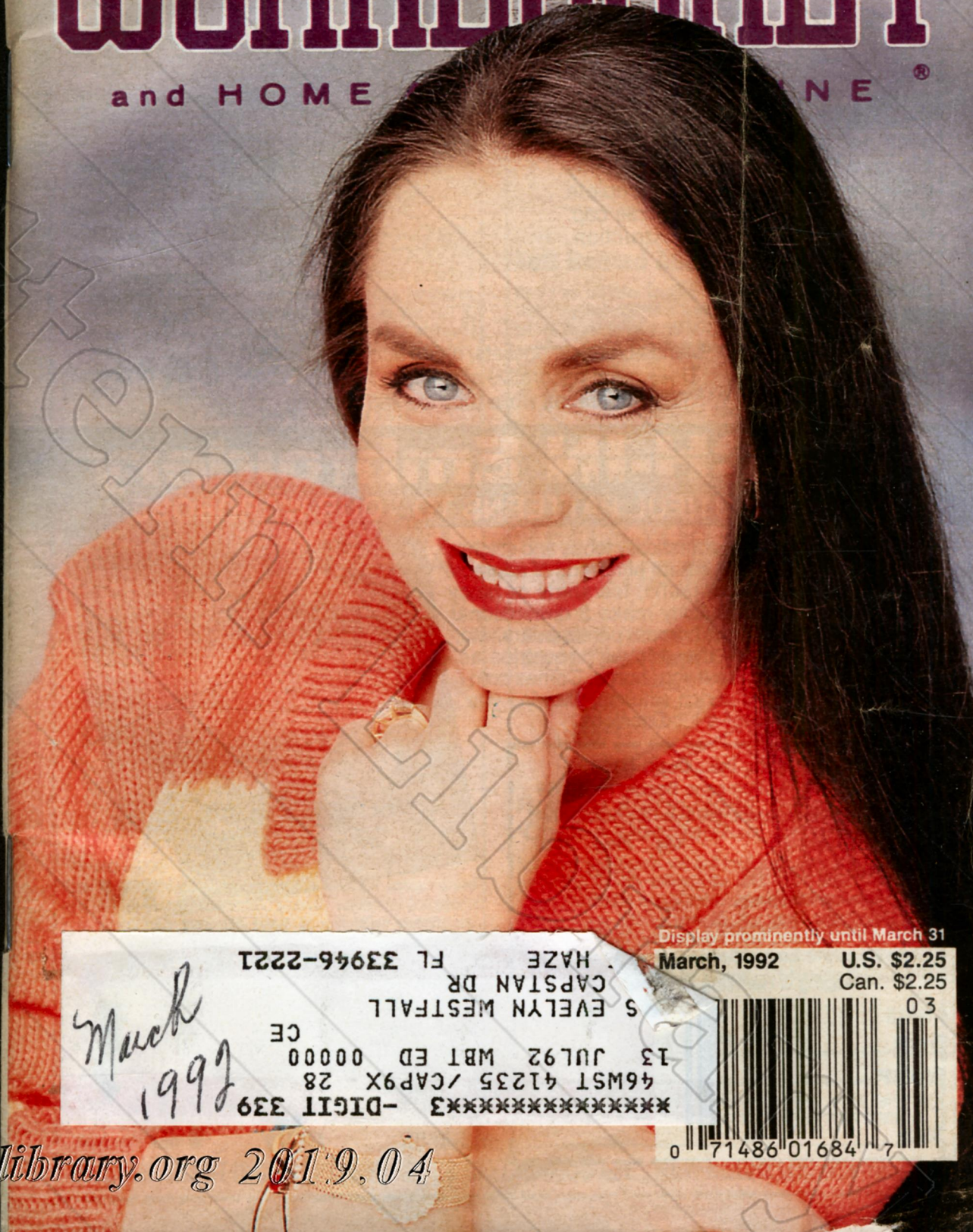


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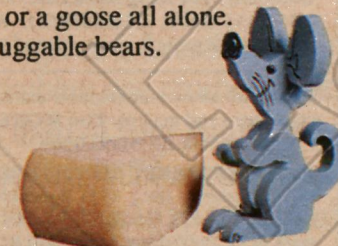
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Dear WORKBASKET Reader:

The dreary days of winter are around us, and The WORKBASKET staff is anxious for the warmth of summer. Although we can't bring you a heat wave, this issue's Southwest colors should help you feel toasty. If the colors don't seem to lessen your shivers, you can at least keep your hands warm and busy with WORKBASKET projects.

There have been a number of requests for patterns using the Cro-Knit hook, a needlework tool that's longer than a crochet hook and has a hook on each end. Using a Cro-Knit hook requires yarns in two colors and produces a reversible fabric. This technique is well-suited for pillows, afghans or rugs. You will find our project on page 22.

Attention Knitters! In our August/September issue you were promised a pattern and explanation about "steeking." Check out the beautiful colors used in the Mara Vest and learn the process of "steeking" on page 14.

The WORKBASKET always publishes at least one tatting pattern in each issue. In April 1990 we introduced you to Jiffy Needle tatting and were experimenting with the Japanese hook method of tatting. It's been a slow process because the instructions and patterns we had were in Japanese, but now we have a pattern using the tatting hook. Look for it in our next issue.

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# SOUTHWEST SUNRISE PULLOVER

Combine vibrant pastels for this comfortable cotton sweater

*By Marion L. Kelley*

*Ron Keith, Photographer  
MaryBeth Felts, Stylist*

She's a superstar — talented, extremely kind, beautiful and petite — she's Crystal Gayle. Crystal's not only a terrific performer, but also, a wife and mother. She tries to keep road performances to a minimum so she can spend her free time with her family: husband Bill, daughter Catherine, son Chris and their four dogs.

Crystal was a child when her mother taught her to knit. Her first knitting effort was a sweater for herself. "The stitches were uneven," Crystal said. "I dropped stitches so there were holes, but I wore it anyway." Since then, she has knit two sweaters for Bill and just recently went to a yarn shop to select yarns in several colors for a new project. Unfortunately, there is a price to pay for fame. Fans began following her around, and she stopped to visit with them. After a time, she had to leave the store without making her purchase.

Crystal is so easy to talk with that I asked her about her incredibly long hair. She replied that at home, for convenience, she wears it in a knot at the back of her neck. She said she's often thought of cutting it, but it's her trademark and she feels that her fans would be disappointed.

When asked where her brown eyes were (Crystal's "Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue" hit the top of the Country and Pop charts in 1977), she just grinned and said, "I've always had blue eyes." —RJR





Directions for the Sunrise Pullover, worn by Crystal Gayle, are given for finished size 40- and 46-inch bust with changes for the larger in parentheses. To work the pattern on both front and back you will need 5 skeins orange #341 (A), 3 skeins aqua #50 (B), 1 skein yellow #130 (C); for pattern on front only, use 6 skeins orange, 2 skeins aqua, 1 skein yellow Reynolds "Saucy" yarn. "Saucy" is 100% mercerized cotton available in 100-gram skeins of about 185 yards. This pullover was knit using numbers 5 and 8 knitting needles and bobbins.

**Gauge:** 5 sts equal 1 inch  
7 rows equal 1 inch

**TO SAVE TIME, TAKE TIME TO CHECK GAUGE.**

**BACK:** With smaller needles and A, cast on 91 (99) sts. Work in ribbing (k 1, p 1) for 3 inches, inc 17 sts evenly spaced on last row — 108 (116) sts. Change to larger needles and work in stockinette (k 1 row, p 1 row) until piece measures 5 inches from beginning, ending with a wrong side row. Follow color chart (if desired), and AT SAME TIME, when piece measures 15 (15-1/2) inches, mark armholes. Continue working even, following chart. When chart is complete, work only in A until armholes measure 8-1/2 (8-3/4) inches, ending with a wrong side row.

**Back Neck and Shoulders:** Work across 39 (41) sts, join another skein of

yarn and bind off center 30 (34) sts, complete row. Working both sides at same time with separate yarns, dec one st each neck edge every row 3 times — 36 (38) sts each shoulder. Bind off remaining sts.

**FRONT:** Work same as back until armholes measure 6 (6-1/4) inches, ending with a wrong side row.

**Shape Front Neck and Shoulders:** Work across 41 (43) sts, join another skein of yarn and bind off center 26 (30) sts, complete row. Working both sides at same time with separate yarns, dec one st each neck edge every other row 5 times — 36 (38) sts each shoulder. Work even until armholes measure same as back. Bind off remaining sts.

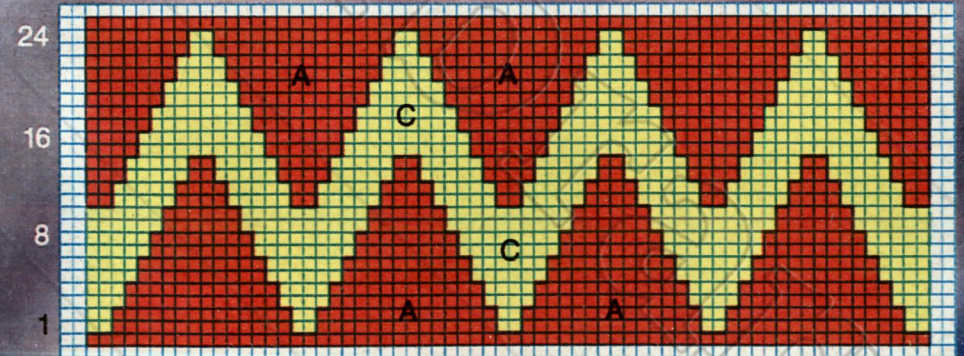
Sew right shoulder seam.

**Neck Ribbing:** With right side facing, smaller needles and A, pick up 119 (127) sts around neck edge. Work in ribbing for 3/4 inch. Bind off in ribbing. (Optional collar will be added later.)

Sew second shoulder seam, including neck ribbing.

**SLEEVES:** (Make 2) With right side facing, larger needles and A, pick up 106 (114) sts between armhole markers. Work in stockinette for 1-1/2 (1) inches. Dec one st each end of needle every 4th row 20 (24) times — 66 sts. Work even until sleeve measures 12-1/2 (12-3/4) inches. Follow pattern chart for sleeve for next 24 rows. Work 2 more rows

Sleeve Chart

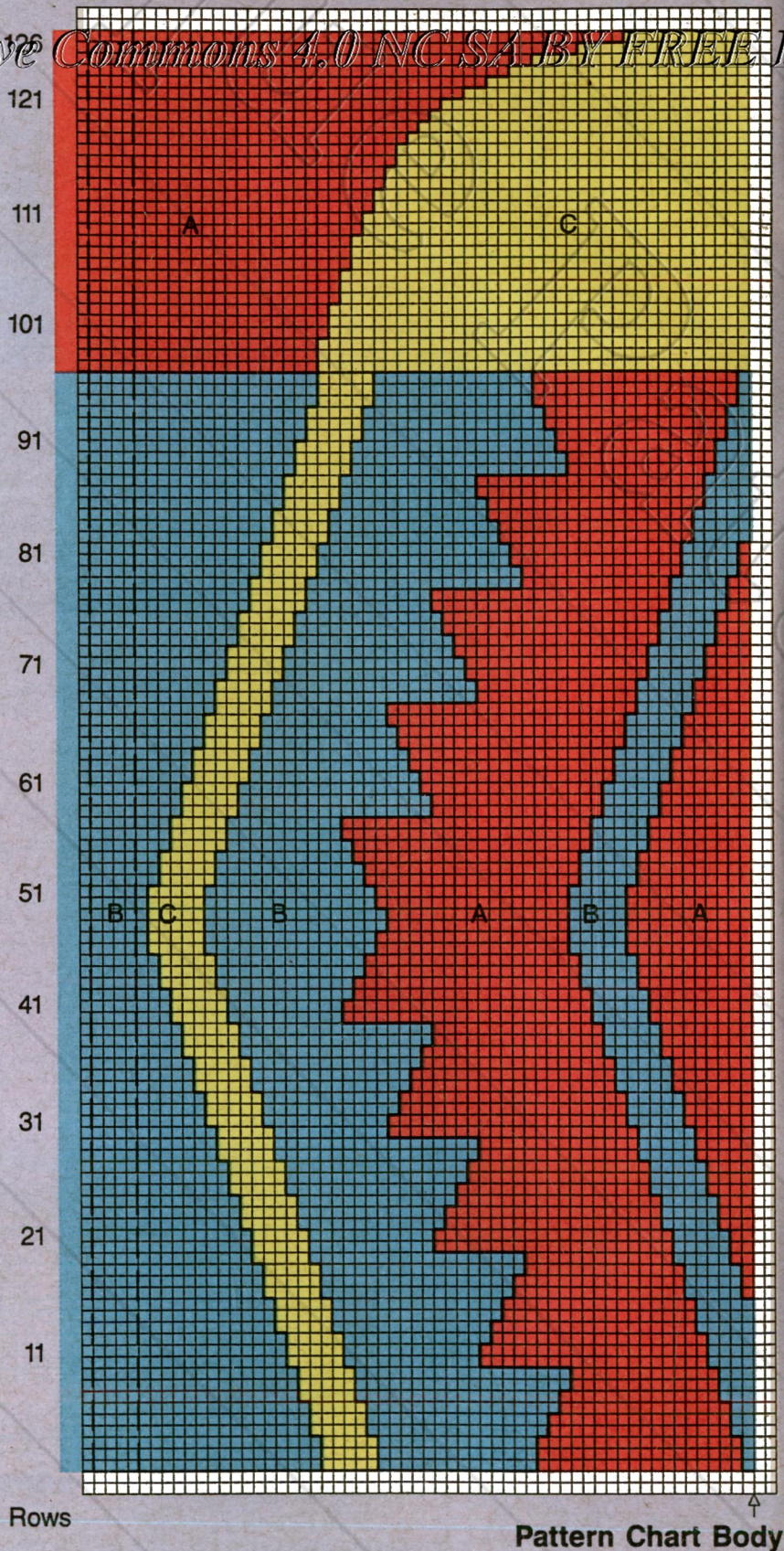


Rows

even. Change to smaller needles. K one row, dec 13 (11) sts evenly spaced — 53 (55) sts. Work in ribbing for 2 inches. Bind off in ribbing.

