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CHRISTMAS IN WARTIME



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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

For additional suggestions these Extension Circulars are available at the County Extension Office:

EC 1178 Decorative Objects One Can Make
EC 1198 Merry Christmas for the House
EC 5600 Toys for Children
EC 991 Christmas Sweets
EC 9921 Table Favors and Place Cards
EC 9956 Homemade Candies Using Little or No Sugar
EC 9962 Christmas Cookies
EC 5-106 Sharing Your Club With Friends
Supplement 10 - Patterns for Christmas Gifts and Favors

Those who have been in Home Demonstration Clubs a number of years, might refer to circulars used in former Christmas demonstrations that are now out of print: For example: EC 5528 Holiday Happiness (1935); EC 5506 Let's Keep Christmas Merry; (1933); EC 5547 The Family Christmas (1937).

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CHRISTMAS IN WARTIME

SHOULD WE CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS DURING WAR TIMES?

Why not? Does it help the heartache to sit glumly in the corner and moan? Will this help one or will it help the boy or girl in the service of his or her country? Of course Dad misses Jim's whistle as he goes about the chores and Mother is lost without Linda Lou's snatches of song as she dusts and cleans the house. But even at this, what will make Jim or Linda Lou the most happy away yonder at the front -- to write them "We missed you so much on Christmas Day that we all just sat about the house - no singing, no jokes, no presents, no Christmas tree, no nothing." Or to write them "On Christmas our first thought was that Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without you. Our idea was, 'What's the use. We'll just let the day drag through.' And then it came to us 'we'll celebrate and with everything we do we'll think you will be with us next year and what a time we'll have.' So we are going to imagine you are a part of all this year's doings. And together we'll be hoping -- yes, and praying -- that you are getting at least some joy out of the day where you are."

In these war times with all their bad influences and horrible happenings we need to keep up at home every type of mellowing influence and to search out all the inspirational ideals available. Francis Church says, "Santa Claus exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and we know that they abound and give life its highest beauty and joy."

War darkens the life of parents and wives in the home as well as sons and husbands in the army. This is impossible to escape. But this is all the more reason why we should do everything in our power to guard our children at home from the bad influences of war. This means to shield them from the shadows that fall across every life that touches the curse of war. This would mean that we should bring into the lives of the children all the sunshine possible. And we all realize there is no other event throughout the year that carries to the children so much pleasant anticipation beforehand with such joy when it arrives and which leaves such fragrant memories when it is gone as does the Christmas time.

Drop Christmas activities for the duration? Just as well say "lower the blinds, turn down the lights, darken the rooms, and assume an attitude of gloom in the home to impress our children that there is a war on and that all cheerfulness should be banished." We must not surround the children with an atmosphere of gloom that leaves in their lives a several-year's space of time which will only contain a recollection of disagreeable events and tragic occurrences. The joy of the future will be made up largely of the memories of the present. Older folks suffer the heartache of war but along with it goes a certain pride that the son or husband or the daughter is offering his or her life for a great cause. This eases the pain and later enriches the memory. The children cannot comprehend this and will only remember these days as dark, disagreeable, tragic times and it will leave many scars on their lives. Christmas time will add months of anticipation, possession, and memory to enrich the present and build a more appreciative life for them in the future.

Christmas time can be an enriching period in family life with the whole family partaking. A glowing letter to the member of the family who is in the service or a kodak picture of those present will be enjoyed by him and will make his lonely, hard life easier by his anticipation of a future day when he will be a part of these Christmas activities. So: "Deck the halls with boughs of holly, And do our best to all be jolly."

If the family desires to give the Christmas occasion a Christian atmosphere, some member might read the Bible story of the first Christmas together with a singing of Christmas carols as all gather around the piano. (Make such exercises brief.) Also, have handy for all to read Dickens' "Christmas Carol" and any other Christmas stories available at the library. Would not such events be just the type of things to enjoy and thus help to tide us over the heartaches of war?

Another whole family activity, might be a ceremony based on a custom started centuries ago in the Thuringian forests of Europe.

On the first Sunday in Advent, which according to the church calendar falls on the Sunday nearest November 30, be it before or after that date, fir and spruce boughs are gathered and arranged in a heavy jar containing water. If they are laid in water and thoroughly saturated they retain their freshness. Then one tall white and four gaily colored candlesticks and candles are placed on the table, well in front of the vase of branches. At dusk the Gospel Candle, the tall white one, is placed on the table near the Advent boughs and the family gather round. The tall candle is lighted by a parent and the first of the small candles is lighted by the youngest child present. Then the story of the first Christmas as told in one of the Gospels, is read, followed by Christmas poems, stories, carols and hymns, each person selecting a favorite in turn. This simple ceremony is repeated each Sunday evening, one more candle being lighted each week, until on the last and fourth Sunday all the candles are burning at once. Christmas is here!

If a group is together, each write a few lines to each one in the service and send all these as a reminder that they were not forgotten. Might close each letter with the lines.

"May the end of a perfect day be yours
When the Christmas stars appear,
And may a lot of your days be perfect days
'Til you are with us next year."

Shall we banish the Christmas spirit this year? Just as well favor banishing all pleasant family associations, driving out all neighborhood friendliness, and dropping all cheery greetings along the way. Yes, and along with it make Christian spirit over into a cold-blooded, uninteresting, letter-of-the-law religion and expect in that way to pay our respect to war and show our appreciation of our young people at the front.

No, we'll occasionally take down the barriers of grief, push back the clouds of despair, and let the sunshine in and then our joy will be the greater when ours return to us.

No! thank God, no dictator can ever tell us what Christian ideals we shall cherish or what Christian traditions we'll carry out. Yes, at Christmas time, 1944, we'll plan and work and anticipate and in mind's eye we'll see the time when we'll gather at the fireside a reunited family. And if one chair should be vacant another year, there'll remain with us cherished memories and a knowledge that Christmas time

has to do with another Father who gave his Son to the cause of humanity and that that same Father will care for our son who likewise laid down his life for the sake of humanity. Long live the Christmas spirit!

IT'S FUN TO MAKE GIFTS

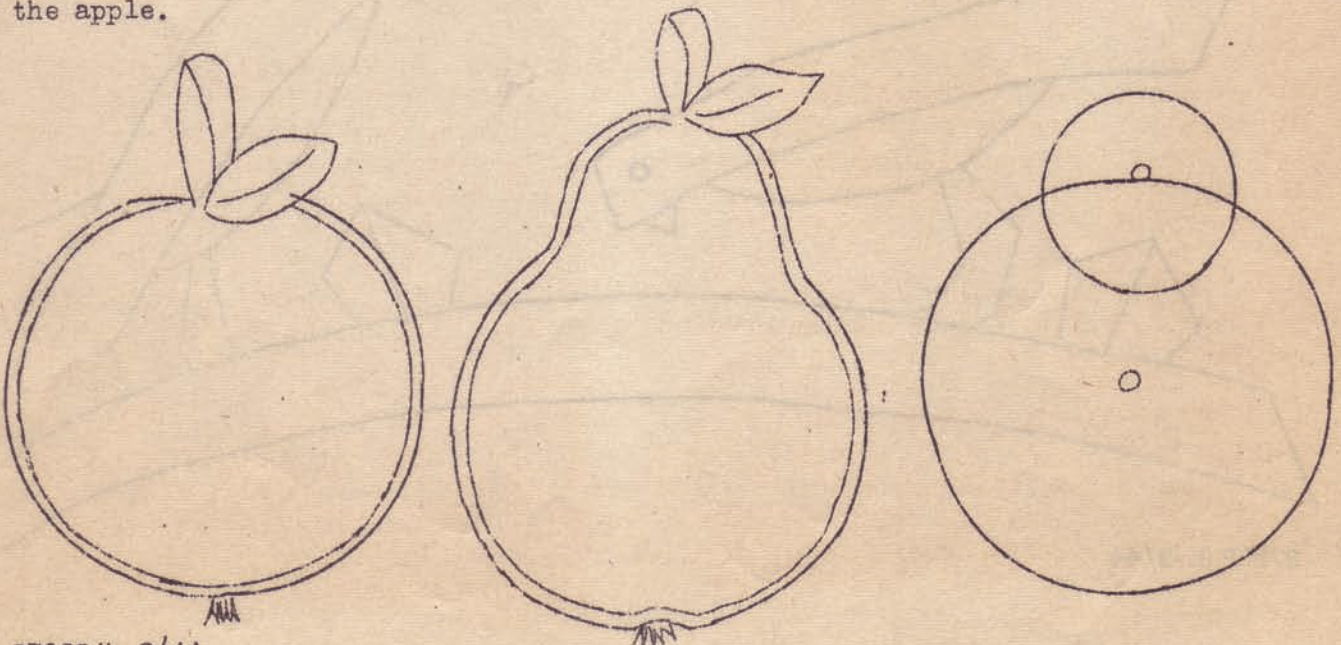
Much of the joy of Christmas comes in the anticipation and preparation. The making of gifts adds personal touch for both the giver and the one who receives the remembrance. The suggestions given in this circular have been chosen for their timeliness of materials available and usefulness.

Patterns not given in this Circular are obtainable through county extension office.

HOT PAN HOLDERS

Bright red apple and golden pear hot pan holders will bring fruit into the kitchen the year 'round. The apple is a $5\frac{1}{2}$ inch circle bound with bias, and shaped a bit at the top where a green stem and leaf are attached. The stem is the hanger. At the blossom end a few strands of embroidery floss are attached.

The pear is a $5\frac{1}{2}$ inch circle topped by a 3 inch circle, and finished off like the apple.



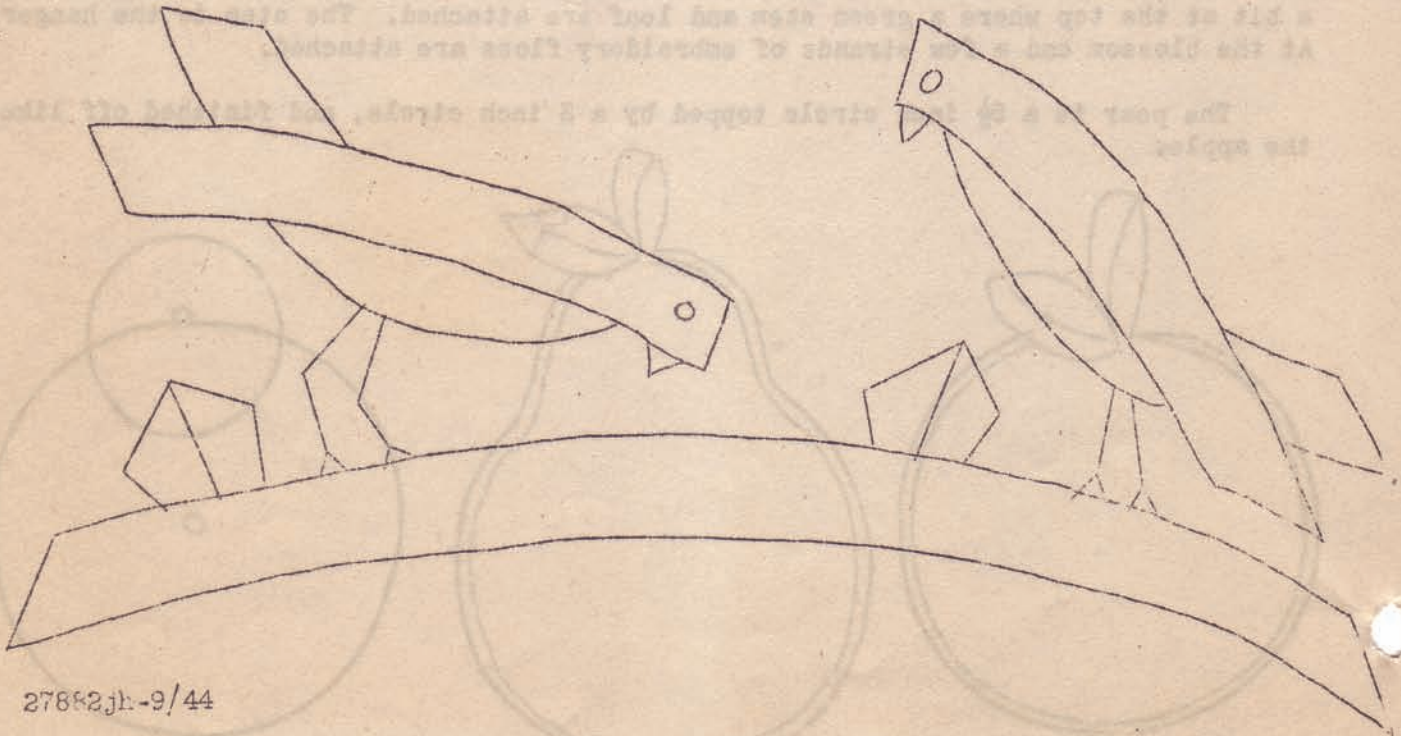


Meet Biddy, who is working for Santa. She's sitting on a special nest, filled with fresh eggs, a most acceptable gift from a farm family to a city family. When the eggs are gone, the little hen continues the farm family's greetings as a hot pan holder.

