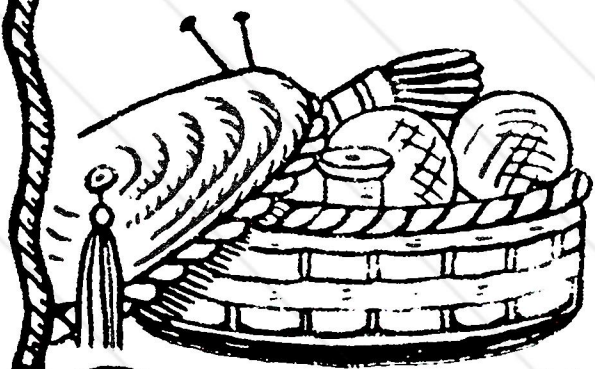
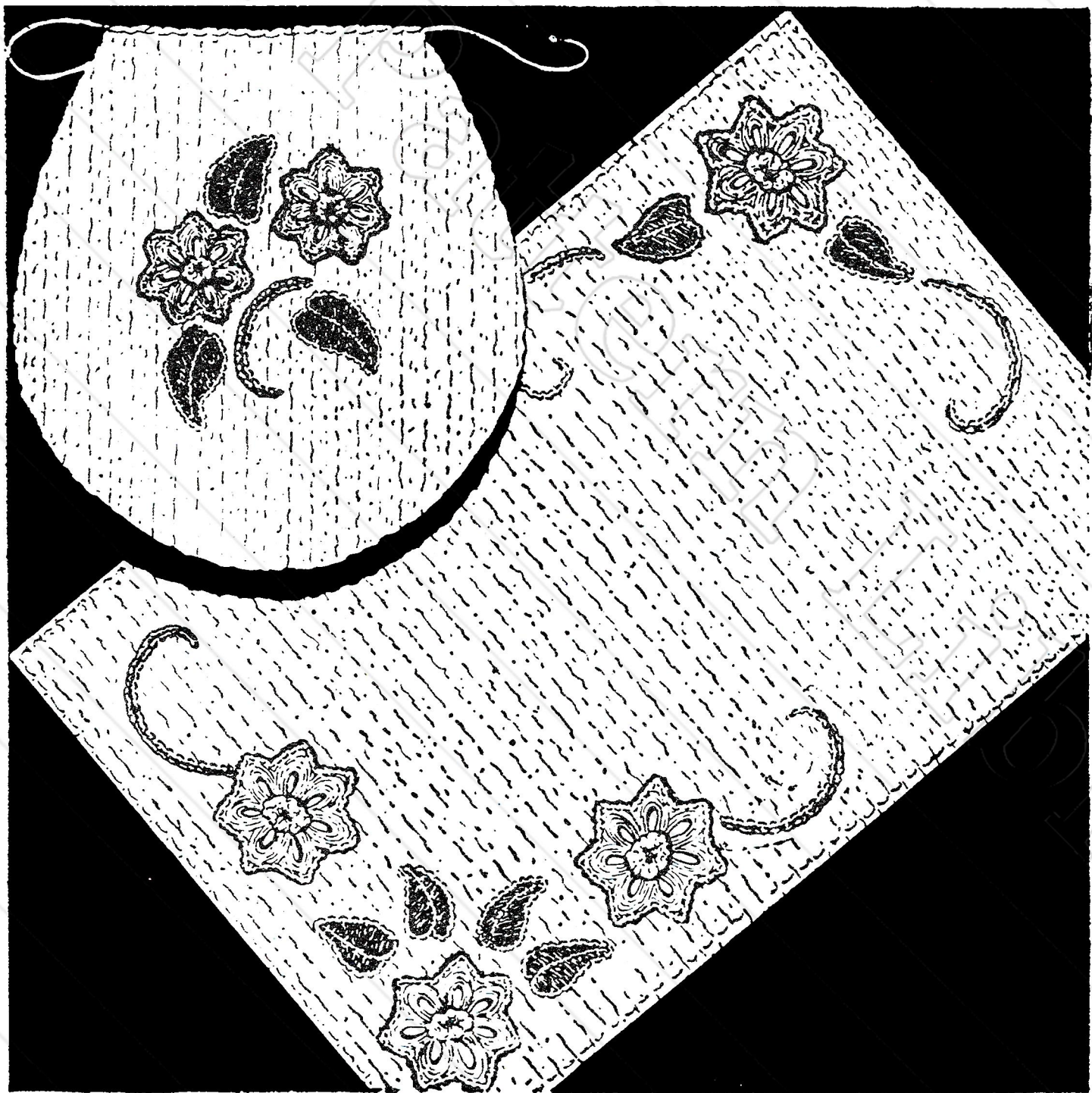
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CROCHETED BATH MAT AND LID COVER