**Finishing:** Sew each underarm sleeve and side seam in a continuous seam. Weave in all yarn ends.

**COLLAR:** (Optional) With smaller needles and A, cast on 119 (127) sts. Work in ribbing for 3-1/2 inches. Bind off loosely in ribbing. Pin collar to inside of neck ribbing and sew in place. ♣



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# *Mara*

## *A Fair Isle Vest*

Knit with circular needles

*By Alice Starmore*

This garment is worked in the round, which means that the pattern side is always facing you and only knit stitches are being worked. The advantages of this method are speed and ease of working; what's more, the technique is intriguing and fun.

Alice Starmore favors Fair Isle patterns because she feels it allows maximum creativity in working with pattern and color. She has named this vest "Mara," which is the Gaelic word for sea, and depicts her memory of sunlight on water and seaweed.

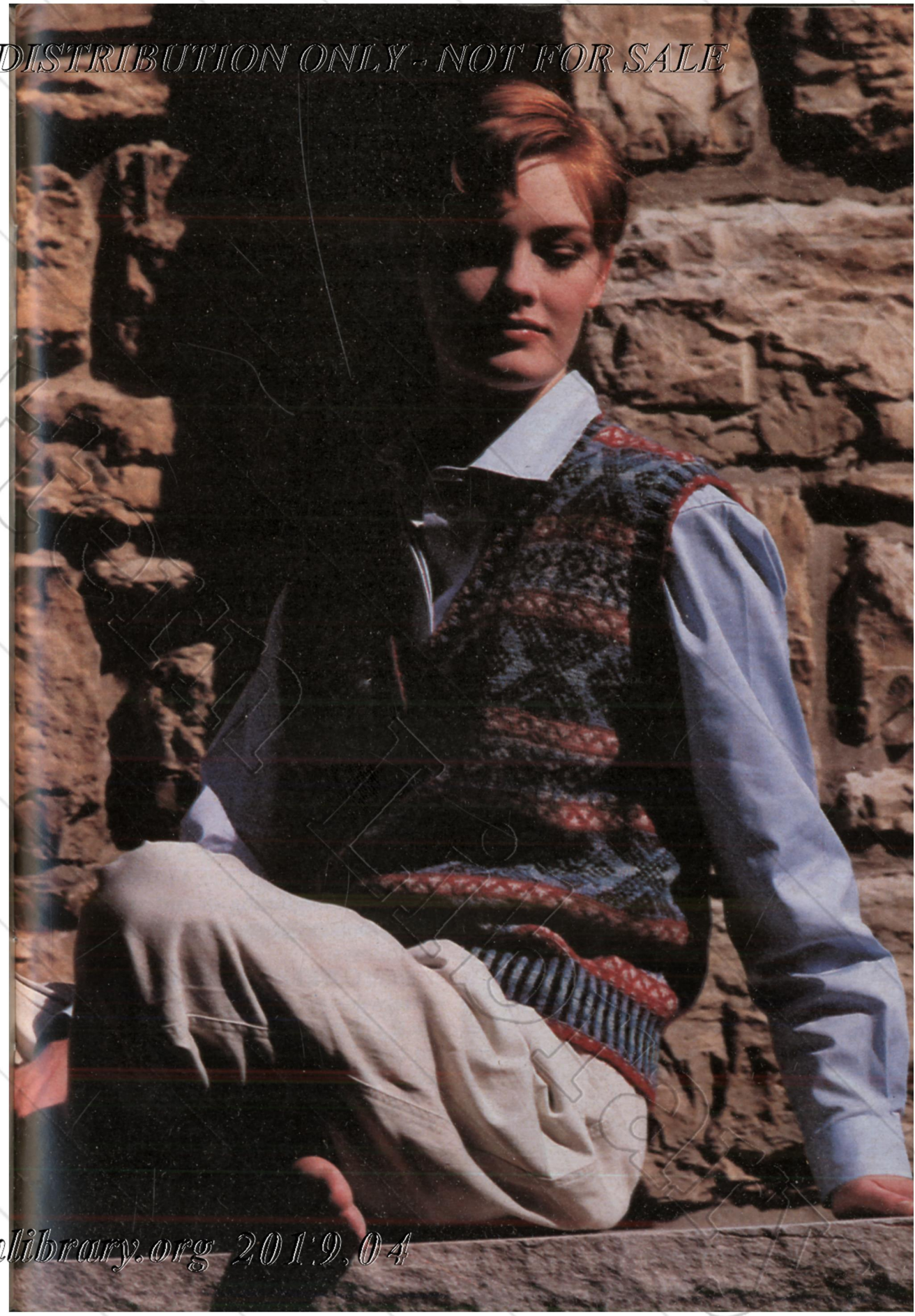
Working in circular fashion, with a maximum of two colors in any one round, extra stitches ("steeks") are knit at intended openings; front, neck and armholes. "Steek" is a Scottish word meaning "to fasten or close." When the body is complete the steeks are cut up the center to form the openings. The fibers of the Shetland yarn tend to cling together when cut, preventing the stitches from running, and the work is easily handled.

Directions are given for sizes 32-34 with sizes 36-38 and 40-42 in parentheses. Since stranded knitting uses more yarn than plain knitting (approximately half again), a stranded garment will require about 16-18 (18-20, 20-22) ounces in fingering weight Shetland wool yarn. These are the 14 colors used in this vest: Salmon Heather, Sky Heather, Light Blue, Claret, Emerald, Bright Turquoise, Natural, Sea Blue, Lavender Heather, Plum, Dark Green, Mid Blue, Pale Turquoise and Deep Aqua. Specific color amounts can be estimated by determining the ratio of their use in the vest. You will need numbers 2 and 3 circular needles, 3 stitch holders, stitch markers and a blunt needle. Fingering weight wool yarn is available in one-ounce (28.3-gram) balls of about 175 yards.

**Gauge in Fair Isle pattern:**

16 sts equal 2 inches

16 rows equal 2 inches







**Note:** Work accurate gauge swatch by casting on 37 sts and working flat piece on right side only. Fasten off yarns at right side of every row.

**Special Abbreviations:** M1: Make one st by picking up horizontal strand lying before next st and working into back of st.

**Ssk:** Slip 2 sts k wise from left to right needle, insert left needle into fronts of the 2 slipped sts and k them tog. This dec will slant to the left.

**STITCHES:**

**Corrugated Ribbing:** K 2 with one color, p 2 with another color, stranding yarns evenly across wrong side.

**Fair Isle Chart Pattern:** K every rnd. On 2-color rnd, strand yarn not in use evenly across wrong side. On stretches of more than 8 sts in one color, twist yarn not in use at 4th st.

**Steeks:** Worked at front, neck and armholes, later cut up center to form openings. To make a steek, cast on 8 sts, k these sts every rnd. On 2-color rnds, k each st and rnd in alternating colors.

**Cross Stitch:** With blunt needle, overcast raw edge of steeks to strands on wrong side. After sewing to end, reverse to form cross sts.

**BODY:** With number 2 needles and claret, cast on 272 (304,340) sts. Place marker at beginning of rnd and work front steek, edge sts and corrugated rib as follows:

Rnd 1: With claret and salmon alternately, k 4 steek, k 1 edge st in claret, \*k 2 claret, p 2 salmon, repeat from \* to last 7 sts, k 2 claret, k 1 edge st in claret, k 4 steek alternating colors.

Rnds 2,3: Work as Rnd 1 substituting natural for salmon.

Rnds 4,5,6: Work as before using mid-blue for claret; plum for natural.

Rnd 7: Work as before using lt-blue for mid-blue.

Rnd 8: Work as before using deep aqua for plum.

Rnds 9,10,11: Work as before using bright turquoise for lt-blue.

Rnd 12: Work as before using green for deep aqua.

Rnds 13 through 17: Work as before using pale turquoise for bright turquoise.

Rnds 18 through 29: Work as before using colors from Rnd 12 back through Rnd 1.

**Next Rnd (Inc):** With claret, k 4 steek, k 1 edge st, k 1 (12,15), \*M1, k 10 (9,10), repeat from \* 26 (30,30) times, M1, k 1 (12,15), k 1 edge st, k 4 steek — 299 (335,371) sts. Mark first st of rnd (center of steek).

Change to number 3 needles and work Rnd 1 of Fair Isle Chart, marking center underarm sts as follows: K 4 steek, k 1 edge st, pattern for 72 (81,90)

sts, k next st and mark for center underarm, pattern for 143 (161,179) sts of back, k next st and mark for center underarm, pattern for 72 (81,90) sts, k 1 edge st, k 4 steek. Join and fasten off colors at center of steek. Working from Rnd 2, continue chart as follows: K 4 steek in alternating colors, k 1 edge st in background color, repeat the 36 pattern sts 8 (9,10) times, pattern the last st from chart, k 1 edge st in background color, k 4 steek in alternating colors, continue as established and work all 48 rnds of chart. Then work Rnds 1-28 (1-28,1-31) again.

**Next Rnd:** Begin V-neck Shaping: Keeping to pattern, k 4 steek, k 1 edge st, ssk, work pattern to last 7 sts, k 2 tog, k 1 edge st, k 4 steek. Place marker on each edge st to mark beginning of shaping. Continue in pattern and dec as established at neck edges on every

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following 3rd rnd. **AT SAME TIME**, on Rnd 35 (39,41) of chart pattern, begin armholes as follows: Work as established to within 9 (10,11) sts of first marked underarm st, place next 19 (21, 23) sts on a holder (marked st is in the center of this group); cast on 8 steek sts in alternating colors, work pattern as established for next 125 (141,157) sts of back, place next 19 (21,23) sts on holder for second armhole; cast on 8 steek sts in alternating colors, work pattern as established to end of rnd.

Continue to dec at neck edge every 3rd rnd, keeping to pattern, dec one st at each side of armhole steeks on next 8 (9,10) rnds, then every following alternate rnd 6 (7,8) times — 97 (109,121) pattern sts remain on back.

Work armhole edges even and continue to dec as established at neck edges until 25 (28,32) pattern sts remain on front shoulders. **AT SAME TIME**, on Rnd 5 (12,20) of chart (4th rnd repeat from beginning) shape back neck.

**Shape Back Neck:** Work as established to beginning of back sts, work 28 (31,35) pattern sts, place next 41 (47,51) sts on a holder for back neck, cast on 8 steek sts (in alternating colors for first and second sizes), work pattern for remaining 28 (31,35) sts of back, continue working pattern to end of rnd. Dec one st at each side of back neck steek on next and every following alternate rnd 3 times — 26 (29,33) pattern sts remain on back shoulders. Work even in pattern for 3 rnds and bind off all steek sts on last rnd — Rnds 13 (20,28) of chart pattern.

With lavender (claret, mid-blue) graft back shoulders to front shoulders and edge sts.

**Front Band:** Cut front and back neck steeks open through center. With num-

ber 2 needles and bright turquoise, begin at cast on edge of right front and pick up 82 (82,84) sts along edge st to marker at beginning of V-neck, pick up 77 (84,86) sts to back neck holder, pick up and k the 41 (47,51) sts from back neck holder, dec one st at center back neck, pick up 77 (84,86) sts to marker at beginning of V-neck, pick up 82 (82, 84) sts to cast on edge — 358 (378,390) sts. Work in corrugated rib using colors as Rnd 10 back through Rnd 1 of body, beginning and ending first and all wrong side rows with p 2; right side rows with k 2.

**Buttonholes:** On 5th row for men, 6th row for women, work rib 2 (2,4), \*bind off 2 sts, work rib on 11 sts, repeat from \* 6 times, bind off 2 sts, work ribbing to end of rnd. Next row cast on 2 sts over those bound off. After working 10 rows, bind off k-wise with claret.