TOWELS



These attractive little bias birds make colorful trims for place mats, guest towels, scarfs, and many other places. It's a good way, too, to use up small lengths of bias for each strip is only 4 inches long. Plain colored feed sacks make an excellent guest towel background. The number of birds on the towel will depend on its size. The illustration to the left is a towel 12 x 18 inches, with a half inch hem double stitched in colored thread on one end, and a quarter inch hem, single stitched on the other. This towel is to be folded lengthwise through the center, so the bird is to one side. The bias strips can be stitched with matching thread or with a contrast, according to the color scheme desired.



APRONS

A RUFFLED APRON

Material Required:

- 1 1/4 yards 35 inch material
- 3 3/8 yards rickrack trimming

This apron can be cut from a 100-lb. feed sack.

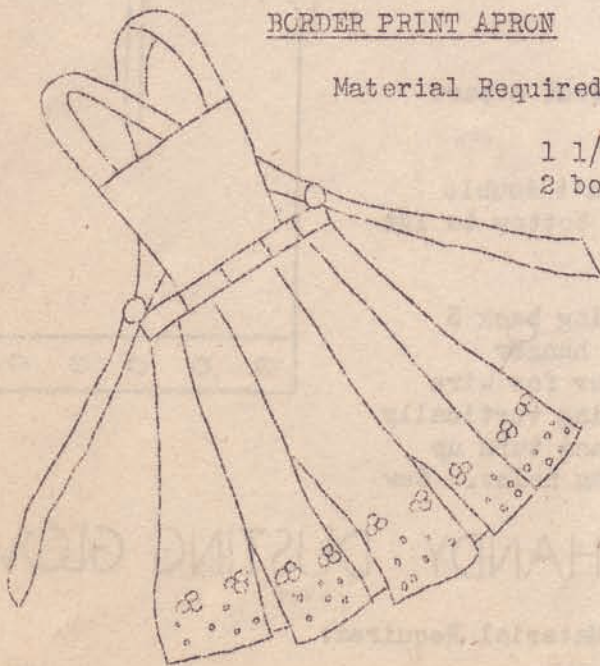
A bib may be added, which of course, will require additional material according to the type of bib.



BORDER PRINT APRON

Material Required:

- 1 1/2 yards border print (36 inches deep)
- 2 bone or metal rings



Tear off two 5-inch strips for strap-ties.

Remove top 12 inches. From this make bib 12 x 13 inches, turning down top edge for a one inch hem; and a belt (double) 2 1/2 inches wide, of desired length. On belt, sew on two pickets the width of belt and three inches long. Also add enough from this top piece to make strap ties 54 inches long, and sew them double.

Box-pleat skirt of apron onto lower side belt, and stitch bib into center of top edge. Attach strap-ties to top corners of bib.

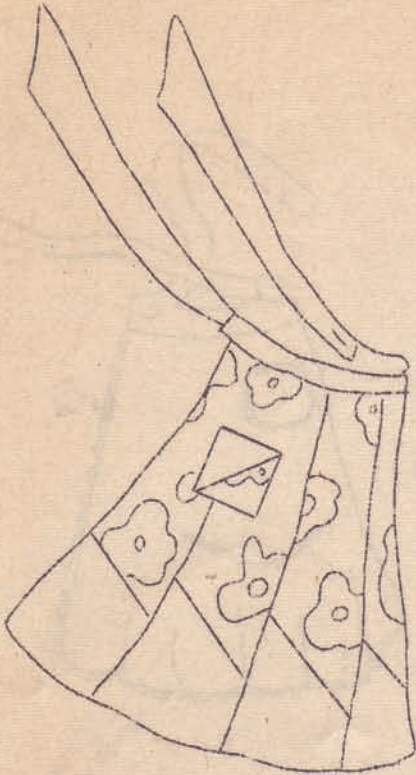
Turn top corner of end of belt over a bone or metal ring and sew securely. Run strap-ties crisscross through ring to form shoulder strap and strings. When apron is worn, strings are drawn up to desired tightness.

A TWO-TONE APRON

Material Required:

1/2 yard figured print
1/2 yard matching plain material

Here's an apron that is well suited to the use of small flour sacks of print material. Two of the print panels can be cut from one ten-pound flour sack. Finish edges with narrow hem, add a 3 1/2 inch pocket of combination materials. Belt and ties are plain material with print on ends.



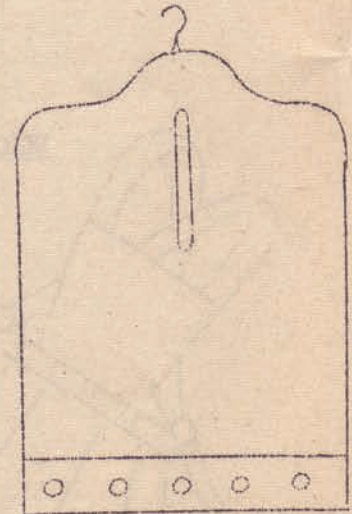
LAUNDRY BAG

Material Required:

Wooden clothes hanger
1 50-lb. flour or feed sack (or about a yard of print)

This Bag is convenient because it doesn't double up as it is filled and can be unbuttoned at bottom to let clothes drop out.

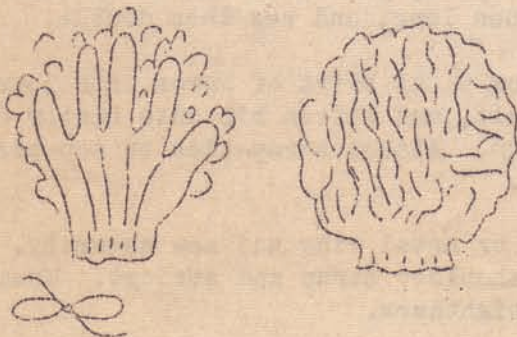
Double material and seam down side making back 5 inches longer than front. Shape top to fit hanger being used and seam leaving opening in center for wire of hanger to go through. Make a bound opening vertically in center front about 10 inches long. Hem and turn up bottom end of back and put in a row of button holes. Sew on buttons.



A HANDY DUSTING GLOVE

Material Required:

1 pair canvas work gloves
100 yards string or cotton yarn for each glove



For a quick dusting job it cannot be beat, and may be used for applying furniture polish, polishing and dusting in the home or garage. Use canvas work gloves, cover them

with tassels (do not cut ends as for rugs) made by wrapping a single end of cotton yarn or string around a card 3 to $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide. Wind nine or ten turns for each tassel and pull from end of card, double and tie in the middle to the desired spot on glove to make a bunch of loops.

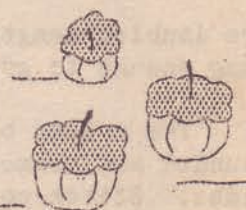
Tie a row of tassels down each finger and the thumb, and fill the palm to the wrist, with tassels about one inch apart.

Colors can be mixed or not, as wanted. Gloves can be right or left handed, or both. Try it - you'll like the way it works.

FLOATING FLOWER FLAMES

These are flowering candles for a festive table when cut flowers are unavailable. They float like water lilies in a shallow dish of water.

Melt candle wax, pour into a fluted gelatin mold, and before it sets insert a wick. When wax is hard remove from mold. This is a good way to use up odds and ends of burnt - down candles.



BED SLIPPERS

Material Required:

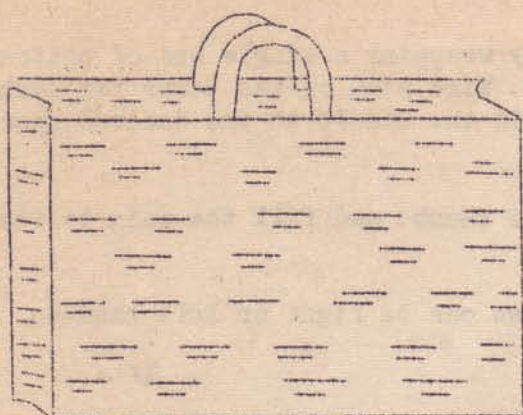
5/8 yard 36 inch fabric
2 yards 3/8 inch ribbon



(Pattern is for a $6\frac{1}{2}$ foot. If a larger size is needed add necessary amount on end of toe. For a smaller size, trim off toe edge.)

To Make: Sew sole to upper, matching single and double notches, and taking $\frac{3}{8}$ inch seam. Join front in seam between the single notches and finish all open seams with a narrow hem. Turn hem on toe edge along dash line and stitch for casing. Turn hem on upper edge of slipper along lines and stitch. Make another row of stitching $\frac{3}{8}$ inch above last row, for a casing. Run ribbon in toe and ankle casing, draw up and tie in bow at top of toe and front.

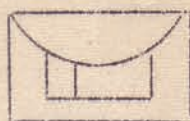
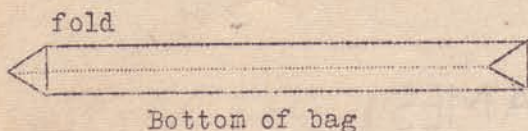
BOXED SHOPPING BAG



Scraps of awning or a colorful feed bag make this bag of many virtues. It is sturdy, bright, washable, folds up compactly and easy to make. Add an inside pocket for ration books, pad and pencil and this bag will go shopping every time you do.

A handy size can be made of a piece 27 x 18 inches. Sew sides and bottom with 1/2 inch seams. To make boxing fold sides for 2 1/2

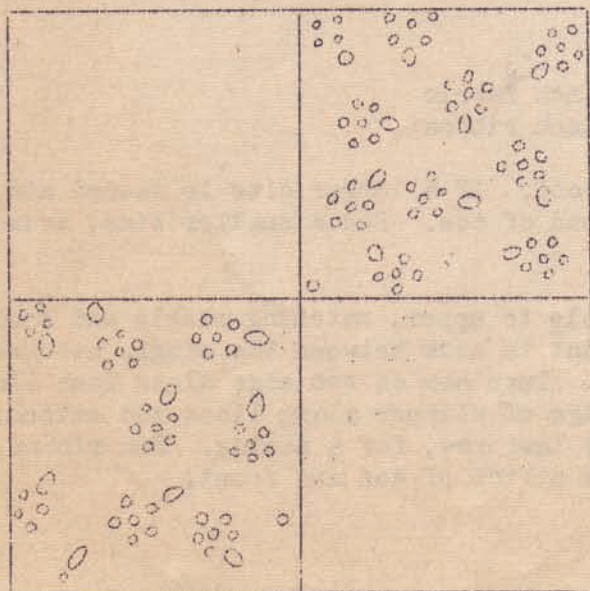
inch boxing and carry on down across the bottom, folding corners to point like left side of diagram at the left. Fold over with point toward center like right side of diagram at left, and stitch firmly.



Ration Book Pocket

are doubled lengthwise and stitched for handles. If desired, handles can be made long enough to go completely under bag, giving added strength.