The set requires approximately twelve 80-yard skeins of cotton rug yarn in the desired background color. We suggest cream, white, or a pastel. The set illustrated had a cream background with flowers in 2 shades of pink and 2 shades of blue, and leaves and stems in 2 shades of green. For the flowers and leaves you will need about the following amounts of mercerized, fast color, stringweight thread: 75 yards pale pink, 42 yards rose, 25 yards light blue, 14 yards medium blue, 21 yards yellow, 35 yards pale green, and 37 yards bright green. If the yarn for the stool cover is not preshrunk, it should be shrunk before cover is made, by placing skein in hot water, leaving until cool, then drying.

Use a No. 00 steel hook for the mat and lid cover. The gauge is 3 scs (single crochets) equal 1 inch and 7 rows of scs equal 2 inches.

MAT: The mat measures about 20 inches by 28 inches and requires about 9 skeins. To begin, ch (chain) 61, sk (skip) 2 sts (stitches) of ch, sc in next and every remaining st of ch. Ch 2, turn, sk 1st sc (the 2-ch counts as this sc), sc in every remaining sc across row, sc in 2-ch at end. Repeat this row until work measures 28 inches, or the desired length. Do not break yarn. Holding a single strand of yarn along the edge of mat and with right side of mat up, work a row of scs around the entire mat, working over the strand of yarn. Space the scs evenly and work tight enough to draw work into a perfect rectangle. Work 3 scs in corners. Cl rnd (close round) with sl st (slip stitch) in 1st sc, fasten off, weave yarn ends into back of mat.

LID COVER: This is worked lengthwise, working from center out to each side. Ch 57, sk 2 sts of ch, sc in 3rd st and every remaining st of ch. * Ch 2, turn, sk 1st sc (2-ch counts as this sc), sc in next and every remaining sc of previous row, sc in 2-ch at end. Repeat from * 5 times. Row 8: ch 2, turn, sk 1st sc, work 1 sc in 2nd and 3rd sc together (a decrease). To do this, thrust hook

under upper (front) loop of 2nd sc and under lower (back) loop of 3rd sc, yarn over hook and draw loop through both sts, yarn over and complete the sc. Work 1 sc in each remaining sc across row, sc in 2-ch at end. Row 9: ch 2, turn, sk 1st sc, 1 sc in next sc and in each remaining sc across row, sc in 2-ch at end.

Row 10: same as row 8. Row 11: same as 9. Row 12: same as 8. Row 13: same as 9. Row 14: same as 8 but do NOT work a sc in 2-ch at end. Row 15: same as 8. Row 16: same as 14. Row 17: same as 8. Row 18: same as 14. Row 19: same as 14. Row 20: same as row 8 but do NOT work a sc in last sc nor in 2-ch. Row 21: same as 14.

Row 22: same as 20. Row 23: same as 14. Row 24: same as 20. Row 25: same as 14. Row 26: same as 20. Row 27: same as 20. Row 28: same as 20. Row 29: same as 8 but do NOT work scs in last 3 scs nor in 2-ch at end. Fasten off.