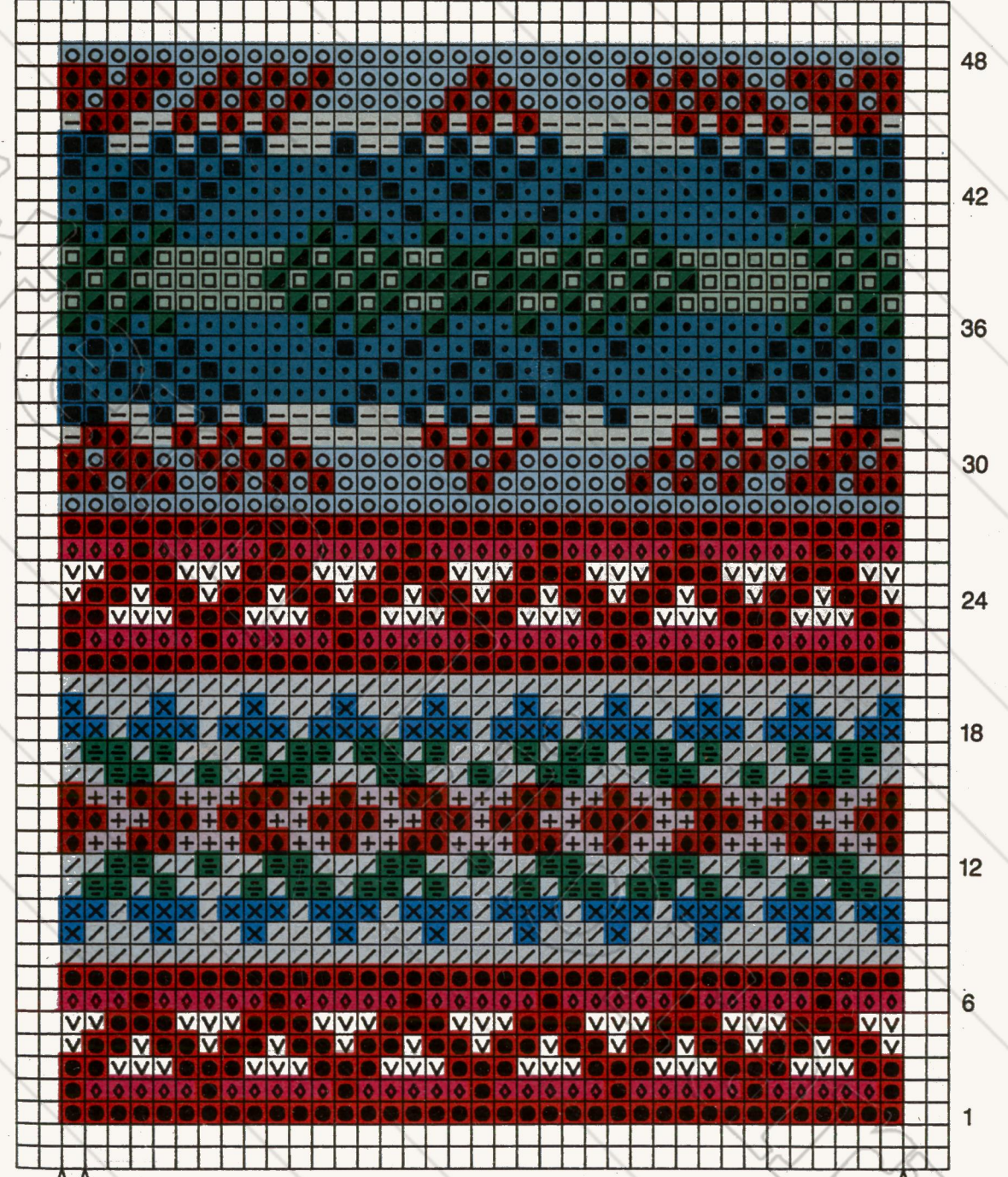
**Armhole Bands:** Cut armhole steeks between the 4th and 5th sts. With number 2 needles and bright turquoise, beginning at center st on underarm holder; pick up and k 10 (11,12) sts from holder, pick up 125 (131,141) evenly around armhole, pick up and k remaining sts from holder — 144 (152,164) sts. Work 10 rnds of corrugated rib in colors used in front band. Bind off k-wise with claret.

**Finishing:** Trim all steeks to a 2-st width. With claret work cross st on steeks to wrong side, covering raw edges. Sew buttons to correspond with buttonholes. 🍷

*For more information on this technique, see Alice Starmore's Book of Fair Isle Knitting, published by The Taunton Press. The Mara Vest kit can be ordered from The Tomato Factory Yarn Co., 8 Church St., Lambertville, NJ 08530 for \$59.00 ppd.*

- Claret
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- Plum
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- Natural
- + Lavender Heather
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Pattern Chart



Last St      36 Pattern Sts      Rnds

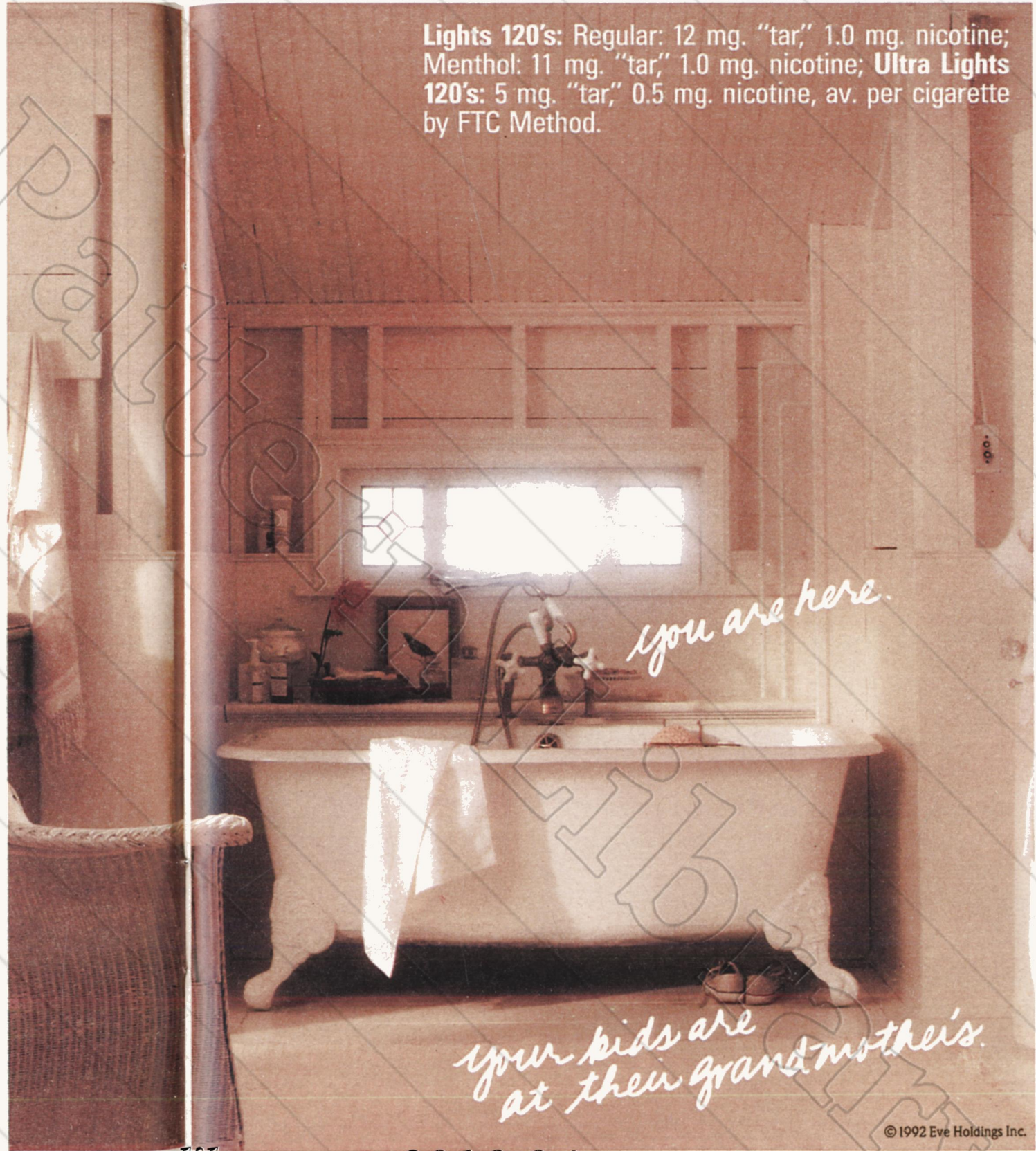
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# MAKE A RUG FOR THE BORDER

Shades of the Southwest in a  
reversible rug and pillow

By Charlene Finiello

This rug and pillow in Southwest colors can easily be made in a week. We used 5 balls turquoise (#132) (A) and 4 balls tangerine (#163) (B) Unger's "Utopia" (100% acrylic worsted-weight yarn available in 100-gram balls), a 12-inch pillow form, a size I Cro-hook and a size F or G crochet hook for binding off.

**Finished Size:** Rug is approximately 22x34 inches without fringe.

**TO SAVE TIME, TAKE TIME TO CHECK GAUGE.**

**RUG:** With Cro-hook and color A, ch 90.

Row 1: Working from right to left, insert hook in 2nd ch from hook, yo and

pull through st, continue until 90 lps are on the hook. This is your knit row.

Row 2: Leaving yarn A hanging, turn Cro-hook, join color B. Working from left to right, pull lp through first st, yo and pull through 2 sts, taking sts off as in crochet. Work until only one st remains.

Row 3: Working from right to left, still with color B, yo and pull through remaining st, insert hook in next color B st, yo and pull through, continue until there are 90 sts on hook. Drop color B.

Turn Cro-hook. Pick up color A, repeat Rows 2 and 3 with color A, drop A, turn Cro-hook, pick up B, continue

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working in pattern until 7 color B ridges are completed.

**Make Stripe:** Work 2 rows color A, turn work, cut B, join another ball A, work with 2 balls of color A until there are 3 ridges in A (there will be 4 on reverse side). Drop 2nd ball A and cut. Join B, continue in 2 colors until another 7 ridges of color B are complete. Make another stripe. Continue in pattern until there are 5 stripes and one more section of 7 ridges in color B. End with 2 rows color A. To finish, remove Cro-hook from sts, with a crochet hook fasten off as you would in knitting. Weave in loose ends and clip.

**Fringe:** Cut 180 seven-inch pieces of color A. Join one piece in each st along ends. To join, double piece of fringe, with a crochet hook pull lp through st, pull ends through lp, pull tight. Trim ends even.

**PILLOW:** (Make 2 pieces) With Cro-hook and color A, ch 45.

Following same instructions as for rug, work in 2 colors until there are 9 ridges of color B. Make stripe. Make another 2-color section with 9 ridges color B. End with 2 rows color A. Fasten off as for knitting.

To make pillow reversible, note that each side of the pillow color sections is different. Place the two pieces together, with a different side out on each. Using a length of color A, sew the sections together, matching sts. When 3 sides are sewn, insert pillow form, sew remaining side.

**Tassels:** Cut 25 nine-inch pieces of color A. With a short length of yarn, tie in the middle. Fold tassel down. Tie another piece of yarn around tassel about 1 inch from top. Smooth tassel, trim ends. With the top piece of yarn, tie on corner of pillow. Repeat for each corner. 🍀

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# DON'T BE SITTING DULL

## Crochet an Indian-design afghan and rug

By Bonnie Fleming

To make the afghan you will need the following 4-ply acrylic yarns: 11 skeins natural (MC), 17 yards turquoise, 25 yards red and 32 yards brown. The rug requires 5 skeins natural (MC), 7 yards turquoise, 10 yards red and 15 yards brown. You will also need a size 10 afghan hook, a size H crochet hook and a tapestry needle.



Fig. 1



Fig. 2

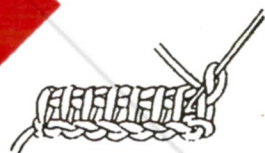


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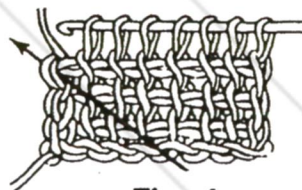


Fig. 4

### AFGHAN

Finished Size: 46x64 inches

Gauge: 9 sts equal 2 inches

7 rows equal 2 inches

**TO SAVE TIME, TAKE TIME TO CHECK GAUGE.**

Ch 182.

**Afghan Stitch:** Row 1, first half: Re-

taining all lps on hook, draw up a lp in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across.

Second half: Yo and draw through 1 lp, \*yo and draw through 2 lps: repeat from \* across. The lp that remains always counts as first st of next row.

Row 2, first half: Retaining all lps on hook, draw up a lp in 2nd vertical bar, and in each vertical bar across to within last vertical bar. Insert hook through last vertical bar and the st directly behind it and draw up a lp. (This gives a firm edge to this side.)

Second half: Yo and draw through 1 lp, \*yo and draw through 2 lps. Repeat from \* across. Repeat 2nd row for 166 rows.

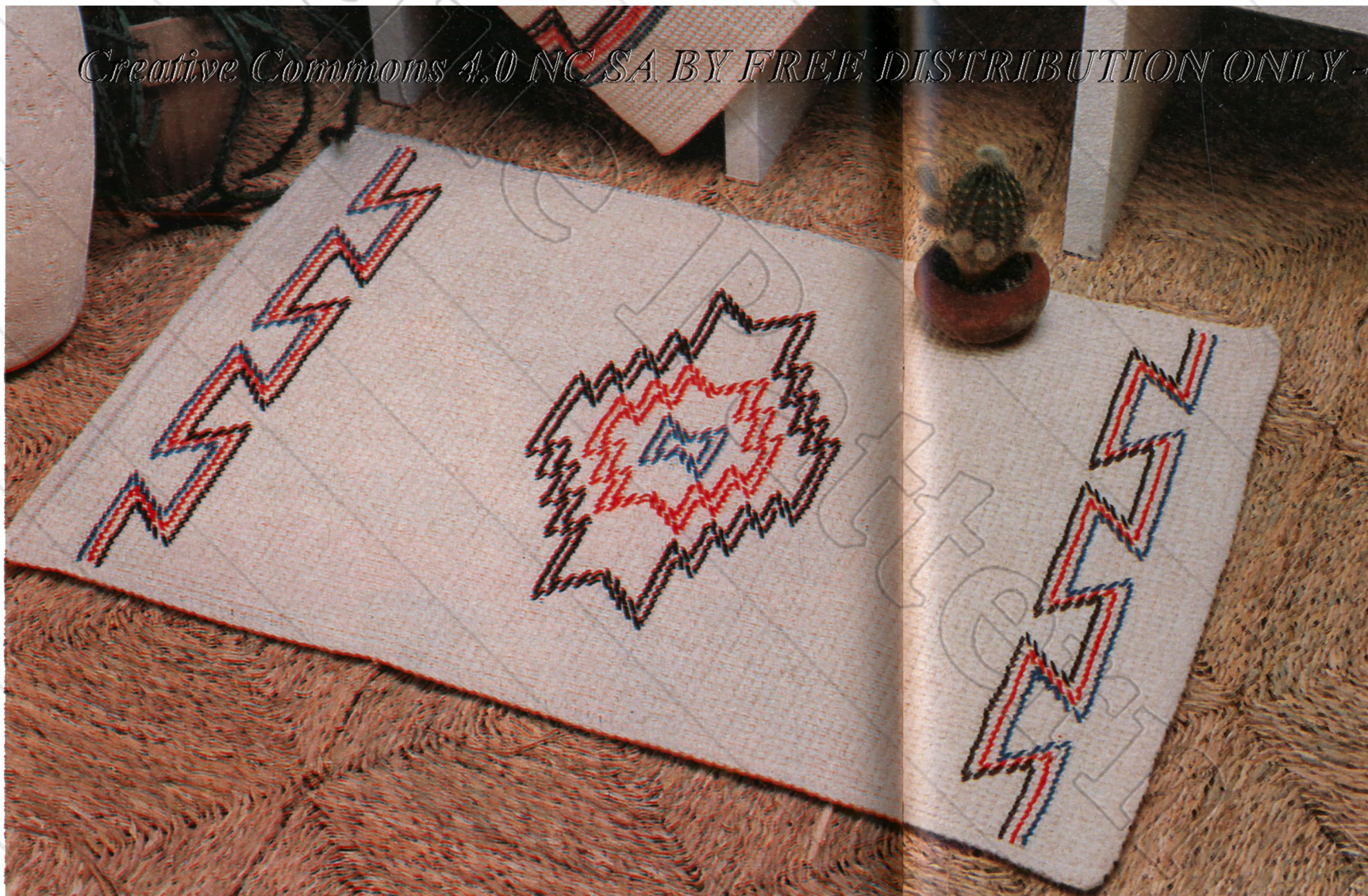
Last row: Insert hook under 2nd bar, yo and draw through bar and st on hook. \*Insert hook under next bar, yo and draw through bar and st on hook. Repeat from \* across row. Now use the crochet hook.