The ration book pocket is made of a piece 7 x _____ inches, with one end rounded and hemmed for flap. Bring bottom edge up to fit under flap, and stitch sides. Stitch pocket to bag at turn of flap. A pad and pencil pocket can be added to ration book pocket if desired.



TABLECLOTH FROM SACKS

Four feed sacks, two figured and two plain, put together alternately make a colorful and serviceable size tablecloth. A flat seam with top stitching can make the piecing a part of the decoration, or the seam might be blind. The edge can be a narrow hem, or if blind seam has been used to put pieces together, a hand rolled hem would give it a dainty finish.

PURSES

A HANDLED PURSE

Material required:

Felt 23 x 25 inches
1 pr. wooden knitting needles (heads removed)
yarn for sewing & embroidery
Lining 2/3 yd.

EMBROIDERY

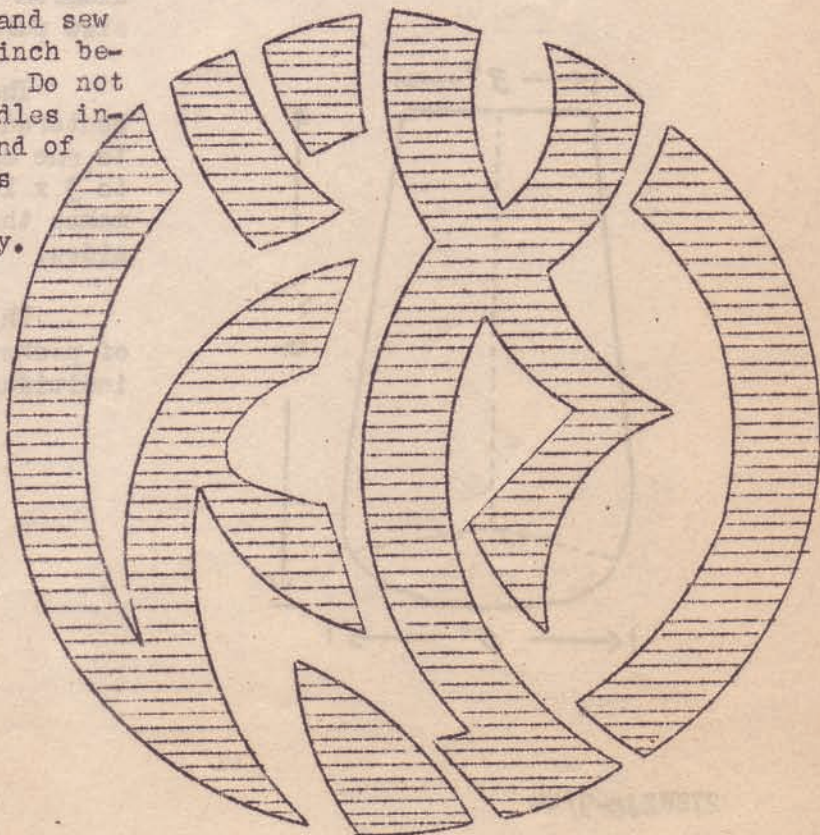
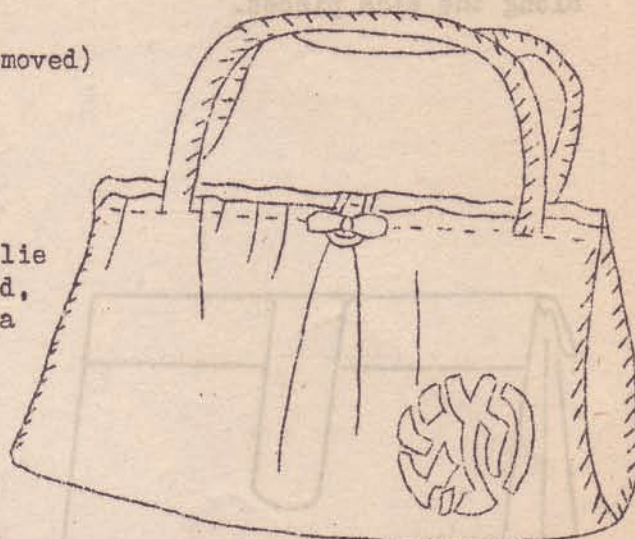
Monogram - straight stitch - Do not draw stitches too tightly but just firm enough to lie flat. If felt should become slightly puckered, press embroidery lightly on wrong side under a dry cloth before sewing up bag.

HOW TO MAKE BAG

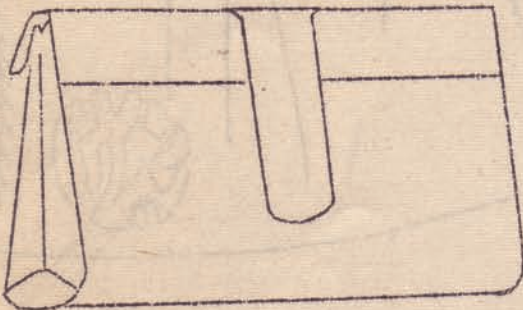
BAG: Cut out felt pieces. Pin side pieces to side edges of bag (straight edges) with top edge of side piece even with guide (1-1/2 inches from top of bag), matching center guide of side piece, with fold guide of bag. Whip edges together with yarn. Run a row of gathering across top of bag 7/8 inch below top edge, with 1/2 inch long stitches on inside. Do not fasten off end of yarn. Fold hem over onto wrong side along line of gathering and sew together with a running stitch 5/8 inch below fold, across entire top of bag. Do not fasten off yarn. Slip knitting needles into hem and sew up opening at each end of hem. Draw up both gathering threads holding fullness in to length of knitting needles and fasten securely.

Cut felt strip in half for 2 handles. Fold handles double, lengthwise and whip edges together. Finish loop same as handles. Roll cylinder piece into a tight roll and whip down loose end to side of roll.

Wind yarn tightly around center of roll, 6 times, and sew roll to front of bag, placing at center of hem line. Sew loop to center of hem line on back of bag.

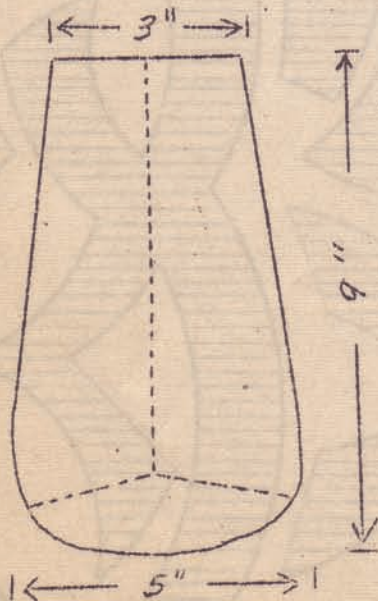


LINING: Cut out lining pieces. Baste side pieces to side edges of lining (right sides facing) with top edges even; matching center guide of side piece with fold guide of lining and stitch seams $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in from edge. Turn entire curved edge of lining over on to wrong side for $\frac{1}{2}$ inch and baste hem. Run a row of gathering across top of lining at fold of hem. Draw gathering up to length of frame and fasten off yarn. Slip lining in bag. Sew top edge of lining to inside of bag, sewing the gathered edges at the hemline along top of bag, and $\frac{1}{8}$ inch below top edge of felt along the side pieces.



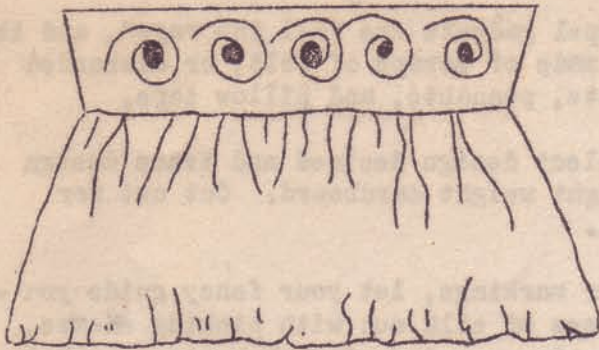
AN ENVELOPE PURSE

This envelope purse can be made without a pattern. It can be made of felt, or a wool material to match a dress. The bag is made from a piece 14×22 inches. The inset diagram to the left shows dimensions for this size purse. Dotted lines indicate creases.



The flap on top is a strip 14×7 inches centered over the top opening and slip stitched to one edge of the purse. The closing strap is 3×14 inches, laid over the flap. This makes the purse appear to be alike on both sides.

The lining can be made with a variety of pockets to suit convenience and tastes of individual.



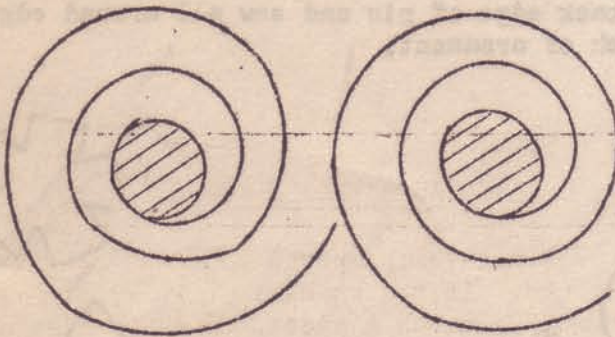
A POUCH PURSE

Material required:

Felt 24 inches x 36 inches
Embroidery floss
Lining & canvas 2/3 yd.
Snap

EMBROIDERY

Embroider centers of scrolls in straight stitches, and the scrolls in darning stitch with thread twisted under. Do not draw stitches too tightly but just firm enough to lie flat. If felt should become slightly puckered, press embroidery lightly on wrong side under a dry cloth before sewing up bag.



HOW TO MAKE BAG

BAG: Shirr the shorter edge of the long strip of felt (already cut to shape) to 14 1/2 inches and the longer edge to 20 inches.

Cut out remaining pieces of felt.

Seam the short gathered edge of felt to the short edge of narrow strip (without embroidery).

TAKE IN 1/4 INCH ON ALL SEAMS

Fold down material along top of bag for about 3/8 inch and run a row of stitching across the fold. Seam back of bag to front of bag along the bottom. Now join flap (embroidered section) to top edge of back, right sides facing.

Fold bag in half (right sides facing) along bottom seam, and sew sides together.

LINING: Cut out canvas and lining. Place canvas on wrong side of lining. Stitch lining and canvas together, along sides only, to keep canvas and lining from slipping around. Do not stitch around flap edge or along top front.

Fold lining in half, matching side edges carefully, canvas on the outside, leaving allowance for flap at top. Seam sides.

Insert lining in bag.

Baste lining of flap to felt along the fold of flap. Adjust canvas to fit felt flap trimming canvas a little if necessary. Turn in edges of lining and sew to canvas, taking care stitches do not show on right side. Now baste flap lining to felt, then blind stitch lining to flap.

Finish bag with a snap at center front.