The end where decreases were first made is front of cover. For 2nd half of cover attach yarn at straight end (back of cover) and work 1 sc in each st of beginning ch. This will be Row 1. Beginning with Row 2 follow directions for 1st half of cover through Row 29, fasten off.

With right side up, attach yarn at left end of straight edge across back. Work a row of scs around entire cover to even edge. Space scs far enough apart around curved edge of cover to draw the edge in to fit under edge of lid. Work even across straight edge at back of cover. Sl st to 1st sc of rnd, ch 5, * sk 2 scs, dc (double crochet) in next sc, ch 2. Repeat from * around to beginning of straight edge across back, dc in last sc of curved edge, fasten off. Tie knots in ends of a strand of yarn for a drawstring, thread drawstring through beading just made, slip cover over lid, draw up string and tie under lid to hold cover in place.

CROCHETED APPLIQUE: Flowers: with No. 4 hook and using yellow, ch 4, sl st in 1st st to form ring, ch 3, 15 dcs in ring, sl st in 3rd st

of 3-ch to cl rnd. * Ch 5, sl st in 3rd st from hook for picot, ch 3, sl st in next dc taking up UPPER (front) loop of dc only. Repeat from * around, fastening last 3-ch in base of 1st 3-ch. There should be 16 loops around ring. Fasten off, weave end into back of work.

Working at back of loops just made, attach rose (medium blue) in BACK loop of any dc around center, ch 15, sl st in same loop where thread was attached, * sl st in each of next 2 dcs taking up back loop only, ch 15, sl st in same st with last sl st. Repeat from * around. There should be 8 loops. Sl st in next st, sl st in st with 1st loop. * Working around outside of next 15-ch loop and taking up outer loop of ch only, 1 sc in each of next 7 sts of ch, 3 scs in next st, 1 sc in each of next 7 sts, sl st in sl st at base of ch, sl st in next sl st, sl st in sl st at base of next ch. Repeat from * around, fasten off.

Attach light pink (light blue) with sc in 1st sc of any petal. * Taking up back loops only, 1 sc in each of next 7 scs, 3 scs in next sc (at tip of petal), sc in each of next 8 scs, sc in 1st sc of next petal. Repeat from * around. To cl rnd, sl st in 1st sc of rnd. Rnd 2: taking up back loops only, sl st in each of next 2 sts, 1 sc in each of next 6 scs, * 3 scs in next sc (at tip), sc in each of next 6 scs, sk 3 scs along next petal, sc in 4th sc, 1 sc in each of next 5 scs. Repeat from * around. To cl rnd, sl st last petal to 1st sc of rnd. Rnd 3: taking up back loops only, sl st in next sc, 1 sc in each of next 5 scs, * 3 scs in next sc (at tip), 1 sc in each of next 5 scs, sk 2 scs along next petal, sc in 3rd sc of petal, 1 sc in each of next 4 scs. Repeat from * around. To cl rnd, sl st last petal to 1st sc of rnd, fasten off. Make 4 pink flowers and 2 blue ones.

Leaves: with bright green ch 18, sk 3 sts of ch, in 4th st work 1 dc, 1 htr (half treble), 2 trs (trebles); 2 trs in next st; 1 tr in each of next 7 sts; 1 htr in next st; 1 dc in each of next 2 sts; 1 hdc (half double crochet) in next st; 1 sc in next st; 5 scs in next st. Then working down other side of ch, 2 scs in each of next

3 sts; 1 dc in each of next 2 sts; 1 htr in next st; * 2 trs in next; 1 tr in next. Repeat from * twice; 2 trs in next st; 1 tr, 1 htr, 1 dc in next st; ch 3, sl st in same st with last dc, fasten off.