Turn afghan and with back facing you, pick up front lp only, sc in each st across ends and each row on sides, having 3 sc in each corner. Fasten off.

Secure yarn for design by weaving through afghan sts on wrong side for

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about an inch. Fasten off by weaving yarn through sts on wrong side.

To make the design, insert needle under bar, bring thread back and under same bar again, pulling thread firm but not tight.

Start end design 12th row up from top or bottom. With turquoise work 15 bars.

Next bar: (16 in all) \* Yarn under bar, 1 row up and 1 row over, yarn under bar from right for 6 rows.

Next row: Yarn under bar, work 12 bars. Last bar (14 bars in all) yarn under, 1 row down and 1 row over, yarn under bar from right for 6 rows.

Next row: Yarn under, work 32 bars. Last bar, yarn under (34 bars in all) and

repeat from \* across afghan.

Work 2 rows of turquoise, 2 rows of red and 2 rows of brown. Each row will be 1 less st at the bottom of the design and 1 more at the top.

Center design starts 91 bars from the sides and 83 rows from the end. With turquoise work 4 rows down, 8 bars across, 4 rows up, 4 rows up inserting needle from left, 8 bars across and 4 rows up, increasing 1 count each time.

Start the red at the corner of the turquoise, 4 rows down and 12 bars across each time. Work 4 rows.

Start brown on corner of red, 4 rows down and 12 bars across. The inside points of the red and brown will inc by

1 each row. Work 4 rows of brown.

### RUG

**Finished Size:** 24x32 inches

**Gauge:** 4 sts equal 1 inch

3 rows equal 1 inch

### TO SAVE TIME, TAKE TIME TO CHECK GAUGE.

Using double strands of yarn, ch 81. Work afghan stitch as instructed above, repeating 2nd row for 101 rows.

Last row: Insert hook under 2nd bar, yo and draw through bar and st on hook.

\*Insert hook under next bar, yo and draw through bar and st on hook. Repeat from \* across row. Turn rug with back facing you, using crochet hook and pick-

ing up from bottom only, 19 in each of 4

ends and each row on sides, having 3 sc in each corner. Fasten off.

Secure yarn for design by weaving through afghan sts on wrong side for about an inch. Fasten off by weaving yarn through sts on wrong side.

To make the design, insert needle under bar, bring thread back and under same bar again, pulling thread firm but not tight.

Start end design 6th row from end. With turquoise work 14 bars.

Next bar, (15 in all) \* yarn under bar, 1 row up and 1 row over, yarn under bar from right for 6 rows.

Next row: Yarn under bar, work 12 bars. Last bar (14 in all) yarn under, 1 row down and 1 row over, yarn under from right for 6 rows.

Last row, yarn under bar, work 20 bars. Last bar (22 in all) repeat from \* across rug.

Work 1 row each turquoise, red and brown.

Center design starts 40 bars from side and 51 rows from top or bottom.

With turquoise work 3 rows down, 6 bars across, 3 rows up, 3 rows up inserting needle from left, 6 bars across and 3 rows down.

Work 2 rows turquoise.

Start red at corner of turquoise, 3 rows down and 7 bars across.

Start brown at corner of red, 3 rows down and 7 bars across.

Work 2 rows each red and brown.

**Finishing:** Pin afghan and rug to size. Steam and block with damp cloth.

**Hint:** It is easier to start at a bar than at a corner. If right handed it may be easier to turn rug or afghan when half done and work other half from right to left. Otherwise top half rows are worked from left to right. ♣

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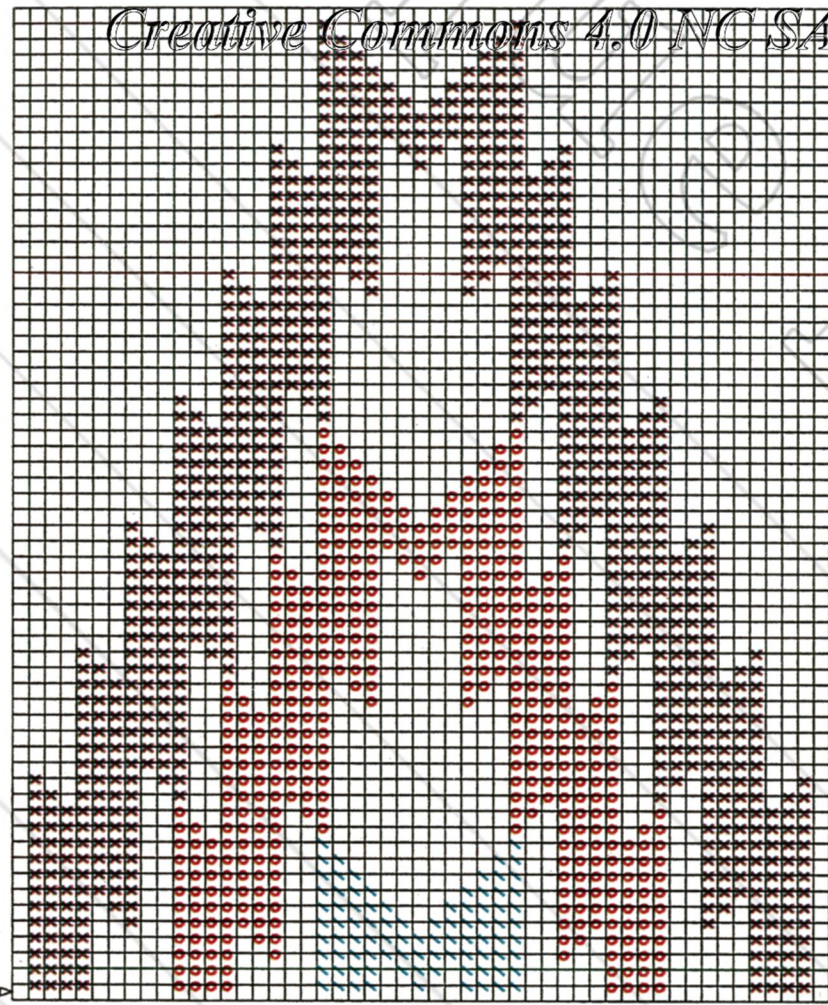


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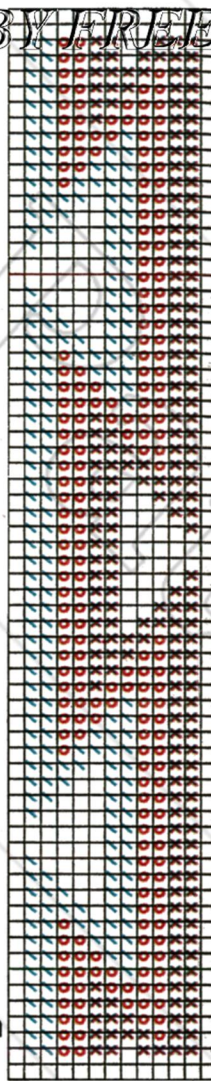
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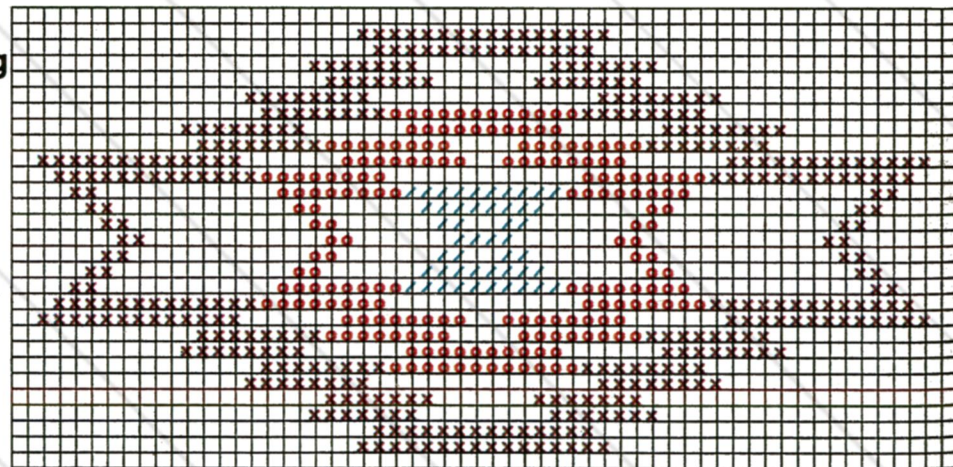
Afghan

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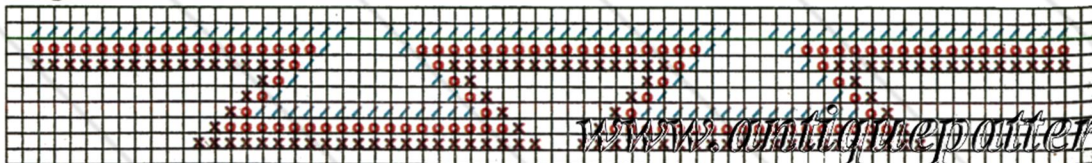


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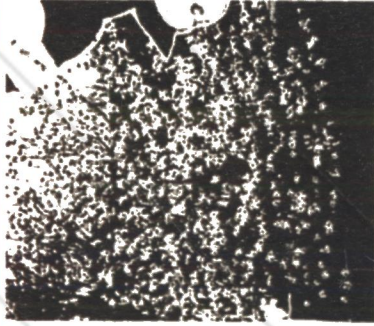
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# WESTERN COLLAR WITH TATTED EDGE

A look ready for a hoedown

By Barbara Carpenter

It doesn't matter if you square dance, two-step or just tap your toe. In this collar and these earrings, you look ready to dance. You will need 2 balls Anchor #10 ecru "Cordonnet Mercer" crochet thread, a Tatsy shuttle and about fifty-five 10mm Melon Pony Beads.

#### Abbreviations:

r (ring)

cl r (close ring)

p (picot)

ds (double stitch)

ch (chain)

rw (reverse work)



#### Scarf Edging:

Rnd 1: Load shuttle, but do not cut ball thread. Ch 6 ds, p, \*12 ds, p, repeat from \* for desired length.

For this scarf you will need a little more than 5 yards edging. When you have the length that you think you need, do not cut the shuttle and ball threads from the length of tatting. Start sewing lace to scarf by putting first stitch in the first ds made. Start attaching the tatted lace at center back neck. Loop the tatting and make next stitch between the sixth and seventh ds between each p. Continue sewing tatting all around scarf. If you don't have enough lace, your shuttle and ball are still attached, and you can tat the amount needed to complete the round.

Rnd 2: Load Tatsy shuttle, and thread beads on the shuttle. (See hints below.) \*\*Slide 1 bead up and place bead on ring thread. R of 8 ds, join to p of first rnd, 8 ds, cl r part way placing bead in the ring. (Remember not to close ring all the way.) \*Leave 3/4-inch space and make r of 8 ds, join to next p of Rnd 1, 8 ds, cl r. Repeat from \* twice. Repeat from \*\* around scarf and tie to base of first ring made.

**Tatted Earrings:** Slide 3 beads on ball thread. R of 3 ds, 3 p sep by 3 ds, 3 ds, cl r. (R of 3 ds, join to last p of previous

rw, ch 6 ds, slide bead, cut thread and tie to base of first ring made.

**Hints for Working with Beads:** Putting beads on the ball thread is no problem. Thread beads on the ball thread and slide a bead in place when needed. The large Tatsy shuttle is great for working with beads. You can load many beads right on the shuttle. Having beads on the shuttle can be aggravating when trying to make double stitches, however.

Wind shuttle and thread beads on shuttle thread. For this pattern you will be making 3 rings without a bead and 1 ring with a bead. Unwind enough thread to make 4 rings. Slide beads up to the shuttle leaving 1 bead free to use in first ring. Wrap length of unwound thread back around shuttle and slide beads up to shuttle securing them to the shuttle. This way, beads will not be sliding back and forth on thread when working a ds.