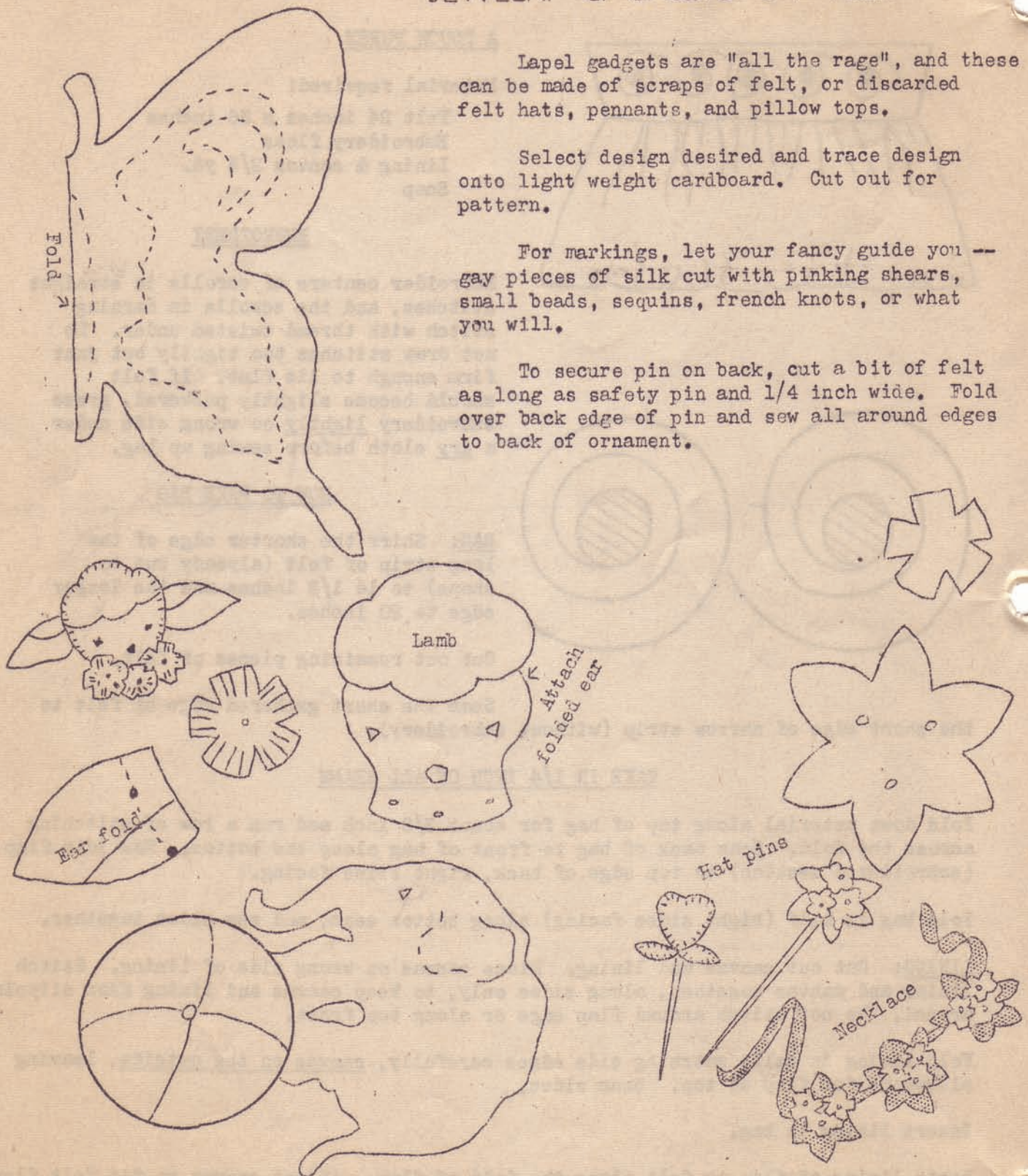
JEWELRY GADGETS OF FELT

Lapel gadgets are "all the rage", and these can be made of scraps of felt, or discarded felt hats, pennants, and pillow tops.

Select design desired and trace design onto light weight cardboard. Cut out for pattern.

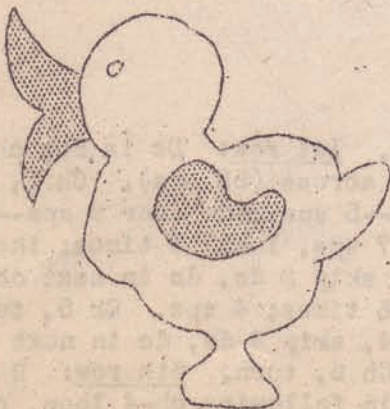
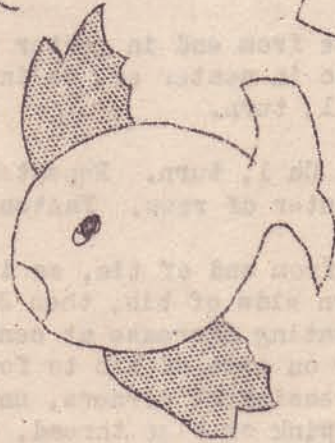
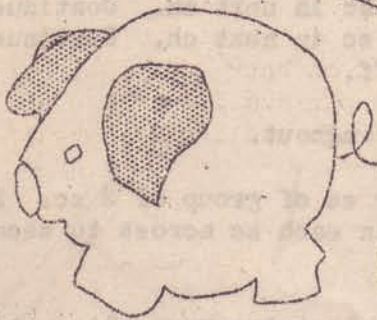
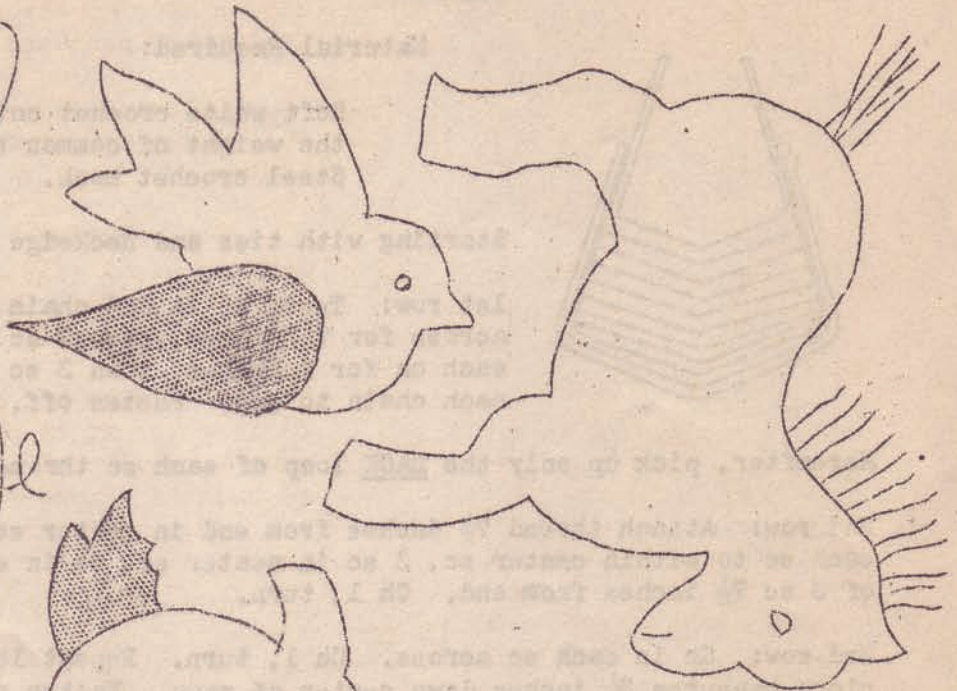
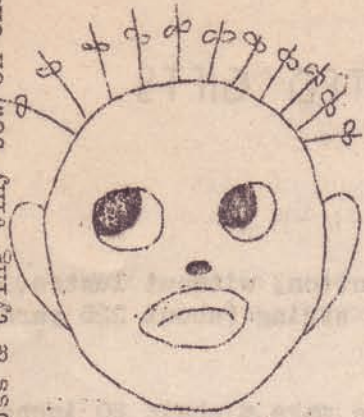
For markings, let your fancy guide you -- gay pieces of silk cut with pinking shears, small beads, sequins, french knots, or what you will.

To secure pin on back, cut a bit of felt as long as safety pin and 1/4 inch wide. Fold over back edge of pin and sew all around edges to back of ornament.



FELT LAPEL GADGETS

Make pigtails by braiding
floss & tying tiny bow, on end

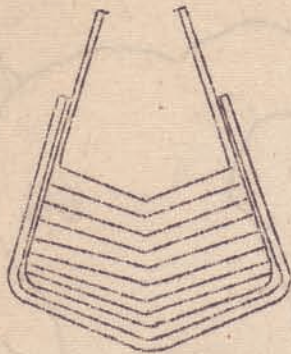


(Shaded sections might be
different color, or same
color applied on top to
give depth)

CROCHETED GIFTS

BABY BIB

Material Required:



Soft white crochet cotton, without lustre, about the weight of common string (about 225 yards.)
Steel crochet hook.

Starting with ties and neckedge make a chain 20 inches long.

1st row: Turn, sc in 2nd chain from hook and in each ch across for $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches, then 3 sc in next ch. Continue sc in each ch for 4 inches, then 3 sc in next ch. Continue sc in each chain to end. Fasten off.

Hereafter, pick up only the BACK loop of each sc throughout.

2nd row: Attach thread $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches from end in center sc of group of 3 sc. Sc in each sc to within center sc, 3 sc in center sc, sc in each sc across to second group of 3 sc $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches from end. Ch 1, turn.

3rd row: Sc in each sc across. Ch 1, turn. Repeat last two rows alternately until piece measures $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches down center of rows. Fasten off.

Border: Attach thread 4 inches from end of tie, sc in each sc until bib is reached, continue sc closely together down side of bib, then 3 sc at corner, sc in each sc across bottom, continuing alternating increase at center as before, 3 sc at corner, and continue sc closely together on side of bib to four inches from end of tie. Ch 1, turn. Sc in each sc, increasing at corners, until border measures $\frac{3}{4}$ inch. Fasten off. Last row may be of pink or blue thread, if desired.

A DAISY PLACE MAT

Material Required:

Crochet cotton about the weight of common string. Steel Crochet Hook No. 7.

When completed Place Mat measures $13\frac{1}{2}$ x $18\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Gauge: 5 sps measures $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches; 3 rows make 1 inch.

Starting at one long side ch 172 to measure $18\frac{1}{2}$ inches. 1st row: Dc in 8th ch from hook, * ch 2, skip 2 ch, dc in next ch. Repeat from * across (59 sps). Ch 5, turn. 2nd row: Dc in next dc, (ch 2, dc in next dc) 4 times--5 sps made over 5 sps--2 dc in next sp, dc in next dc--a bl made over a sp--(make 7 sps, 1 bl) 6 times; then make 5 sps. Ch 5, turn. 3rd row: 4 sps, 1 bl, ch 2, skip 2 dc, dc in next dc (a sp made over a bl), make 1 bl, (5 sps, 1 bl, 1 sp, 1 bl) 6 times; 4 sps. Ch 5, turn. 4th row: * 3 sps, 1 bl, ch 4, dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 4, skip 3 dc, dc in next dc, make 1 bl. Repeat from * across, ending with 3 sps. Ch 5, turn. 5th row: 2 sps, * 1 bl, ch 4, sc in next ch-4 loop, sc in next dc and in following ch-4 loop, ch 4, skip 3 dc, dc in next dc, make 1 bl, 1 sp. Repeat from * across, ending with 2 sps.

Ch 5, turn. 6th row: 1 sp, 1 bl, * ch 7, sc in next loop, sc in next 3 sc, and in following loop, ch 7, bl over next sp. Repeat from * across, ending with 1 sp. Ch 5, turn. 7th row: 2 sps, * 3 dc in next loop, ch 5, skip 1 sc, sc in next 3 sc, ch 5, 3 dc in next loop, dc in next dc, ch 2, skip 2 dc, dc in next dc. Repeat from * across, ending with 2 sps. Ch 5, turn. 8th row: * 3 sps, 1 bl, ch 3, dc in center sc, ch 3, 1 bl. Repeat from * across. Ch 5, turn. 9th row: 4 sps, * 1 bl, 1 sp, 1 bl, 5 sps. Repeat from * across, ending with 4 sps. Ch 5, turn. 10th row: 5 sps, 1 bl, * 7 sps, 1 bl. Repeat from * across, ending with 5 sps. Ch 5, turn. Repeat 2nd to 10th rows incl until 5 complete patterns are made. Then work 1 row of sps to correspond with the beginning. Do not fasten off but work around all sides as follows: Ch 3, dc in corner sp, * ch 5, skip 1 sp, 2 dc in next sp. Repeat from * around, making 2 dc, ch 5 and 2 dc at corners.