With right side up, attach pale green at stem end of leaf with a sc. Work 1 sc in each st around leaf, taking up back loops of sts only and working 3 scs in st at tip of leaf. Cl rnd with sl st in 1st sc, do not break thread. Hold tip of leaf up and thread back of leaf. Thrust hook down through 1st ch st which runs up center of leaf. Thread over hook, draw thread through ch st and loop on hook for a sl st. Repeat in each st of central ch to tip of leaf. Draw thread through to wrong side and fasten off. This leaf will have a tip which curls to the right. Make 6 such leaves.

For leaves with tip curling to left, ch 18 with bright green, sk 3 sts of ch, in 4th st work 1 dc, 1 htr, 1 tr; 2 trs in next st; * 1 tr in next st; 2 trs in next st. Repeat from * twice. In next st work 1 htr; 1 dc in each of next 2 sts; 2 scs in each of next 3 sts; 5 scs in next st. Then working down other side of ch, 1 sc in next

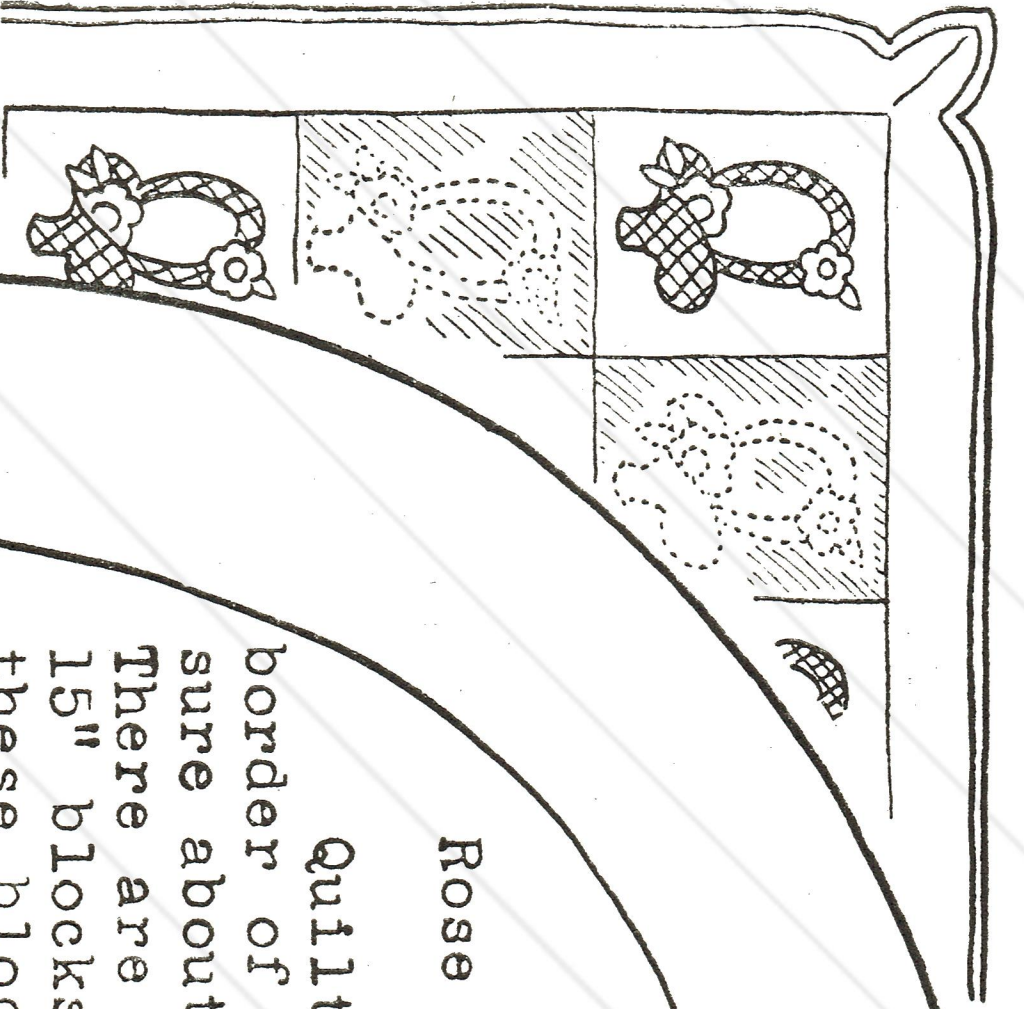


Fig. 1

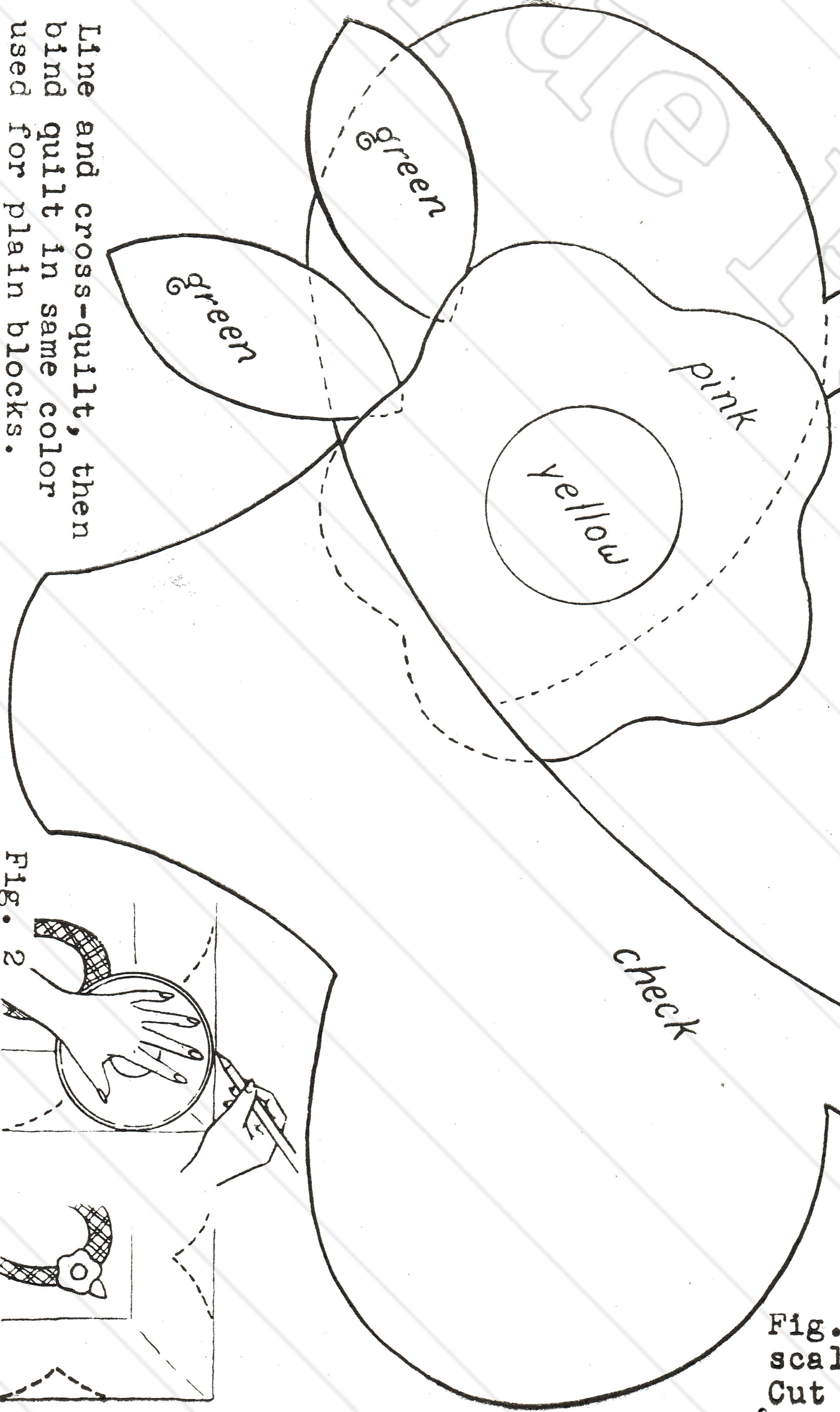
Rose In A Basket

Quilt including a 6" border of white will measure about 92" by 113". There are forty-nine 12" by 15" blocks. Twenty-five of these blocks are white with a basket motif appliqued in centers. Twenty-four blocks are colored - blue, pink, or yellow - and may have the basket design quilted in their centers.

Make tissue tracings of basket design for tracing on blocks and for use as cutting guides leaving original design intact for reference and safe-keeping.