When a bead is needed, unwind shuttle and slide beads up to the shuttle. Secure all beads except one to the shuttle as before. Continue in this manner until the round is finished. Working in this manner, more beads can be loaded on the shuttle, and there will be less cutting and tying knots. ♣

Collar pattern, #10108, can be ordered for \$3.25 from Bee Hive, 12413 Tomanet, Austin, TX 78758.



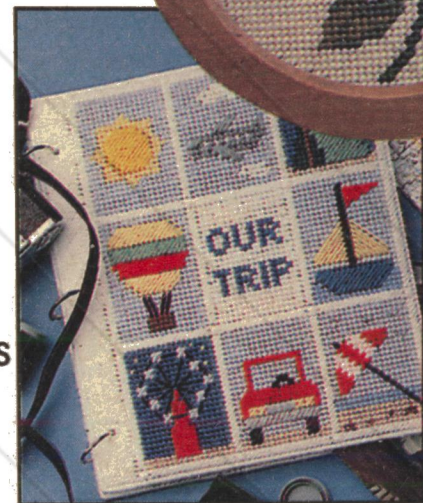
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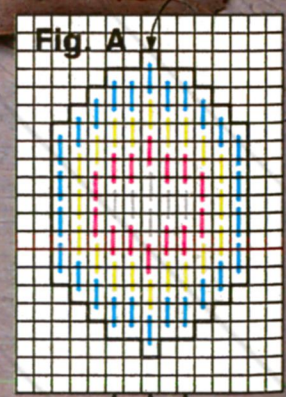
# BARGELLO JEWELRY

Celia Lange Designs



- Pink 
- Salmon 
- Tan 
- Turquoise 

Earrings Cut 4



A and B—work stitch on front and back.  
C and D—(back). Same stitch using tan only.

You will need a sheet of clear 14-count plastic canvas, one 1-inch silver pin back, a pair silver French earwires, 22 silver jump rings, a small silver bail, a 2-1/4-inch silver barrette back, needle-nose pliers, a low-temperature glue gun, a #22 tapestry needle, 16 silver flat-head beading wires, 48 4mm silver beads, 38 3mm iridescent pink beads, 80 3mm iridescent blue beads, Kreinik Balger™ #16 Braid in confetti pink (041) and DMC #5 pearl cotton in the following lengths and colors: 5 yards salmon (760), one skein ultra very light tan (739) and 5 yards turquoise (597).

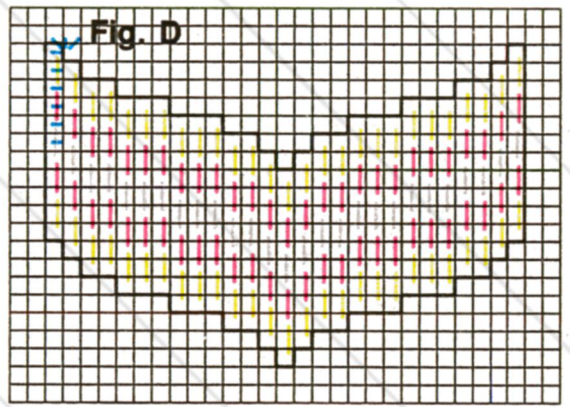
Count and cut plastic canvas according to graph. Using indicated colors and stitches, work all pieces as graphed. With wrong sides together, whip stitch each pair of pieces together with turquoise. To give the pendants weight, insert a coin before stitching closed. Using needle-nose pliers, position jump rings at points labeled C.

Thread beads on beading pins as follows: Pattern A — blue, silver, blue,

pink, blue, silver, blue, pink, blue and silver. Pattern B — blue, silver, blue, pink, blue, silver, blue, pink, pink, blue and silver. Form top of each pin into a loop the size of jump ring. Trim off excess wire. Attach beading pins A and B to corresponding points on plastic canvas with jump rings.

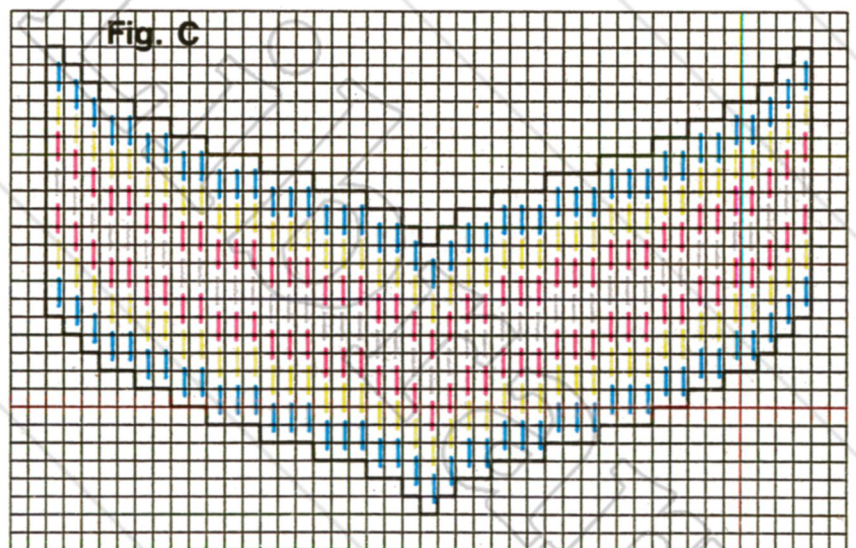
Glue pin back to back of bar pin. Glue barrette back to back of barrette. With jump rings, attach pin pendant to bar pin and earring pendants to ear wires. ✨

Bar Pin Cut 2

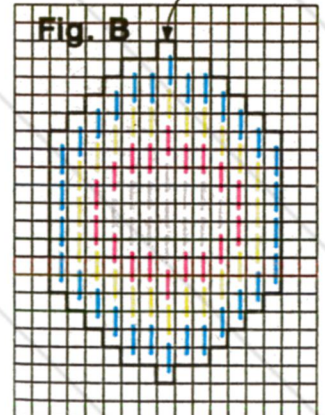


Attach pin medallion at bottom.

Barrette Front Cut 1



Pin Medallion Cut 2  
Attach bar pin at top.



# STITCH A REMEMBRANCE FOR YOUR BEST FRIEND

By Nancy J. Hoerner

Dainty sachets are welcome gifts

These embroidered sachets, filled with a favorite fragrance, remind your friends of your thoughtfulness every time a dresser drawer is opened. Sachet bags are 27 count evenweave brown linen embroidered with #8 perle cotton color 822 for diamond sashiko design and #5 perle cotton color 397 for basketweave sashiko design. Both bags require DMC floss for flowers and leaves in the following colors: 3712 coral, 729 gold and 522 green.

### Diamond Sashiko Design

To begin, measure down 1-1/4 inches from center top of bag and begin stitching with #8 perle cotton, following diamond pattern chart.

With 2 strands of floss stitch flower petals in coral and center in gold, then stitch leaves with 2 strands green floss and embroider lazy daisy stitches.

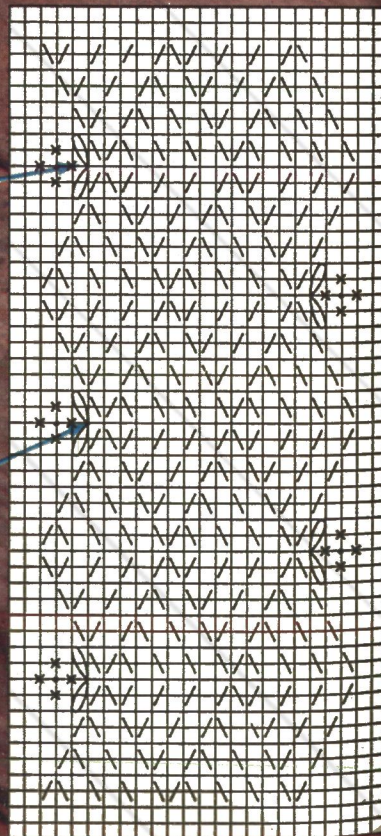
When all embroidery is complete, thread ribbon on needle and beginning at center front of one side, work a running stitch 3/4 inch down from top. These stitches are over and under 4 threads.

### Basketweave Sashiko Design

Follow directions for diamond design using #5 perle cotton and basketweave chart. Stitch flowers and leaves as instructed before following basketweave chart. Finish as instructed. ✨

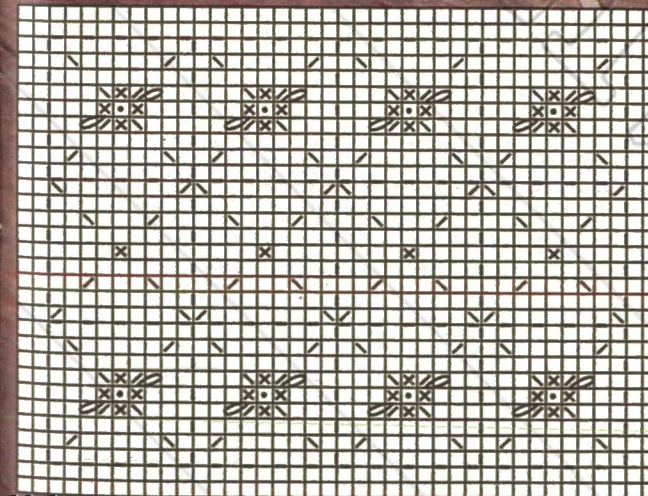


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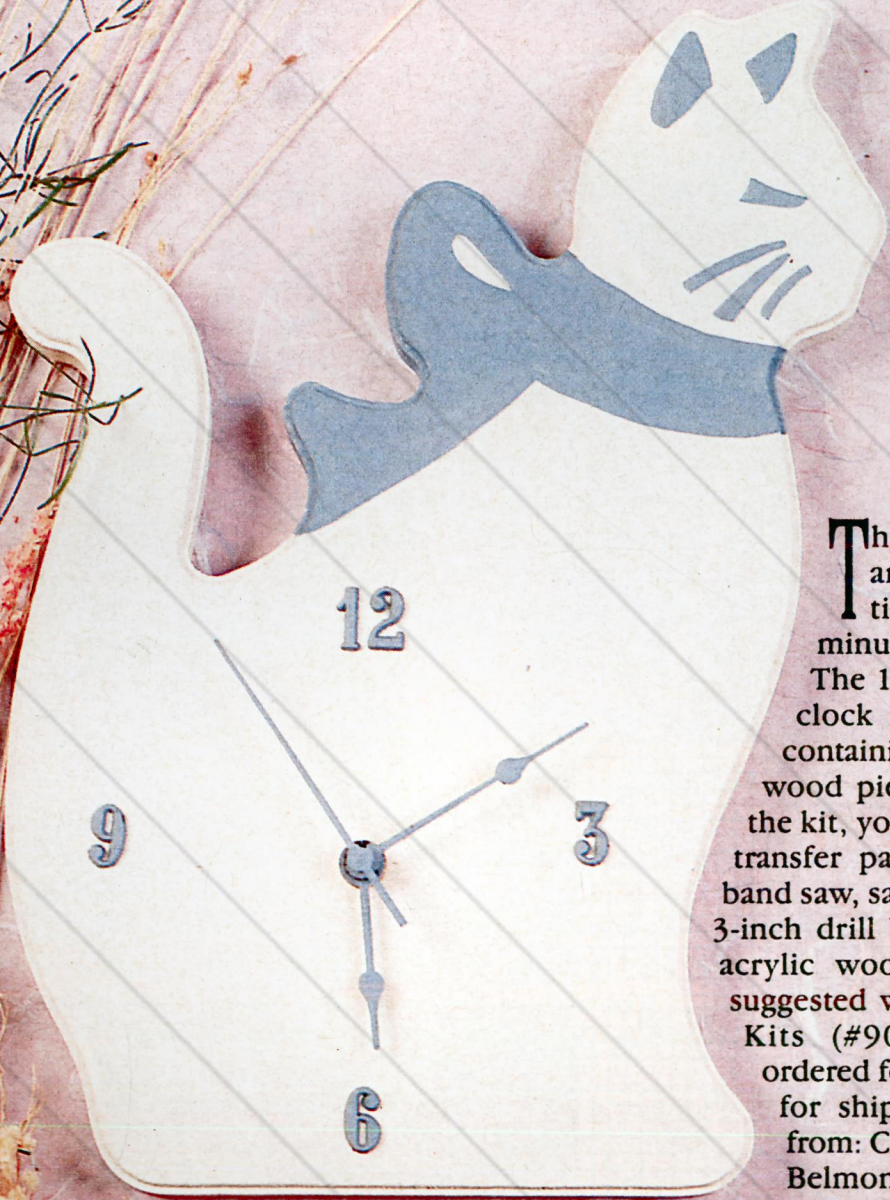
Lazy Daisy Stitch

- ☐ 3712 Coral
- ☒ 729 Gold
- ☒ 522 Green



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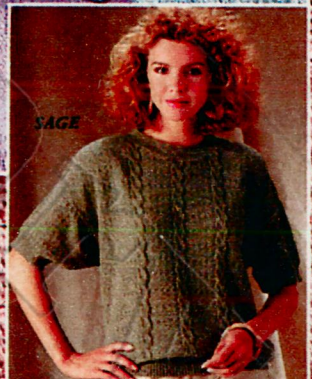
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# CAROL'S CAT CORNER

**Dear Readers and Cat Lovers:**  
Valentine's Day...how everyone does *love* it! There's no better time to include some of the purr-fectly wonderful cat love poems sent in by some of you purr-fectly wonderful cat people! And who says cats aren't an inspiration? Cats inspire us to do a lot of things, poetry being only one; right?