CHERRY LAPEL GADGET

Material Required:

Pearl cotton No. 5
1 ball each of Brown, Red, and Green
Steel crochet hook No. 7

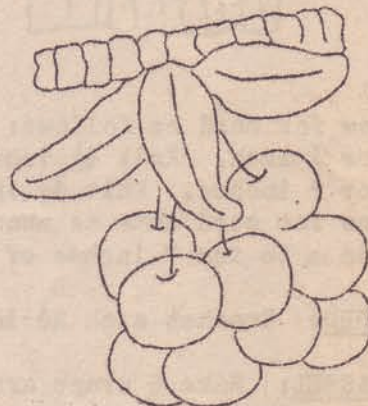
Starting at center with Red ch 2. 1st rnd: 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook. Do not join rnds. 2nd rnd: 2 sc in each sc around. 3rd rnd: * Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc (an increase). Repeat from * around until there are 20 sc in the rnd. Work 4 rnds without increasing.

On next rnd, * dec 1 sc--to dec 1 sc work off 2 sc as 1 sc--sc in next 2 sc. Repeat from * around. Stuff cherry firmly with cotton batting and continue to dec every other sc until all stitches are worked off. Fasten off leaving an 8 inch length of thread. Make 9 more cherries like this.

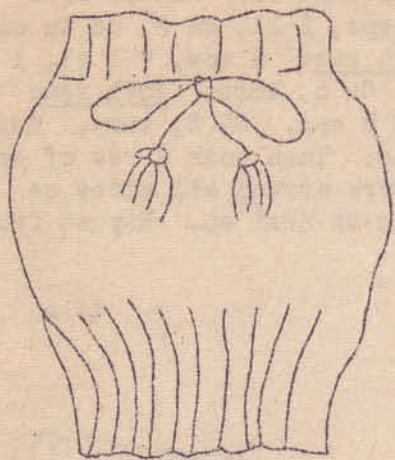
STEMS With Green, make a chain 4 inches long. Fasten off. Make 9 more stems of various lengths. Sew a cherry to each stem and bunch them together and tie stems securely together.

LEAVES (Make 3) Starting at center, with Green, ch 18 to measure 2 inches. 1st row: Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 2 ch, half dc in next 2 ch, dc in next 2 ch, tr in next 3 ch, dc in next 2 ch, half dc in next 2 ch, sc in next 3 ch, 2 sc in same place as last sc, then work along opposite side of foundation chain to correspond. Join and fasten off. Sew these 3 leaves together at top of stems.

BRANCH With Brown ch 6. 1st row: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Ch 1, turn. 2nd row: Sc in each sc across. Ch 1, turn. Repeat the last row until piece measures $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Cut 10 strands of Brown each $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches long. Place these strands across the length of crocheted piece and sew the two long edges neatly together. Sew this branch to top of leaves.



KNITTING



BABY SOAKER

Soakers used instead of rubber pants are popular. Not airtight, they minimize scalding and when made of cotton yarn may be boiled to sterilize as required by modern medical practice.

Material Required:

3 balls of white cotton yarn will make
two pair of average size.
No. 3 steel knitting needles
No. 1 Crochet hook

Cast on 40 sts. K 2, p 2 for 1 inch. Make eyelet row for cord as follows: * k2, y o, k 2 together, repeat from * across, K 2, p 2 for 1 inch. Knit $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches in Garter Stitch (knit both sides of work). K 2, p 2 for 7 inches. Knit $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches in Garter Stitch. K 2, p 2 for 1 inch. Make eyelet row for cord same as above. K 2, p 2 for one inch. Bind off loosely. Sew up the sides to the 7 inches of ribbing.

CORD: Crochet a ch 29 in. long. Make 1 sl st in each st of chain.

TASSEL: Make 6 wraps around a card 4 inches long, tie in center and fasten to end of cord. Cut loop ends to make tassel. Put a tassel on each end of the cord. Run through eyelets.

TOYS AND GAMES



PILLOW OR DOLL

Wouldn't a little girl love to carry around this little pillow dolly? She can be made of washable fabric and she should not be filled too fat and full, so she can be sent through the wringer when she's given a tubbing.

The trims are bias tape; her arm can be made to be free like a regular doll, or sewed down flat like applique.

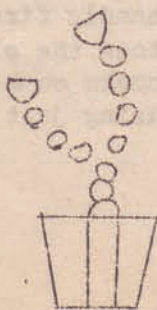
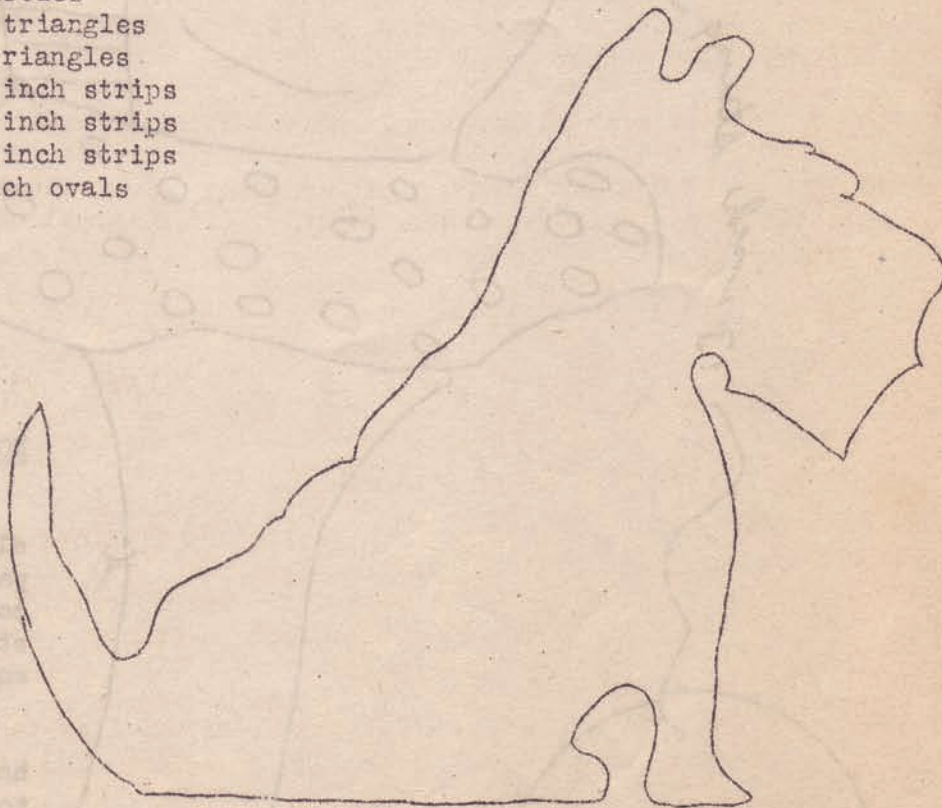
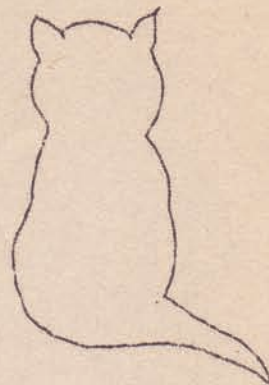
BUILT UP FELT PICTURES

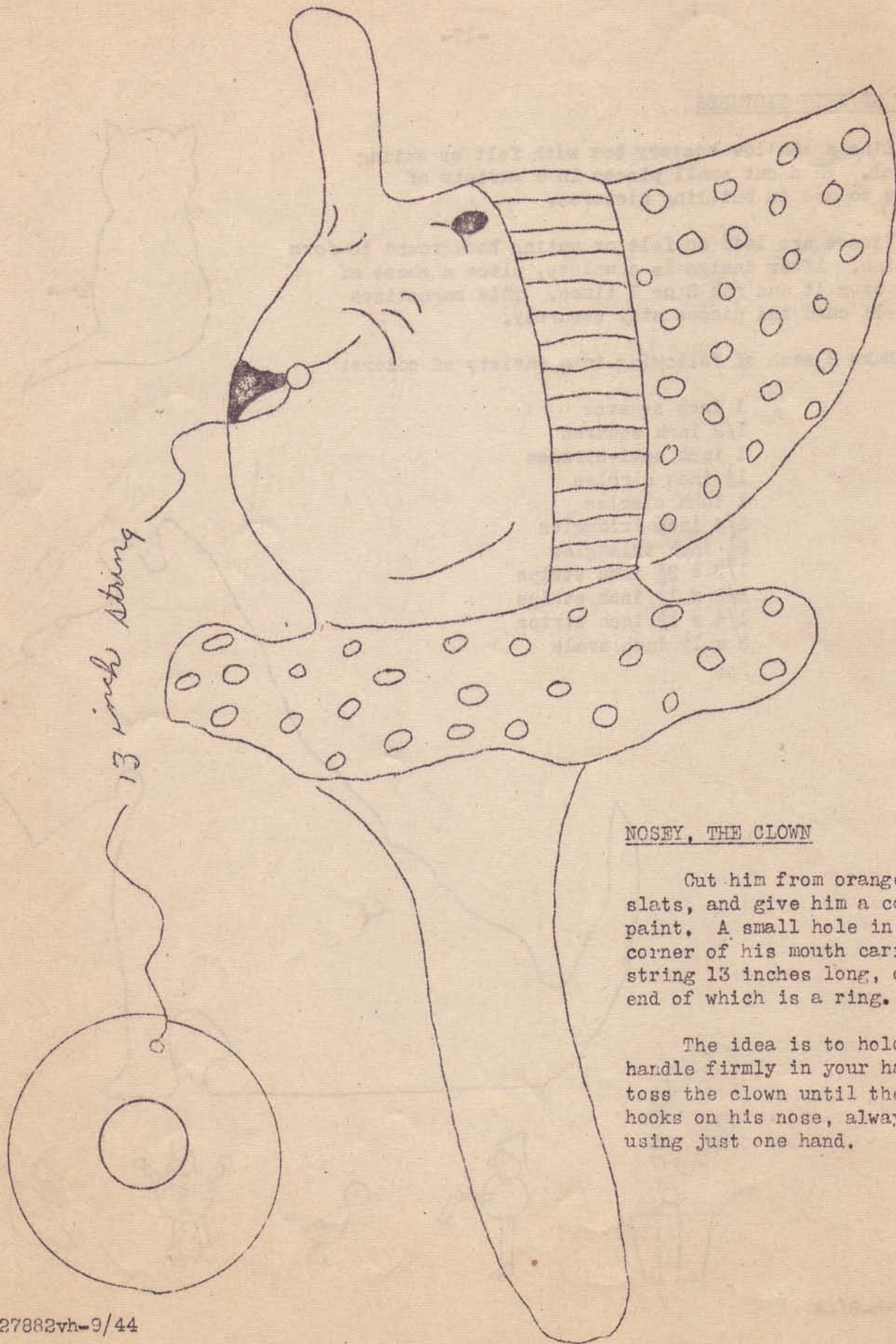
Line a shallow hosiery box with felt or outing flannel. Then cut small pieces in a variety of colors to use in building pictures.

Pieces are laid on felt or outing background to form a design. After design is complete, place a sheet of paper over it and rub 2 or 3 times. This magnetizes the felt card and pieces stay securely.

Make 2 each of following in a variety of colors:

- 1 inch squares
- $\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares
- 1 inch semi-circles
- $\frac{1}{2}$ inch circles
- 1 inch circles
- $\frac{3}{4}$ inch triangles
- $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch triangles
- $\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ inch strips
- $\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ inch strips
- $\frac{1}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ inch strips
- $2 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ inch ovals





NOSEY, THE CLOWN

Cut him from orange crate slats, and give him a coat of paint. A small hole in the corner of his mouth carries a string 13 inches long, on the end of which is a ring.

The idea is to hold the handle firmly in your hand and toss the clown until the ring hooks on his nose, always using just one hand.

HUMPTY DUMPTY

Stuffed Toys are fun for big folks to make and fun for little folks to play with. Here's a fellow to amuse both for a long time.