Set blocks together as suggested in fig. 1, seven across and seven up and down.

Cut two strips of white for end borders at least 113" by 6", and two more strips for sides 92" by 6". Seam borders to blocks which have been set together, miter at corners.



Line and cross-quilt, then blind quilt in same color used for plain blocks.

Fig. 2

Fig. 2 suggests a method for making a decorative scallop in border. Draw around a plate as shown. Cut this decorative scallop into border on all corners.

st; 1 hdc in next st; 1 dc in each of next 2 sts; 1 htr in next st; 1 tr in each of next 7 sts; 2 trs in next st; in next st work 2 trs, 1 htr, 1 dc; ch 3, sl st in same st with last dc. Add a row of scs around leaf in light green as for other leaves, and sl st down center of leaf as on other leaves. Make 3 of these leaves.

Stems: make 4 stems: one 5" stem for lid cover, two 10" stems for big spray on bath mat, and one 9" stem for the smaller spray. With light green make a ch of the specified length, sk 2 sts of ch, sc in next and every remaining st of ch, fasten off. With right side of scs up, attach bright green in 1st sc of past row, going under back loop of sc only. Taking up back loops only, work 1 sl st in each sc of past row, drawing sl sts rather tight so stem will have a slight curve. Fasten off at end of row.

Arrange leaves and flowers as shown in the illustration. On the lid cover the upper flower is pink and the lower one is blue. Arrange leaves with tip as shown and curve stem as shown. Whip in place with matching thread. On the mat the center flower of the large spray is blue, those on each side of it are pink, and the single flower in the opposite corner is also pink. Place outer edge of leaves, flowers, and stems about 1½" in from the edge of mat. Arrange as shown in the illustration and whip in place.

Make extra flowers and leaves, arrange on crocheted bands, and you have tie-backs for your curtains.

KNITTED SLEEVELESS PULLOVER

This sweater is suitable for either a man or woman, or a teen-age boy or girl. It is given in two sizes, small and medium. The small size is for 30"-32" chest measurement. The medium size is for 36"-38" chest, but by using larger needles it could be adjusted to fit 40"-42" chest.

The small size requires about 8 oz. of knitting worsted, the medium size 9 oz. One pair of No. 3 plastic needles (14") are needed for ribbing and 1 pair of No. 5 needles (14") for body

of sweater. The gauge in stockinette st (stitch) is 5 sts (unpressed) equal 1", and 7 rows equal 1".

The directions are written for 36"-38" size. Numbers in parentheses are for the small size. If no number is given in parentheses, the same number is to be used for both sizes.



FRONT: cast on 90 (80) sts (stitches) with No. 3 needles. Work in ribbing of k (knit) 2 sts, p (purl) 2 sts until work measures 3" (2½"). Change to No. 5 needles.