A few of the photos I've used for this Cat Corner are of fabulous felines who live together and obviously love (or at least like) each other, not only on Valentine's Day but every day. What would they do without each other? What would we do without them? What would they do without us? It's a real love affair! Happy Valentine's Day all...and give

## TO MOMMY

*Every morning Aunt Marie leaves,  
Each evening she'll return.  
All day I sit and wait and yearn.  
She'll be back without fail;  
I'll pretend for her I wail!  
On her lap I sit and gently am caressed.  
Hop off reluctantly, as for bed she gets dressed.  
So hurry and get well "Mommy" dear.  
It's really you I love. Is that clear?*

By "Tobey" and Marie Fly (age 82)  
Toledo, OH

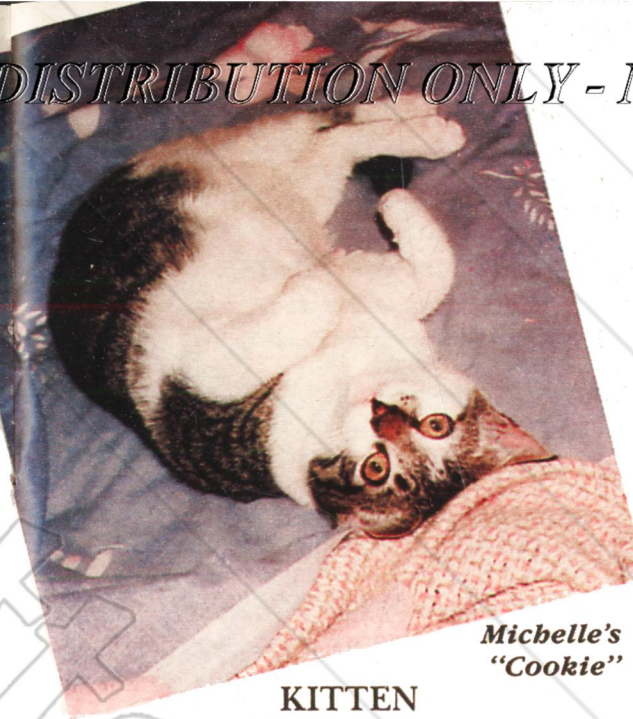
Note: Marie cat-sat for Tobey when Tobey's "Mommy" was in the hospital. This poem is what Marie thought Tobey was thinking!



"Tobey"

your kitty-kats a big "XO" for me!!  
One thing more...I just want to say how fortunate I am to receive your marvelous letters and photos. If I have a "down" day, all I need to do is read one of your letters, look at some of the pictures, and that does it — what a perk-up! (Since my little loves are still in NJ when I'm in KC, your letters are such an enormous help in coping.) Please keep them coming.

Once again, it was quite difficult choosing poems and photos from the hundreds received. Please be patient, dear readers, I will try my best to publish everyone's in future issues. Enough chit-chat — on to our love poems and photos...



Michelle's  
"Cookie"

## KITTEN

*Scratches on my forearms, cat toys on the chair.  
Now what's that on my black pants?  
No sweat — it's only hair.*

*She tests my patience daily,  
with belligerence at its peak;  
How will I cope another day,  
survive another week?*

*I know she's just a kitten,  
but my choice is very clear;  
I need to get control somehow.  
Who is the master here?*

*Oh wait! She's lying still right now,  
her sleepy eyelids low;  
Her whiskers twitch in deepest dreams  
of chasing rodent foes.*

*How could this be the same kit,  
this angel fast asleep?  
With a face so sweet and peaceful,  
whose bites can raise a shriek.*

*Oh dear, how I do love her,  
her devotion seems so clear.  
I guess I'll keep her one more day,  
or maybe one more year!*

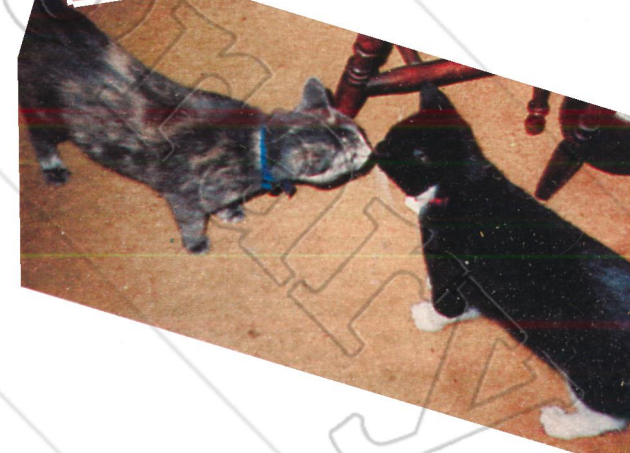
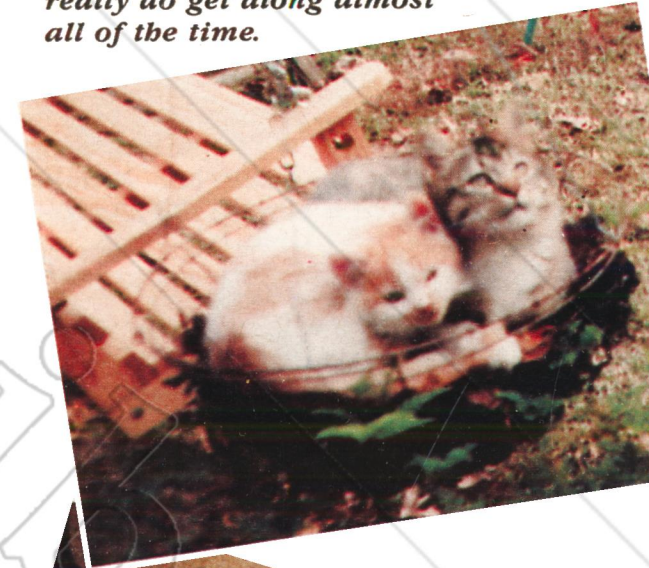
Michelle Dunn  
Manhattan Beach, CA



*Natalie Ketola,  
age 6, has always enjoyed  
dressing up her cats. These two seem  
to be very content — little do they know  
they are boys dressed in girls' dresses.  
The Ketolas live in Delevan, NY.*

*Four O'Clock and Sparkey belong to  
Carol Gattis of Gladwater, TX. What a  
nice way to spend the afternoon!*

*Dippy and Mitzi kat-kissing. Katie  
Brown of N. Walpole, NH, says these two  
really do get along almost  
all of the time.*



**THERAPY FROM A CAT**

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Lives his life as he sees fit, No matter what others think of it.

Not intimidated nor turned around, Knows what he wants — holds his ground.

Differs from any other kind of pet. You can learn a lot from him — you bet!

"First, love yourself, and then — You can love others ten times ten."

Sometimes he may seem uppity or aloof, But he loves us — we have the proof.

Greets us with a meow or a purr, And we fondly stroke his fur.

He's always waiting by the door When we come home — can't ask for more!

Rosella M. Booth (age 77)  
N. Fond Du Lac, WI

TO KMcN & MC

A little purr, a little sniff. Was there ever any life before this?

How I do love my cats so dear. My only wish is that they were here!

Until next time, stay purr-fectly happy.



*Carol*

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Ruby Lindsay of Fayetteville, AR, can only tell her twin brother cats, Bubba and Copy Cat, apart by two spots on Bubba's nose.



# CENTSI-BLE CRAFTS

## P U Z Z L E D ?

By  
Yvonne D.  
Stewart

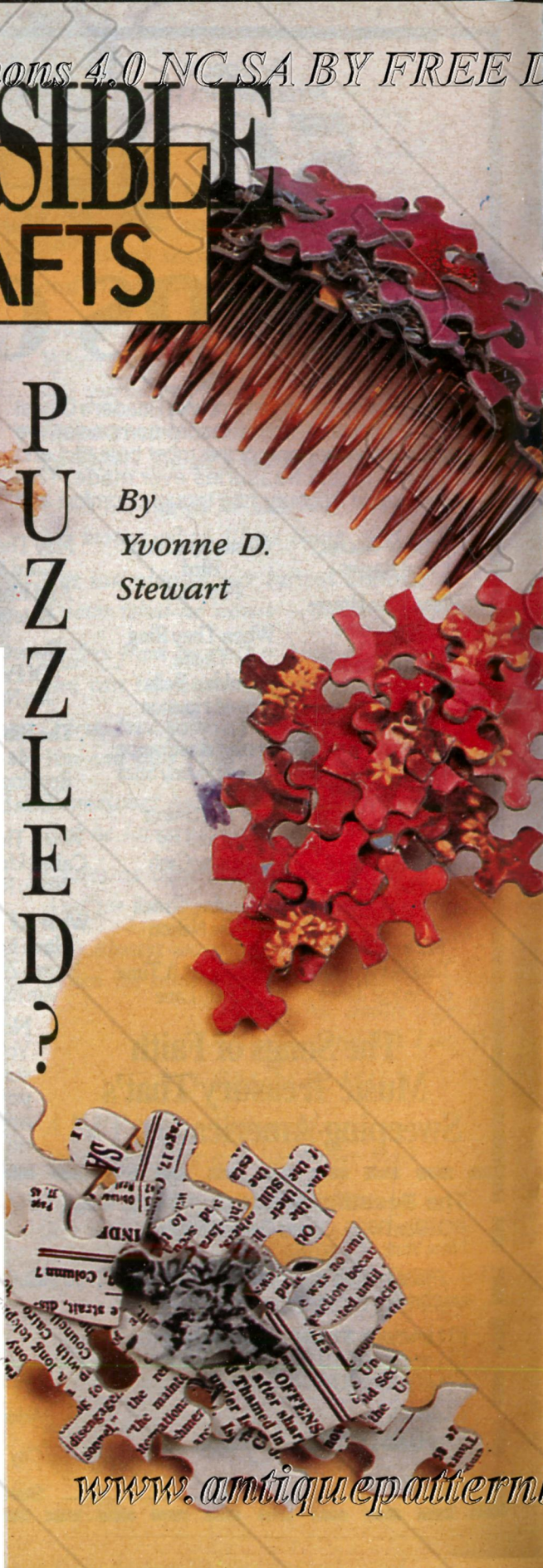
Before you dispose of any old puzzles, try this inexpensive recycling idea. These hair accessories are a snap to make and great conversation pieces.

You will need puzzle pieces; a spring barrette, combs or a headband; a glue gun and hot glue.

**Barrette:** Select 10 to 20 puzzle pieces with a pleasing color scheme. Begin gluing pieces onto barrette, covering it completely. Continue layering pieces, alternating size and color. There is no right or wrong as long as the arrangement is pleasing.

**Note:** Have a shape in mind before gluing so desired effect is achieved; rectangle and diamond shapes work well. Do not make the barrette too wide so that it becomes unstable; anchor each piece securely. Allow barrette to dry thoroughly before moving or wearing.

Use same instructions for combs and headbands, but don't glue puzzle pieces close to the comb's teeth or wide at the headband's tip (behind the ear). Remember to cover piece completely, then go back to fill in gaps. 🐾



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# BRIGHT BOLOS

# BOOST WARDROBE

## A new twist to an old-time tie

By Linda Jodrey

You will need two bolo-tie ends, one bolo-tie slide with flat head, two 3-yard strands of Rextlace in contrasting colors, lacquer-base glue, a large paper clip, sewing thread, Sculpey III Colored Modeling Compound and crystal-clear acrylic spray.

To make the diamond-stitch tie (red and blue), hook paper clip to a nail or a cup hook attached to a firm surface. Thread lace through paper clip's opening. Make sure ends are an even length.

Arrange strands as shown in Fig. 1. From left to right, name strands A, B, C and D.

Place D under C and B, then over B (Fig. 2). Pull tight (Fig. 3).

Place A under B and D, then over D (Fig. 4). Pull tight.

Continue braiding. Stitches alternate from right and left. The outside strand closest to the top of your work always goes under 2 strands, then over 1 strand (Fig. 5). If you have to stop braiding,

tie lace into a tight bow. Untie to restart.

Stop braiding when you have reached length desired. With sewing thread, wrap end tightly. Cut off excess lace.

Remove paper clip. Put a dab of glue on an end. Place it into bolo-tie tip. Let dry. Repeat for other end.

All directions are the same for the spiral stitch (red and orange) except for beginning strand arrangement (Fig. 6).

### Bolo Tie Neck Ornament

Choose three colors of Sculpey III Modeling Compound. Take a marble-sized piece of each color and mix together. Roll into a cylinder; twist and fold in half. Roll into a ball and flatten with a rolling pin or your hand. Bake on a foil-covered pan according to directions. The ornament will have a marbled design.

With lacquer-base glue, glue ornament to bolo-tie slide. Spray with acrylic spray. ✨

Fig. 1



Fig. 2



Fig. 3



Fig. 4



Fig. 5

Diamond  
Stitch



Fig. 6



Spiral  
Stitch



# STRING DOLLS

For play or decor

By Suzanne McNeill

String dolls are perfect playmates for children, and they make great decorations.

The cowboy doll requires 80 yards ivory bedspread-weight cotton crochet thread, 12 inches black cotton crochet thread, a 4x6-inch piece of tan felt, a 2x4-inch piece small checked red and white fabric, a red bandana, 4 inches 1/8-inch red satin ribbon, 9 silver 6mm bead-caps, 12 inches jute twine, a 2-inch western hat,

a 22mm wood bead, stiff cardboard, hot glue, a glue gun, a needle and thread.

The Indian doll requires rust, turquoise and black acrylic paint, 80 yards rust bedspread-weight cotton crochet thread, 10 yards black cotton crochet thread, 8 inches ivory cotton crochet thread, 6 inches 1/4-inch ivory satin ribbon, a 25mm wooden bead, about 35 ivory 2mm beads, a small blue feather, a 22mm

wood bead, stiff cardboard, hot glue and a glue gun.

**Basic String Doll Instructions:** Cut a piece of 4x6-1/2-inch cardboard to wrap string for doll's body and a piece of 4x4-1/2-inch for arms.