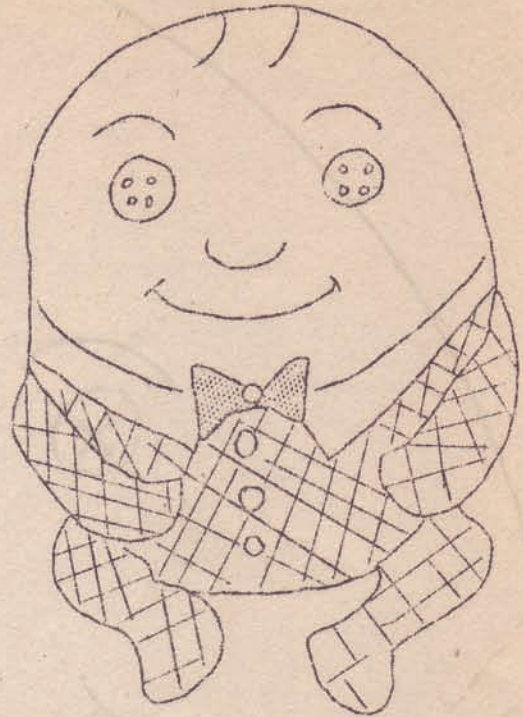
Material Required:

- Yellow for face
- Red and white check for body
- Blue for collar
- 3 Buttons for shirt about $\frac{3}{8}$ inch in diameter
- 2 Buttons for eyes $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in diameter and with 4 holes
- 1 skein each red, blue and black 6-strand floss

All patches should be embroidered and appliqued before sewing toy together.

Cut out patches for collar, etc. and sew to body with matching threads.

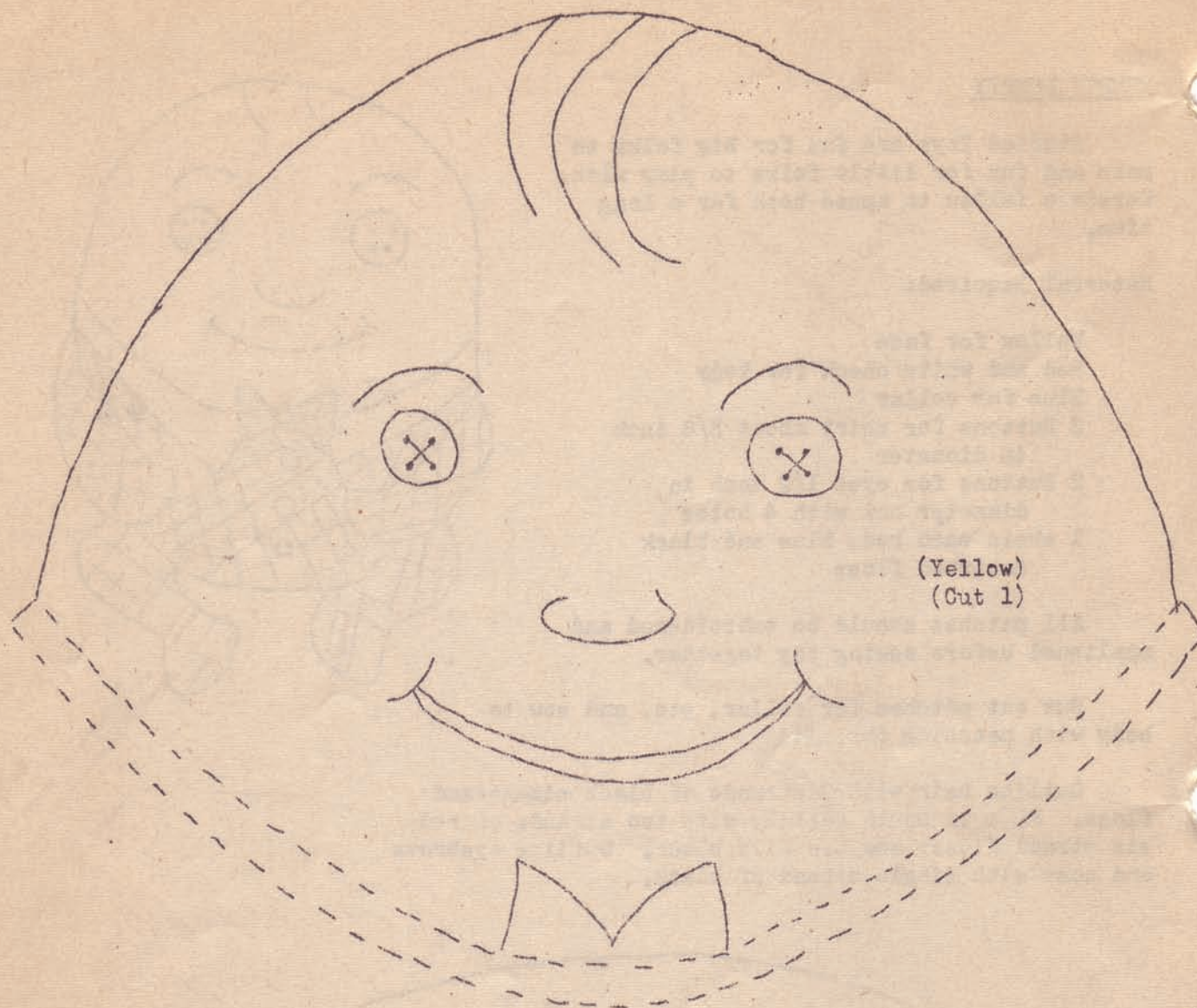
Outline hair with 2 strands of black six-strand floss. Fill in mouth solidly with two strands of red six-strand floss; and the with black. Outline eyebrows and nose with single strand of black.



ARM

(Cut 4 of
red and white check)

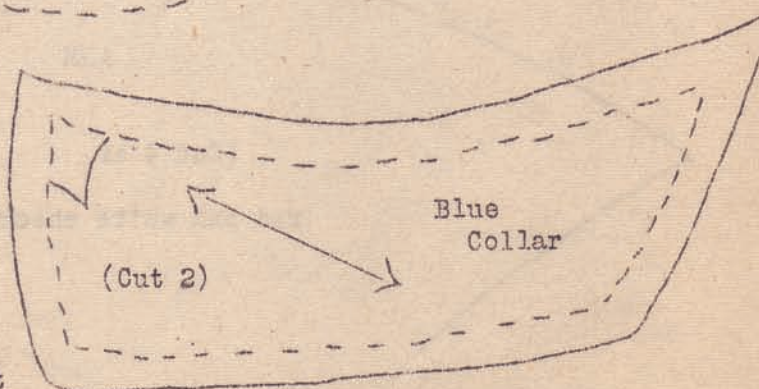
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For eyes, sew on buttons with blue, with cirsscross stitches; and smaller buttons below tie.

Sew all pieces together right sides facing. Take 1/4 inch seams.

Sew two pieces for back of body together along the lesser curved sides, leaving seam open about 4 inches along middle of back for stuffing. Now seam back and front together all around edges, being careful to include patches in seam.



Sew 2 pieces for arms together leaving open at top for stuffing and make legs in same manner.

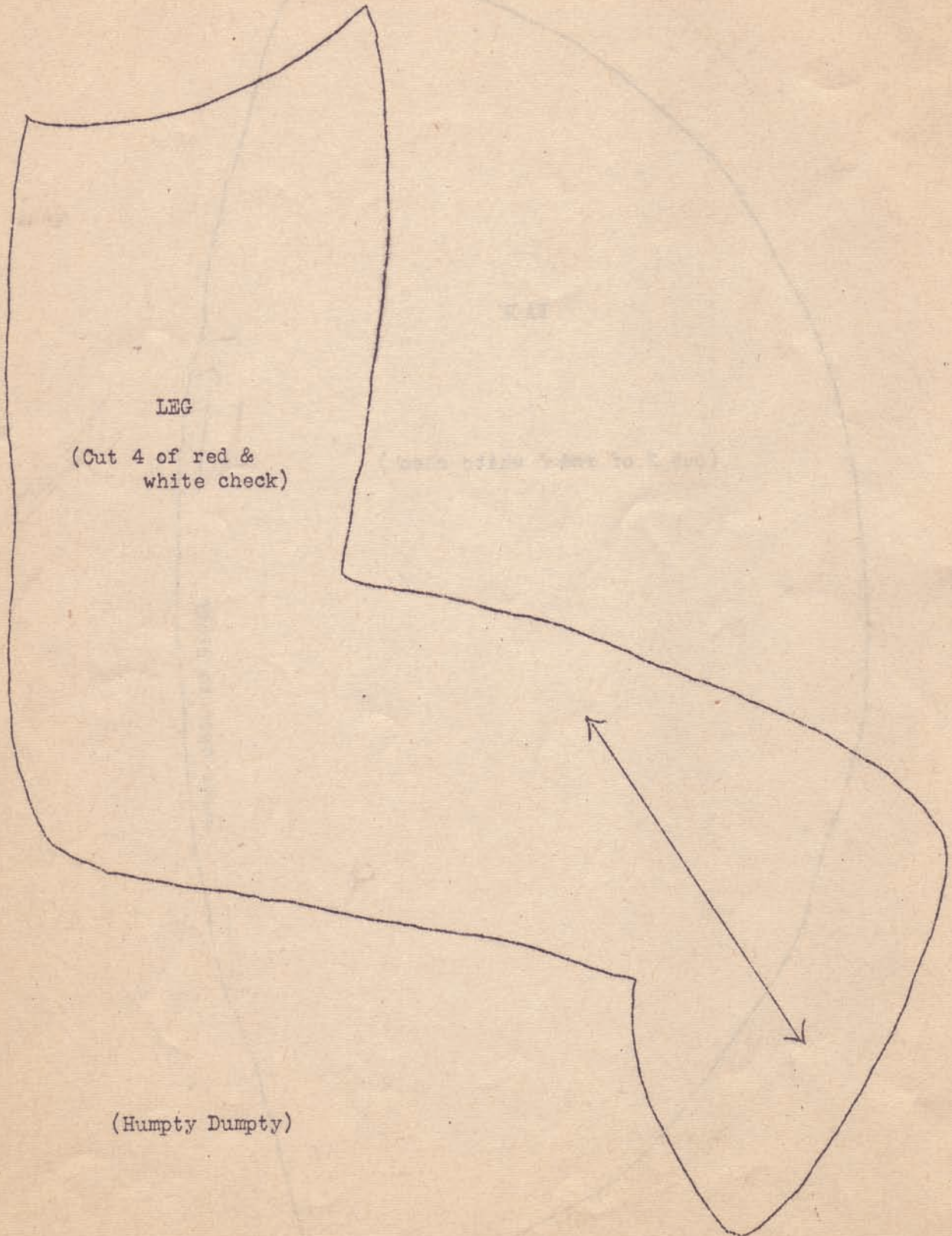
Stuff body, arms, and legs firmly. Turn in raw edges of back of body and stitch opening together. Close tops of arms and legs, overcasting. Attach arms firmly to body at seams directly under blue collar. Attach legs to body at bottom front.

BACK

(cut 2 of red & white check.)

Leave open to stuff

(Humpty Dumpty)



LEG

(Cut 4 of red &
white check)

(Humpty Dumpty)

FRONT

Cut 1 of red & white check

Apply yellow face on top



Pop Tail

Apply Blue Collar

Tie

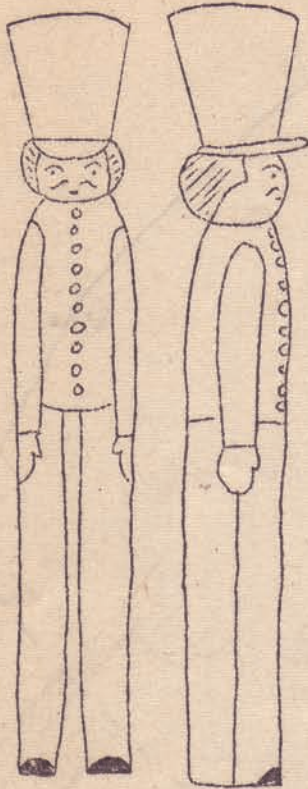
Attach arm

Attach arm

Attach leg

Attach leg

(Humpty Dumpty).