Row 1: k 16 (14), * p 2, k 6, p 2, k 6 (4). Repeat from * three times, k remaining 10 sts. Row 2: p 16 (14), * k 2, p 6, k 2, p 6 (4). Repeat from * three times, p remaining 10 sts.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 once. Row 5: k 16 (14), * p 2, slip next 3 sts on double-pointed spare needle and put to back of work. K next 3 sts off left needle, bring double-pointed needle up to left of sts just knitted, k the 3 sts off double-pointed needle (the working of these 6 sts, that is, knitting the last 3 sts of the group first, forms the twist in cable), p 2, k 6 (4). Repeat from * 3 times, k remaining 10 sts.

* Next row: same as Row 2. Next 6 rows: repeat Rows 1 and 2 three times. Next row: same as Row 5.

The 8 rows just worked form the pattern. Repeat in order from last * until work measures 11" (10") from start. For underarms: bind off 4 (3) sts at beginning of next 2 rows. Bind

off 1 st at beginning of next 16 rows. There should be 66 (58) sts left on needle. Knit these 66 (58) sts in pattern until work measures 3½" (3") straight up from row where armholes were first bound off.

For V-neck: in next row turn at center. Take off sts for other side of front on a stitch holder or spare needle. Work side of front remaining on needle in pattern, but discontinue twist in cable nearest neckline. Decrease 1 st at beginning of row at neck edge 15 (13) times. To decrease, k 1st and 2nd st of row together. Keep armhole edge straight. After last decrease there should be 18 (16) sts left on needle. Keep in pattern until work measures 11" (10") straight up from row where armholes were first bound off, then shape for shoulder.

For shoulder: bind off 9 (8) sts at beginning of next row which begins at armhole edge, work 1 row. Bind off remaining 9 (8) sts in next row. Pick up sts which were taken off for other side of front, attach yarn at center front and work this side to correspond with that already made.

With No. 3 needles and holding right side up, pick up 122 (114) sts around neck edge of sweater. Work in ribbing of k 2, p 2, for 7 rows, bind off in ribbing pattern. Miter the V at center front by knitting together the 2 sts to right of center and knitting together the 2 sts to left of center front. Do this in every row.

BACK: cast 90 (80) sts on No. 3 needles. Work in ribbing of k 2, p 2, for 3" (2½"). Change to No. 5 needles. Work in pattern the same as given for front until work measures 11" (10") from start. Decrease for underarms as given for front. Work even in pattern until back measures 11" (10") from row where armholes were first bound off. Then bind off 9 (8) sts at beginning of next 4 rows for shoulders. Change to No. 3 needles and work the remaining 30 (26) sts in ribbing of k 2, p 2, for 7 rows. Bind off in ribbing pattern.

BLOCKING: pin front and back in position on bath towel, or some large padded surface, face down. Draw out to correct chest size, pin edges evenly.

Steam with a well-dampened cloth using a moderate iron. Do not press heavily to destroy the texture of the stitches. Leave pinned in shape until dry.

Overcast the shoulder seams on wrong side with matching yarn. With No. 3 needles pick up sts along armhole edge, work in k 2, p 2, ribbing for 7 rows, cast off in ribbing pattern. Work ribbing on other armhole edge to match. Sew underarm seams. Press seams lightly with a dampened cloth.

KNITTED BANDEAU

Very slick with the new flat-top hair-dos, smarter than ear muffs and just as warm, are these knitted bandeaus. High school and college girls, particularly, like them.

About ¼ oz. of Germantown yarn in any desired shade is required for one bandeau. Approximately 1 yard of yarn is needed for each flower and 10" of green yarn for each flower stem. Use a pair of No. 1 plastic knitting needles, either single or double point, or No. 12 double point steel needles. The gauge is 6 stitches equal 1" and 9 rows equal 1".