**Body:** Wrap crochet thread around 6-1/2-inch cardboard about 200 times. Slide a piece of 8-inch thread beneath the bundle at one end and knot securely. Carefully slide bundle off cardboard, leaving knot at one end.

Insert a 22mm wood bead beneath knotted end of bundle to make head. Arrange all threads around ball, covering ball completely. Gather all threads, then tie a 4-inch thread tightly beneath the ball. This represents the neck. Wrap thread around 4-1/2-inch cardboard about 50 times to make arms. Carefully slide bundle off cardboard. Divide body threads in half. Insert arm bundle under head in center of body threads. Tie

tightly beneath arms.

To make hands, tie a 4-inch thread around each arm 1/2 inch from ends of each loop. Do not cut looped ends of thread. The loops allow you to insert small items inside the doll's hands.

**Legs:** Cut lower-body threads. Divide in half. Comb each leg separately with a hair pick. Knot thread around each bundle about 1 inch from end. Trim cut ends evenly.

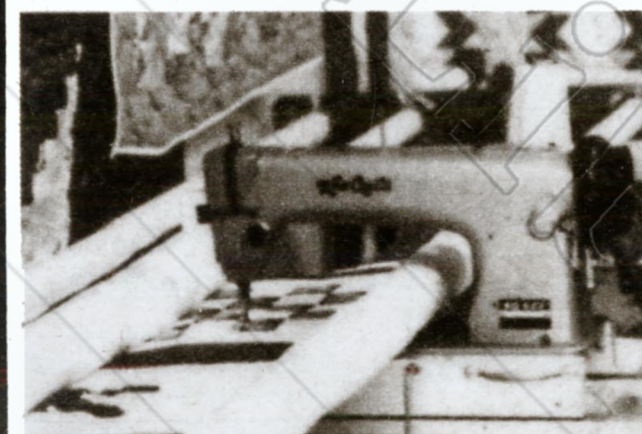
**Skirt:** Cut lower-body threads and comb with a hair pick.

Make clothes by tracing patterns onto tracing paper and cutting around edges. Pin patterns to fabric, then cut garment pieces. Sew garments together according to individual instructions.

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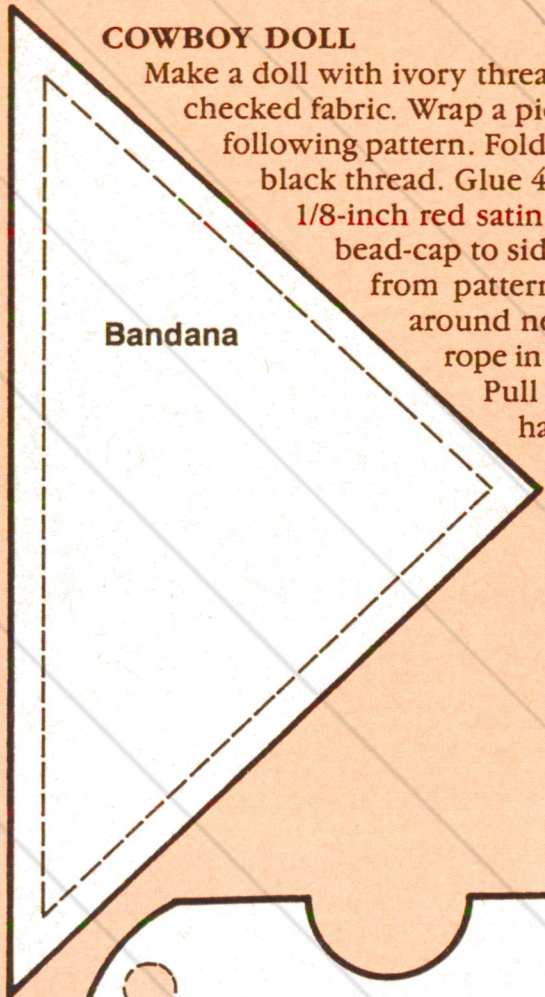
**COWBOY DOLL**

Make a doll with ivory thread. Cut two 2x2-inch pieces of red and white checked fabric. Wrap a piece around each arm. Cut chaps from tan felt following pattern. Fold a chap around each leg and sew in place with black thread. Fold a chap around each leg and sew in place with black thread. Glue 4 bead-caps on outer edge of each chap. Wrap 1/8-inch red satin ribbon around hat and glue in place. Glue a bead-cap to side of hatband. Glue hat on head. Cut bandana from pattern. Fold under raw edges and glue. Arrange around neck and glue ends at back. Insert one end of rope in doll's right hand; insert other end in left hand. Pull ends to leave a slack section of rope between hands. Pass end through left hand again and pull to leave a coil about 2 inches in diameter. Repeat to form a second coil. Clip ends as necessary.

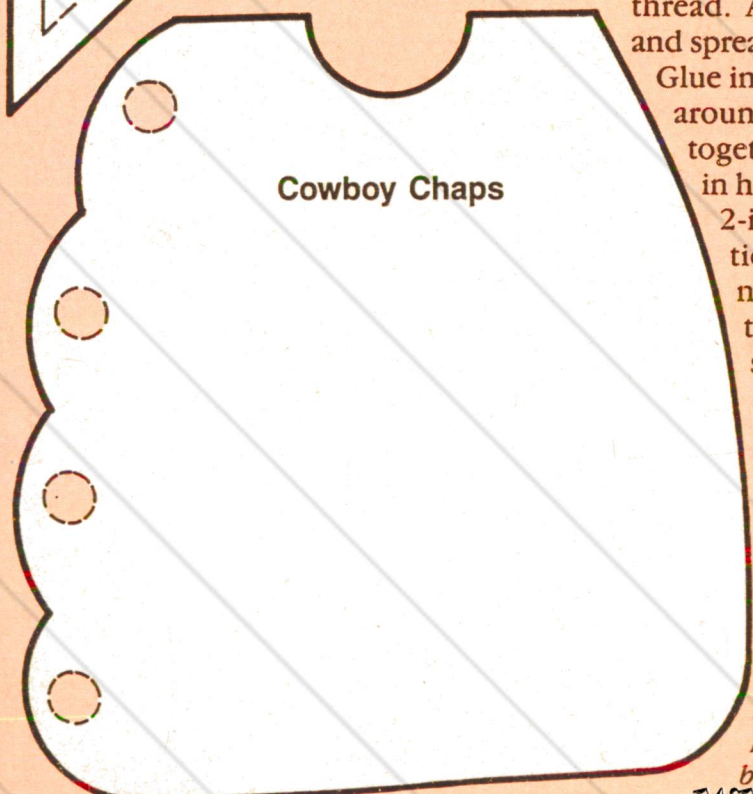
**INDIAN DOLL**

Make a doll with rust thread. Cut a 3x3-inch piece of cardboard to make doll's hair. Wrap cardboard with black thread 50 times. Slip a black thread beneath the bundle at one end and tie a loose knot. Remove from cardboard, cut at other end. Braid 1-1/2 inches of each end. Wrap braid end with ivory thread. Arrange center on doll's head and spread threads to cover top of head. Glue in place. Wrap ivory satin ribbon around forehead and glue ends together at back. Glue blue feather in headband at back of head. String 2-inch beads on rust thread and tie ends of thread at back of neck. Slide individual beads on threads of skirt randomly. Tie a single knot under each bead. Paint an Indian design on 25mm bead. Glue pot between doll's hands.

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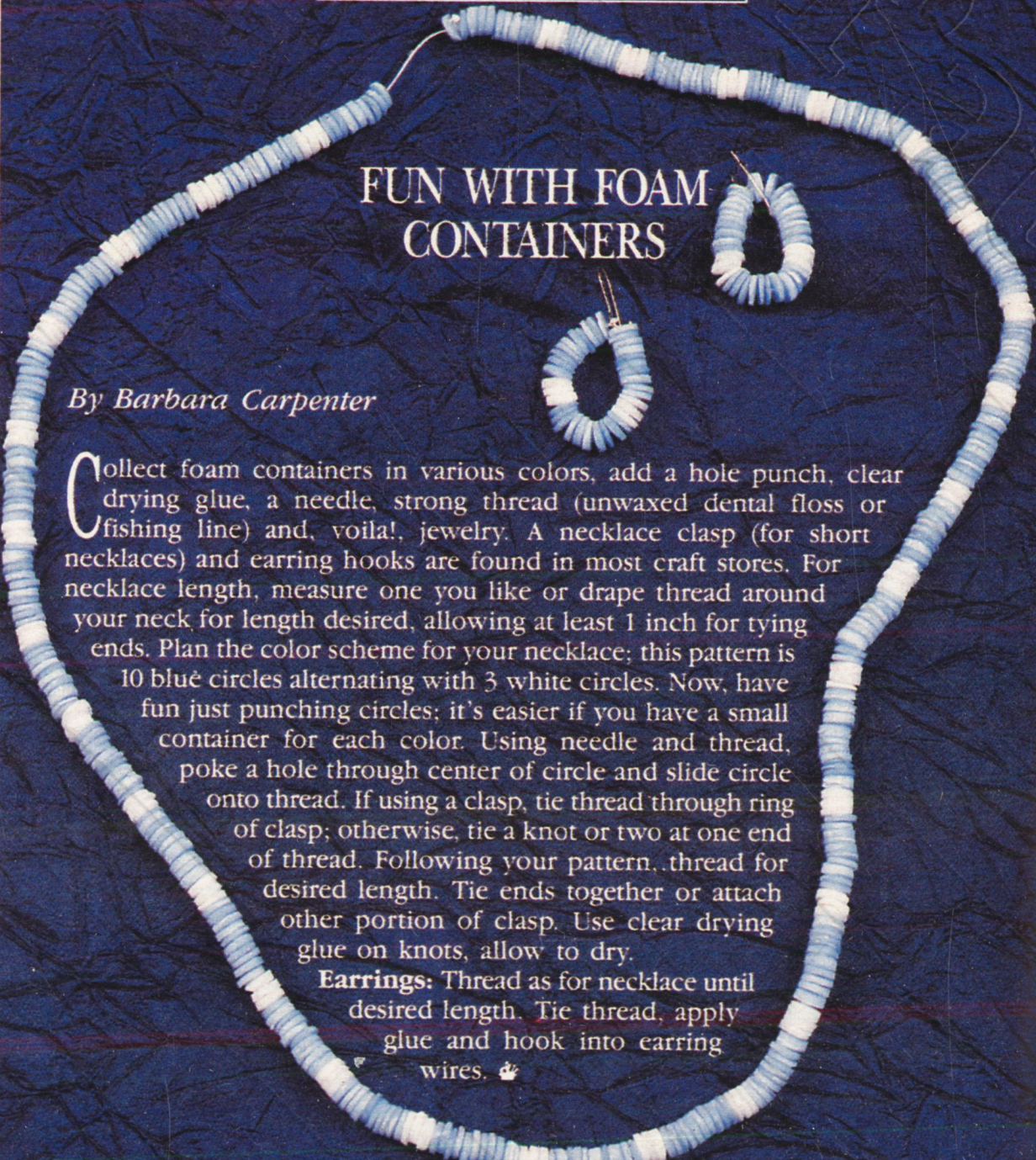
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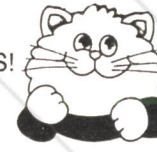
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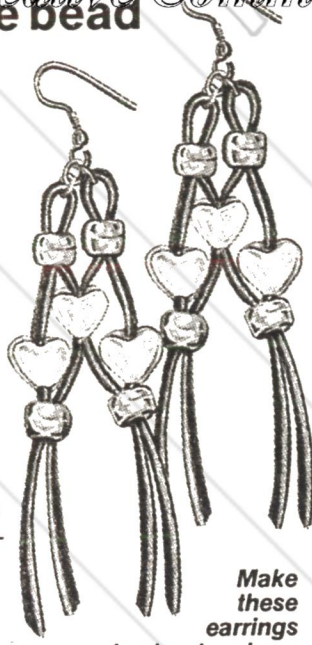
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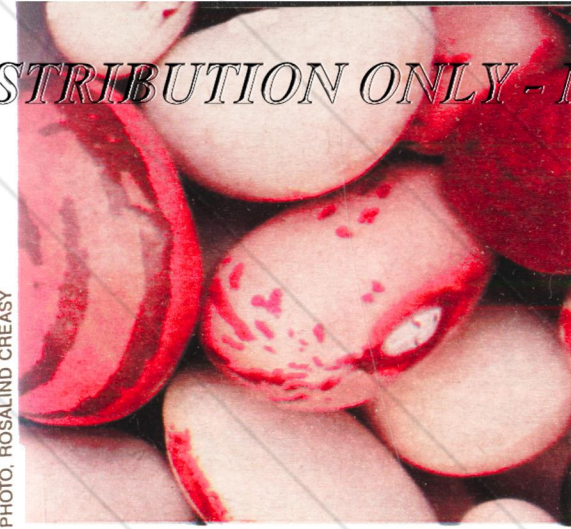


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1/4 C. fresh lemon juice  
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3. Just before serving, add the celery, parsley and onions. Remove from heat and add salt and pepper to taste. Serve hot alone or over cooked rice.

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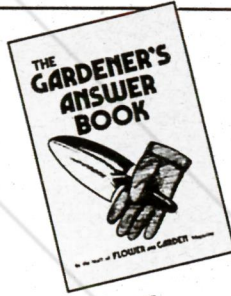
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by Ana Maher

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I was also very bewildered. I had always taken the best care of my skin. And no matter what I did, my complexion showed no improvement.