SOLDIER TOYS OR TREE ORNAMENTS

To make clothespin soldiers, cut or saw with a fine saw, a section evenly from the bottom of the clothespins so they will stand. If rough, smooth with sandpaper. Cut bill for hat from heavy paper, and glue to top of clothespin. Push a slender nail through center of a cork, which forms the hat, then nail to top of clothespin. Give two coats of ivory enamel, then paint hat, bill and coat red, leaving buttons white. The face, hair, shoes, and stripes on trousers are painted black.



Cap Pull

JINGLES FOR GIFT CARDS

An appropriate bit of verse on the card that accompanies a Christmas gift will add a touch of originality that will make even the simplest present even more valuable in the eye of the recipient.

Here are some jingles -- many of them adaptable to other gifts or easily changeable:

WITH A PURSE

I've written for a magic spell
And when the fairies send it,
This purse is going to be so full
Of gold you'll never spend it!

AN APRON

This apron brings you Christmas Wishes
To brighten up the chore of dishes.

A GUEST TOWEL

This little towel I send
And with it a Christmas Greeting
"A fond hello," it says,
"And I hope we'll soon be meeting."

CLOTHESPIN SOLDIER

Here is a small soldier named Lee
Who brings greetings to you from me.
He'll be fun for the girls and boys,
An addition to their toys,
Or can ornament your Christmas tree.

AN ACROSTIC

X is for Christmas, best day of the year
M is for Merriment, ringing so clear,
A is for All that is jolly and pleasant,
S is for Santa, who sends you this present.

WITH A HANDKERCHIEF

A very useful gift indeed
You doubtless will concede it,
And I send it with the wish
That you may never need it.

WITH A USEFUL GIFT

It's "not to be opened till Christmas,"
But after the gift has been found
Don't put it away as a keepsake,
But use it the whole year round.

WITH A HANDMADE GIFT

Every stitch that's plain to view
Marks my pleasant thoughts of you;
Every stitch you cannot see
Adds another -- all from me.

WITH A SURPRISE

Tell me what this package holds, --
Speak in half a minute
If you want the little gift
You should find within it.
(If you cannot guess it now,
You may have it anyhow!)

HENNY HOT PAD ON EGGS

Eggs for breakfast Christmas Day,
Henny Hot pad come to say
MERRY CHRISTMAS



GIFT FOLDER

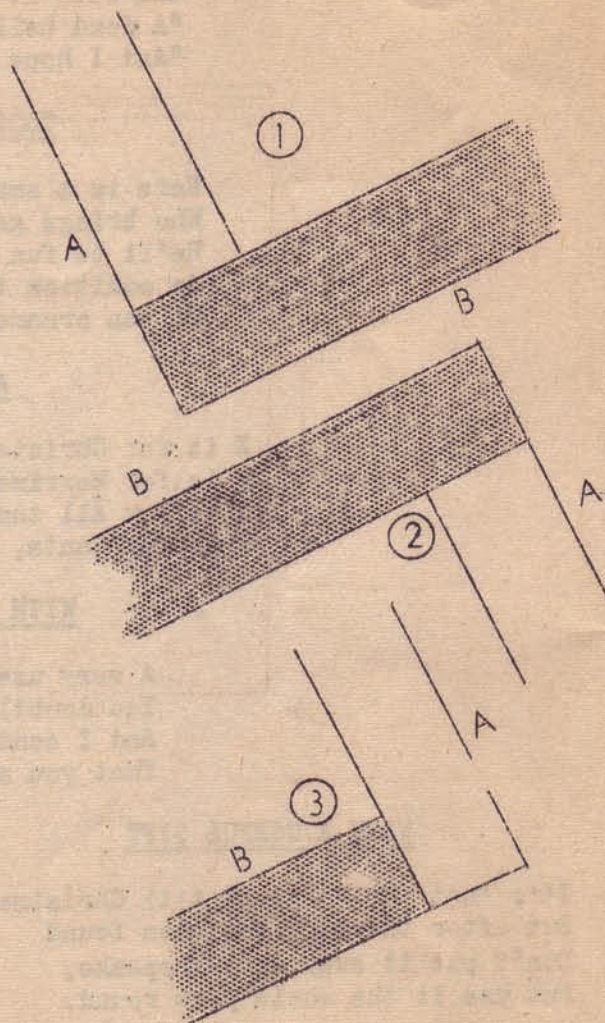
For a dainty folder in which to tuck a Christmas hankie,
use a strip of colored construction paper $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches long and
 $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches wide. Turn up one end about 2 inches and punch at
cut-edge corners. Tie with 3-inch pieces of ribbon and
apply a gay sticker, with the top half above the edge and
free.

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TREE ORNAMENTS

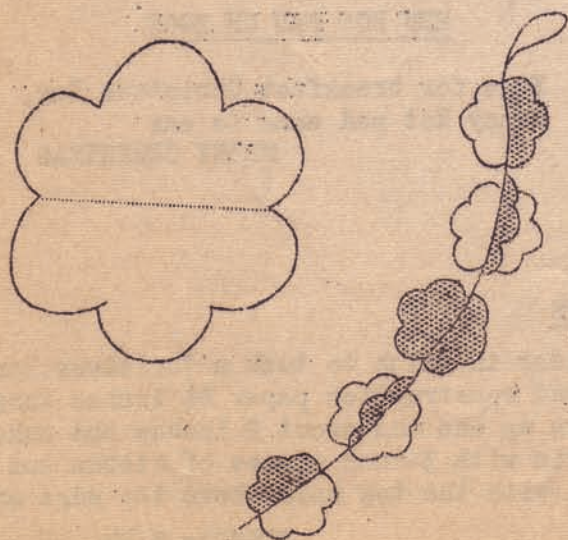
ACCORDIAN CHAIN

This is made from two strips of paper of the same or different colors. These are attractive made in many widths, from 1/2 inch to several inches. Cut two strips the same width. Glue ends together at right angles. (Fig. 1). Now fold B over A (Fig. 2) and crease. Next fold A over B (Fig. 3), then B over A, and continue to desired length.



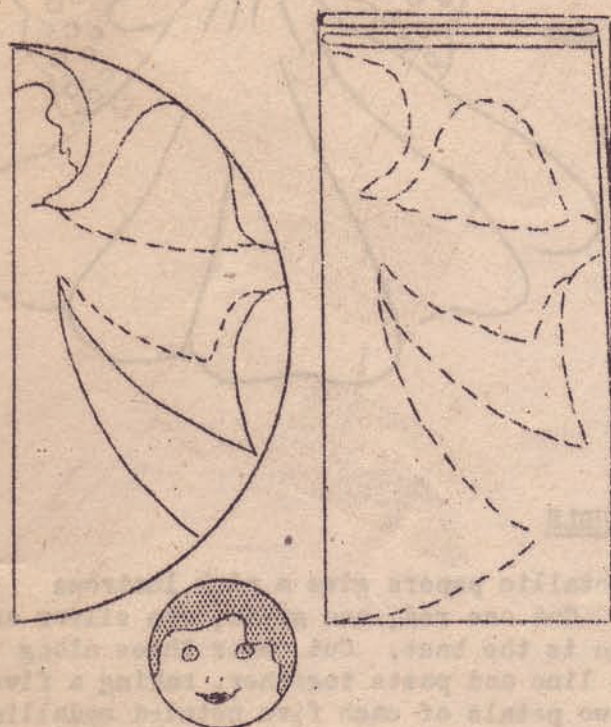
LINK CHAIN

Paste strips of figured paper into rings, and join them with rings of plain paper.



GARLAND

Make a pattern from motif to left. Cut out an even number of three different colors (metallic papers are beautiful). Bend each slightly on dotted line. Take one of each of the three colors. Paste 3 petals of one to 3 petals of the second; then 3 petals of one to 3 petals of third. Before pasting remaining petals of the second to remaining petals of third, place a string inside, along the bend. Cut string as long as you want the garland to be. It requires 24 flowers for one yard of garland.



ANGEL CHAIN

To make the pattern draw a circle (use a compass or draw around a cup or glass). In this circle sketch in outline of an angel. Cut out and use one half for the pattern. Pleat a piece of paper, each pleat the width of the pattern. Draw around pattern and cut out. The angels are holding hands so be sure not to cut them apart at this point. The dresses can be painted or made by applying another piece of paper. Add touches of color for face and hair. Paste a sticker star on the forehead of each angel.



STAR CHAIN

Draw a circle (about $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter is a good size). Do not worry if you cannot draw a symmetrical star. All irregularities disappear when chain is completed and hanging on tree. Use whole star for the pattern. Place on pleated paper slightly narrower than the pattern to make sure of joining the stars at one point on each side.



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CELLOPHANE ANGEL TREE ORNAMENT

Use an 8 inch square of colorless cellophane. Fold diagonally twice. Round corners. Fill center with cotton and wrap wire around below ball closely to make head and throat. Fold a 5 inch lace paper doily, then cut in half. Pierce corners with wire and fasten securely at back of neck, leaving a length of wire to form hanger. Sketch face with inch. Curls of hair may be added by gluing kinked embroidery floss around face. Halo also can be made of floss wrapped around wire.

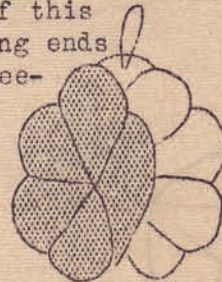
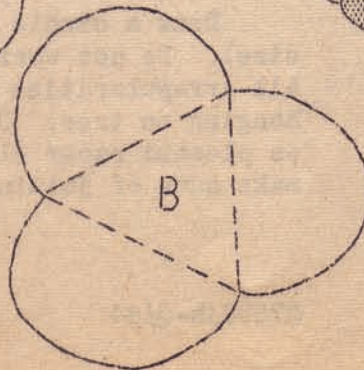
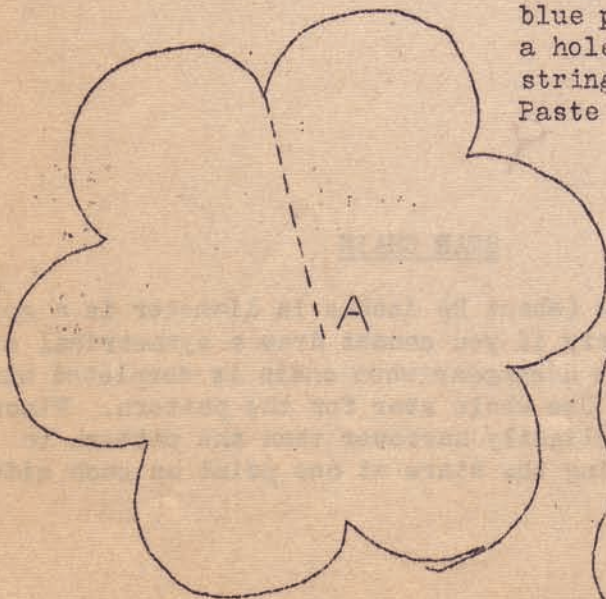


TREE BAUBLE

Cut patterns from diagrams A and B. Metallic papers give a rich lustrous effect, but construction papers will serve. Cut one red, one green, one silver and one blue medallion from Pattern A. The blue is the base. Cut other three along dotted line. Overlap petals adjoining this line and paste together, making a five-petaled medallion of each cut out. Paste two petals of each five petaled medallion to two petals of the blue or base medallion. Paste the side petals of each five

petaled medallion to the adjacent petal, leaving top petal of each medallion free. Using Pattern B cut one three-sided medallion from blue paper. Bend slightly along dotted lines. Punch a hole in the center of this string through, knotting ends and run a looped string through, knotting ends on underside. Paste one petal of three-medallion to of the five-medallions.

free petals
petaled



STAR SANTA TREE ORNAMENT

Cut a 9 inch five-pointed star for body. Bend tabs of face over top point and paste tabs on back. Paste rest of head pieces on in this order: under beard, upper beard, mustache, mouth (2 red dots), eyes (2 blue 1/4 inch circles), hat band and cap tassel (white 1/2 inch circle).