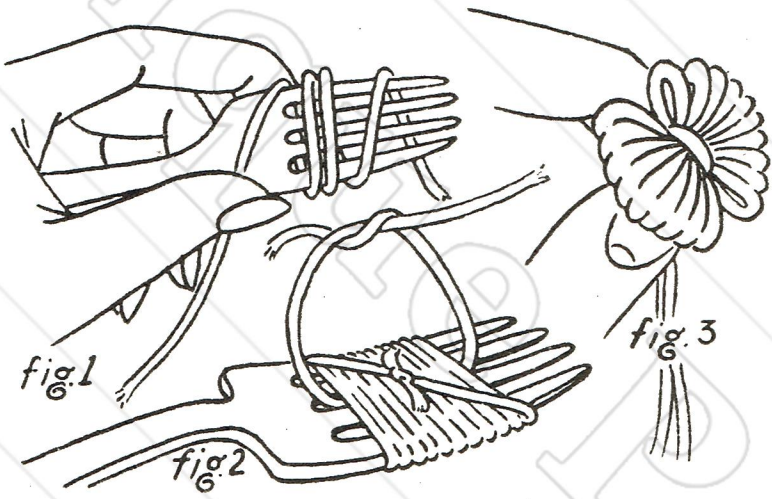
PLAIN RIBBED BANDEAU: cast on 6 sts (stitches). K (knit) 9 rows on these 6 sts. * Next row: k 1st st, increase in next st, k across row. K 3 rows without increase. Repeat from * 5 times. There should now be 12 sts on needle with all increases on same edge. K back and forth on these 12 sts until work measures 17" from beginning, ending last row on edge where increases were made.

* Next row: k first 2 sts together (a decrease), k across row. K 3 rows without decrease. Repeat from * 5 times. Following last 3 plain rows, k 6 more plain rows, bind off.

The shaped edge of the bandeau is the front. Press the work on the wrong side on a padded surface, using a damp cloth. Sew a large hook on the right end. To fasten, bring bandeau around head and hook into left end of bandeau at center back.

SEED STITCH BANDEAU: begin as for ribbed bandeau and follow directions for it until 6th increase has been made (12 sts on needle). The

seed stitch pattern begins in the next row. Row 1: k 1, p 1 across row. Row 2: p 1, k 1 across row. Repeat these 2 rows until work measures 17" from beginning. Decrease as given in last paragraph of directions for ribbed bandeau, working back and forth in plain knitting.



FLOWERS: a cluster of flowers may be sewed to one side of center front at whatever point is found most becoming, or a cluster may be sewed over each ear. A matching cluster may be made for a coat or suit lapel. The flowers may be a contrasting or harmonizing color, or several shades may be combined. Use bright green yarn for stems.

Hold a 4-tined fork with tines up as shown in Fig. 1. Wrap yarn of flower color around the fork 12 times, wrapping as shown in Fig. 1. Tie the ends securely over center of strands as shown, cut ends leaving about 3/16" ends so they will not pull out. Cut a 10" strand of green yarn and bring the ends up between the tines of the fork as shown in Fig. 2. Tie the green yarn around the strands for flower, pulling knot as tight as possible. Tie about 3 knots so stem will not pull loose. Slip the flower off the fork and

fluff out so the completed flower will be like that shown in Fig. 3.

Make a cluster of 12 to 15 flowers, group together in a pleasing arrangement, and tie the stems of cluster together with a double strand of green yarn. Stems may be evened up and trimmed as short as desired. Sew cluster to bandeau with matching thread, pointing stems of cluster to back of bandeau and flowers toward face edge. A small safety pin may be sewed to cluster which is to be worn on the lapel.

The handles of discarded toothbrushes make good tags for household keys. Break off the brush end and smooth the broken edge with sandpaper or a file. Tie or wire keys through hole in the handle.

When washing a sweater, put it between two heavy towels and with a rolling pin press out much of the water. The sweater is then laid flat, shaped and measured to finish drying.

Waxing curtain rods not only protects them from rust but makes it easier to slide curtains back and forth.

When quilting, put two or three coats of nail polish on finger tips and thumb to prevent them being pricked by the needle.

A bit of almond flavoring improves the flavor of cherry pie. Just a bit of it also adds interest to uncooked white frosting for cakes.

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