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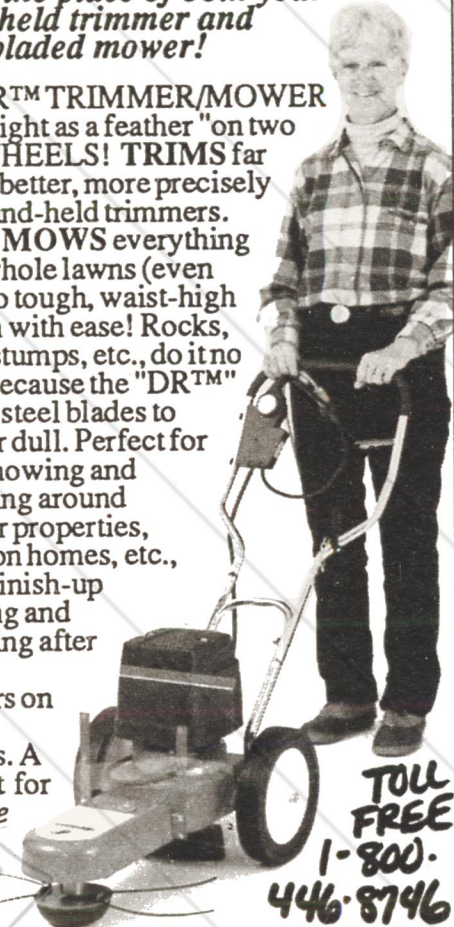
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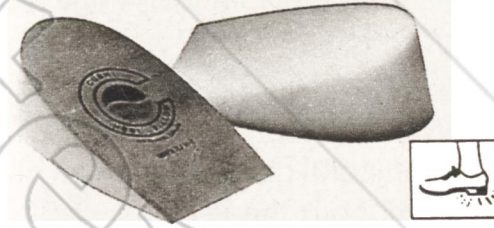
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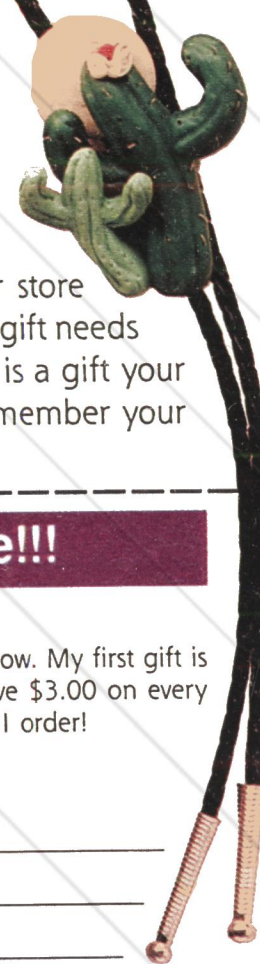
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# BACKYARD BIRD WATCHING

America's favorite windowpane sport

By *Mary B. Good*

You're in your garden. You find a nest of baby birds in an old hanging basket or see a bird swoop into the sprinkler for a shower. Before you know it, you're hooked on watching birds.

Bird watching ranks second only to gardening as America's favorite activity, a survey from the U.S. Department of Interior reports. Maybe one reason this passive sport is so popular is because it's easy on the back, but there are other reasons why Americans are getting the eagle eye. Birds add drama, fascination, color, dash and music to our lives, especially during the long, dreary winter. More importantly, birds are a beautiful expression of lifeform and a tangible link to nature.

There are at least two million hardcore birders who link themselves to nature through birds. These watchers have seen practically every bird in the field guide and walk around with binoculars and a checklist growing out of their back pockets. They travel to see rare, exotic birds because they're curious about the species that don't come to their home grounds.

Distinct from the serious birders are homeowners who just watch through their windows. These folks, numbering a guesstimated 20 to 40 million, recognize a few familiar species. They enjoy the song bird's cheerful serenade and the sight of birds raising their young and giving flight lessons. Mostly, they watch birds for their own pleasure.

Many of the birds they watch are as much a part of



their yard or garden as the plants themselves. A garden without birds is like a family without children. And welcoming birds, like caring for children, requires attention to the birds' needs for food, water and shelter. Although attracting birds offers many different levels of enjoyment and challenge, a feeder, a birdbath and birdhouses are the basics for persuading birds to visit your yard.

Knowledge of bird habitat is also helpful in attracting birds. Most birds are fussy about their living arrangements. For example, wood thrushes, scarlet tanagers and blue jays need a dense, wood-like situation. Robins and chipping sparrows need only a few trees or shrubs. And every yard or garden needs at least a few conifers if it is going to have maximum value for songbirds.

Trees and shrubs that supply food are also great for attracting birds. Cherry, serviceberry, mulberry, grape, raspberry, honeysuckle, American elder and crab





apple top the list of bird-attracting woody plants. More than 80 bird species are attracted to hawthorns, and 25 species of birds go for the pin cherry, a medium-sized tree. Fruits of the shrubby, gray- or red-twigged dogwood are well adapted to home ground planting, and the dogwoods are used by a large variety of fruit-eating birds.



scratch feed, are purchased every fall to sustain winter birds and attract them to yards.

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In summer, birds are attracted by fruit. Orioles and tanagers like orange halves. Robins, thrushes and chickadees love apples, cherries, blueberries, crab apples, grapes and strawberries. In winter, woodpeckers appreciate peanut butter, mixed with cornmeal and suet.

What's your favorite bird? Hummingbird, bluebird or maybe the swallow? Ask your friends and you'll get many different answers. Different birds mean different experiences to each of us. Get spoiled by the serenade of songbirds, the pretty colors of the flamboyantly feathered and the personalities of familiar visitors. The experience will serve as a lasting memory.

Specifically, cardinals like American cranberry bush, and they hang around fruit trees because the insects that live on them are some of their favorite meals. Robins and waxwings love both European and American mountain ash, and the bluebirds' favorites include mountain ash, wild cherry, dogwood, sassafras and viburnum. Elder, oak, pine, beech and many nut and fruit-bearing trees and shrubs are preferred by bluejays.

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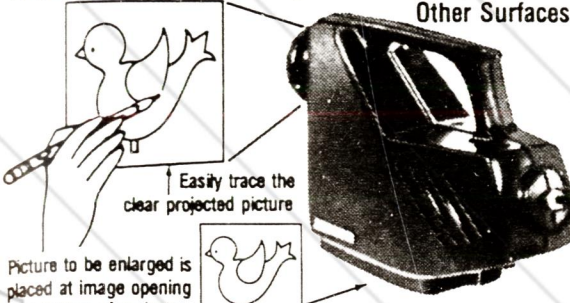
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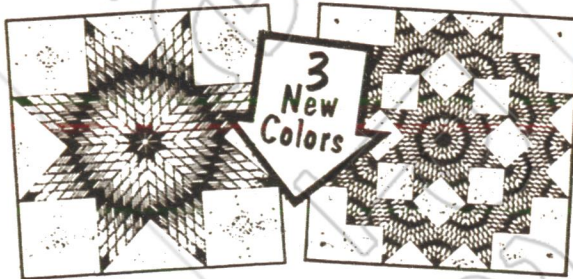
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### Crochet:

- ch chain
- st stitch
- sp space
- sl st slip stitch
- sc single crochet
- dc double crochet
- hdc half double crochet (sometimes called a short double — sdc)
- tr treble crochet
- dtr double treble crochet
- tr tr treble treble crochet
- rnd round
- lp loop
- inc increase(s)(d)(ing)
- dec decrease(s)(d)(ing)
- p picot
- yo yarn over
- MC Main Color
- CC Contrasting Color
- bl block stitch
- cl cluster
- pc popcorn stitch

### Knit:

- k knit
- st stitch
- sk skip
- rnd round
- tog together
- yo yarn over
- psso pass slip stitch over
- inc increase(s)(d)(ing)
- dec decrease(s)(d)(ing)
- tbl through back loop
- MC Main Color
- CC Contrasting Color
- p purl
- sp space
- sl slip
- lp loop

### GAUGE

The number of stitches to the inch horizontally and the number of rows to the inch vertically.

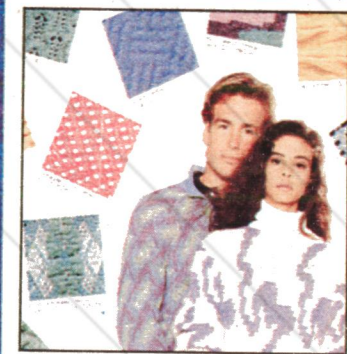
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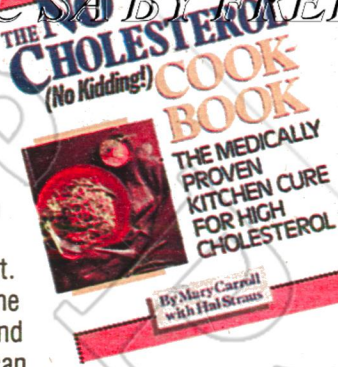
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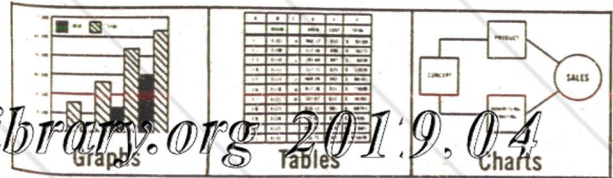
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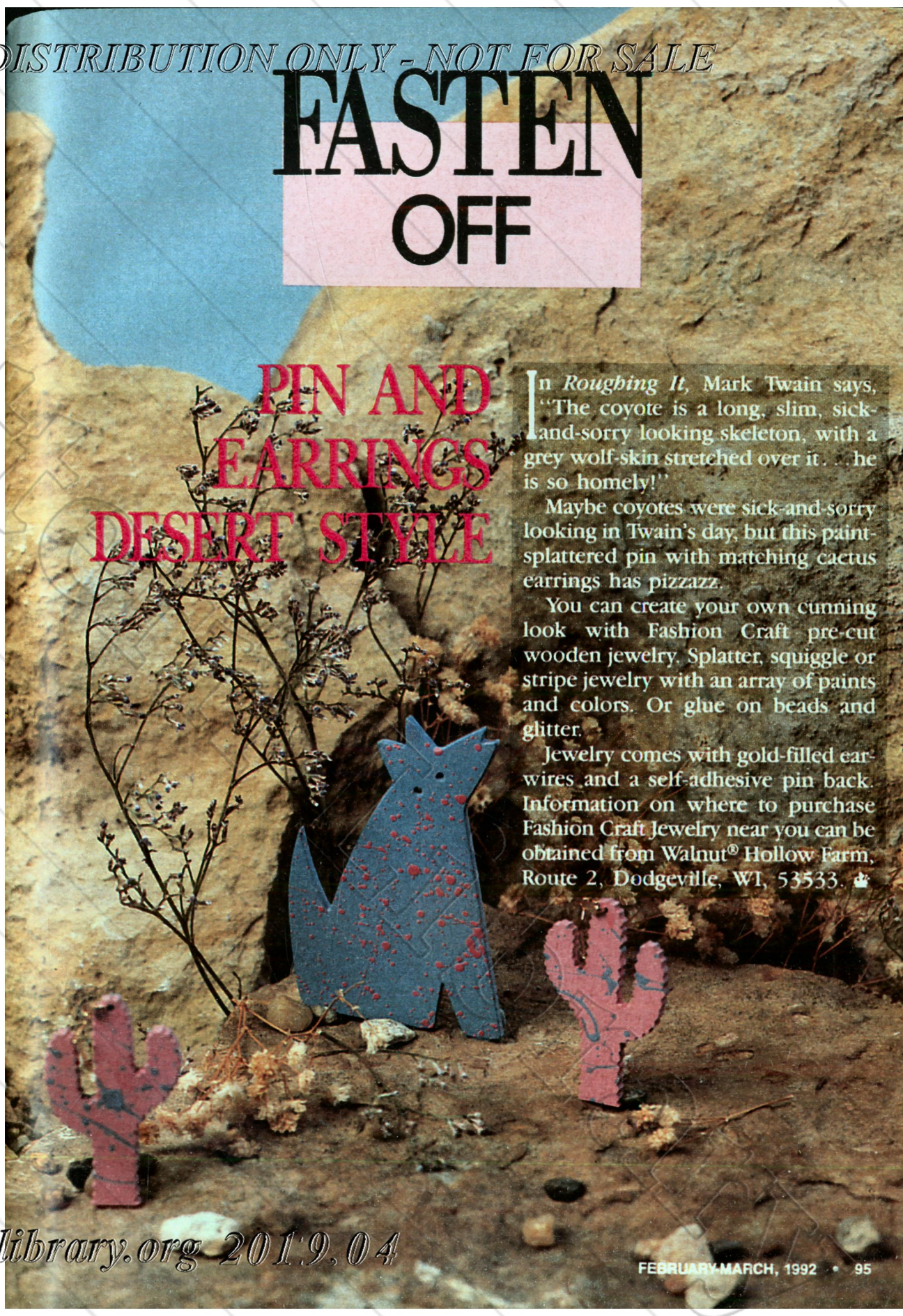
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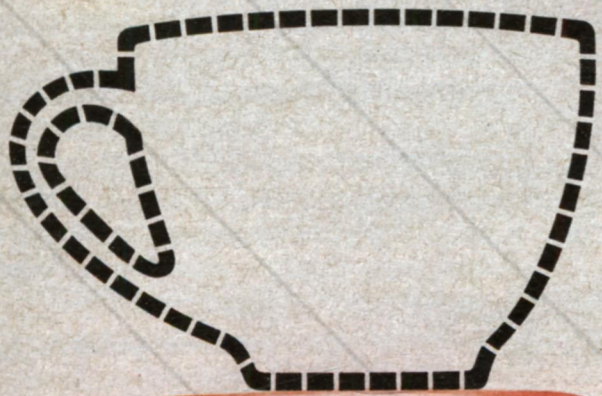




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