Paste cuff tabs to back of two points that are arms, slip in mittens and paste. Cluster holly leaves and paste to one mitten. Add 3 tiny red circles for berries.

Cut black belt 1/2 inch wide and paste around middle. Paste buckle.

For hanger, attach red string or ribbon loop to back. Santa can be re-inforced by gluing another star cut out of same size to back.



White hat band



Silver buckle

White upper beard

White face

Cut 3 green leaves

White mustache

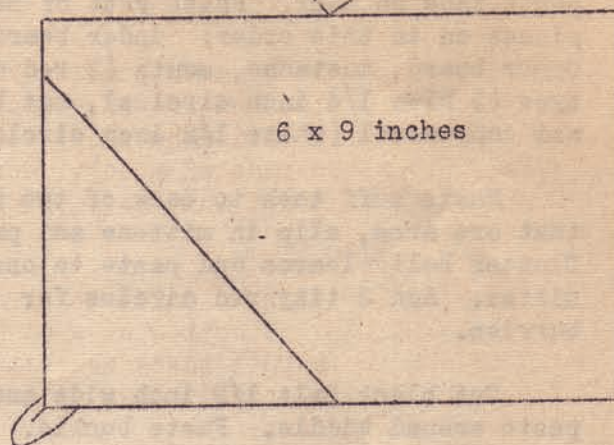
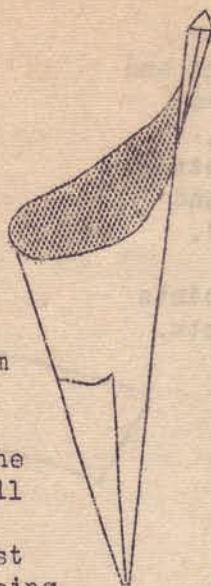
White under beard

Cut 2 white mittens

Cut 2 white cuffs

CORNUCOPIA

Cut a rectangle approximately 6 x 9 inches. On one corner glue a piece of ribbon or tape for a loop hanger. Across this corner paste a triangle of paper, possibly a different color from cornucopia, for the lining. Crease a dot on opposite side in the center. The point of the cornucopia comes here. Now roll paper so that lining comes on inside and pointed end is almost closed. Glue down the overlapping edge. A lace paper doily makes a pretty lining.



CHRISTMAS TREE SNOWFLAKES

Very realistic is this new snow in fluffy glittering white drifts on the boughs of your Christmas tree, but the flakes come not from the skies but from a box, - a box of fine soap flakes. Here is the recipe:

12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce package of fine soap flakes
2 scant cups lukewarm water

Empty box of flakes into dishpan or large bowl. Add lukewarm water and mix up with an egg beater to the consistency of whipped cream.

To apply snow: Take handfuls of mixture and spread with your fingers along the branches of Christmas tree.

For a more glittering effect, while drifts are still moist, sprinkle tree with shiny artificial snow.

SPOOL ANGEL



Paint and glue together two spools. Glue on a large wooden bead or a button mold for a head. Paint on face and hair. Glue on a book cut from paper. Cut wings of one piece and glue to spool at back.

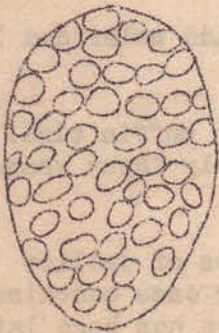
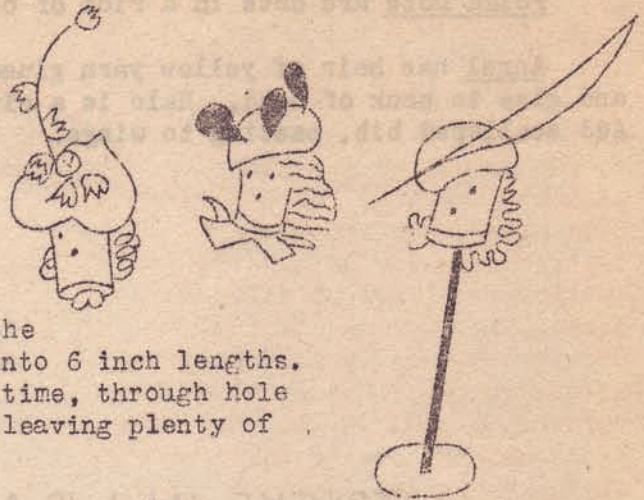
MAD HAT BELLES

These mad hat ornaments add mirth to any tree - and when mounted on a wooden skewer and button mold make zippy table favors. They are made of spools, scraps of yarn, and this and that as your fancy guides you.

The first thing to do is to arrange the hair. Cut 4 yds. of cotton or wool yarn into 6 inch lengths. With crochet hook pull these several at a time, through hole of spool. Smooth strands down on outside leaving plenty of clear space for face.

With sewing thread tie strands together about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from ends. Then loop yarn under and bring thread up and tie securely around yarn. Yarn will spread to look like a long bob. Dab a bit of glue on a spool under hair to hold it in place.

Sketch face, and design hats from scraps of wool, silk, felt, feathers, beads, etc. etc.



EGG SHELL BAUBLES

Punch holes in both ends of egg and blow out contents.

For Santa, paint on face or use colored dots to form eyes, nose and mouth. A bit of cotton is shaped for hair, beard and mustache and applied to shell with paste or glue. Cap is $\frac{2}{3}$ of circle rolled and glued in cone. Paste on cotton hair. Run fine wire through egg for hanger.

Polka Dots are dots in a riot of colors, glued close together.

Angel has hair of yellow yarn glued to shell. Cut the two wings in one piece and glue to back of head. Halo is a circle of yellow paper, glued to back of head. Add scalloped bib, pasting to wings.

TRICKS IN WRAPPING FOOD GIFTS

Whether the gift be large or small, their varied wrappings can increase interest and attractiveness.

It's smart to give food gifts, particularly if these most welcome remembrances are attractively dressed up in decorative wrappings that display their goodness.

Save containers from cereals, waxpaper, tea bags, margarine, butter, etc. Bake cookies to fit round boxes.

Use paper napkins, kitchen shelf paper, and paper doilies to add color and lacey effects.

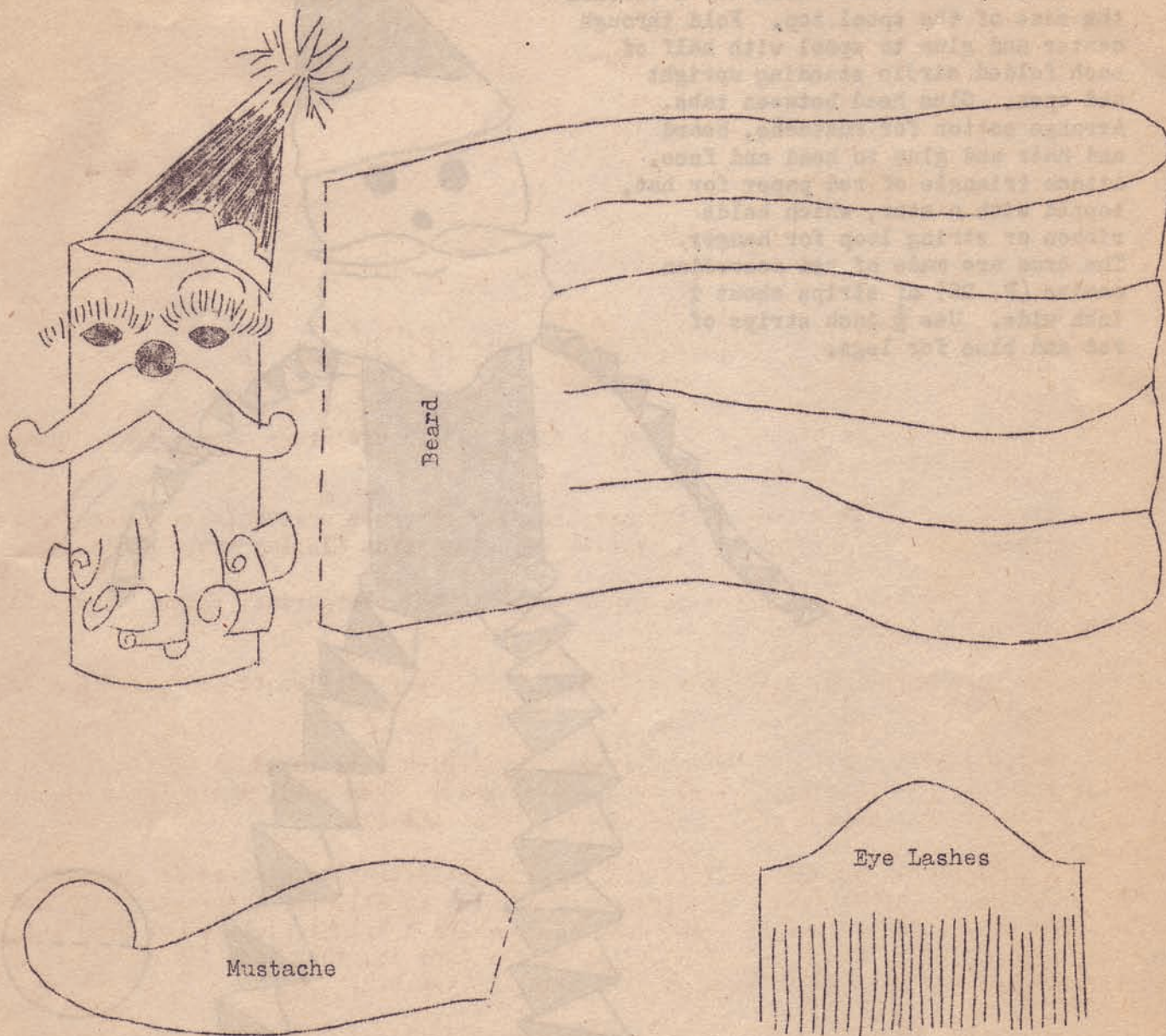
Paper baking cups hold wrapped fruit cakes which were baked in muffin tins. Or bake the cakes in half pint round icecream cartons. When cold, apply fancy wrapping paper to box and paste a gaily colored picture on the lid.

A delightful homemade gift is six small matched-in-size glasses of jellies or preserves. The glasses themselves cost nothing at all, for they once contained a commercial cheese. Capped with paraffin on which a bright picture has been laid, with another very thin layer of paraffin poured over it, they look like a set of frosty pictures when set down in a shimmering silver box.

There are many other containers that may be utilized. Oven-proof dishes might be used very nicely to hold fruit butters, pickles, or relishes. Decorated stone jars, tall refrigerator bottles, custard cups and icebox dishes are but a few containers that lend themselves well to gift foods. Why not use some of those odds and ends of fancy dishes you never use as container for candies, cookies, nuts, shelled popcorn, cottage cheese, etc., etc.?

For gift ties try bright rug yarns tipped with tassels or pompoms instead of ribbons. Drinking straws made of shining cellulose films can be grouped and tied securely in center for a pompom top on a box or bottle.

A bottle of salad dressing or cream can be topped with a Sassy Kriss Kringle.



SASSY KRISS KRINGLE

Use any round box or bottle. Pattern is for a small oat meal box. Adjust pattern to suit size of box or bottle being used. White writing paper makes the beard mustache and lashes. Cut two lashes, one the reverse of the other. The hat is one-third of a circle, $5\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter, of red construction paper.

JUMPING JACK SANTA

Color spool red. On stiff white paper make an oval about $1\frac{1}{2}$ " by $1\frac{1}{4}$ ". Sketch face, or use dots for eyes, nose and mouth (leave off beard). To attach head cut 2 circles the size of the spool top. Fold through center and glue to spool with half of each folded circle standing upright and open. Glue head between tabs. Arrange cotton for mustache, beard and hair and glue to head and face. Attach triangle of red paper for hat, topped with a star, which holds ribbon or string loop for hanger. The arms are made of red accordion chains (P. 26) of strips about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch wide. Use $\frac{1}{2}$ inch strips of red and blue for legs.

