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### TABLE FAVORS AND PLACE CARDS

Favors and place cards are as entertaining to make as they are to use on the table. They add interest and individuality to the occasion, and may be the means of expressing a color scheme or theme for the dinner or party. Table decorations need not be costly to be effective. This circular offers suggestions, and provides patterns for the making of attractive, yet simple favors and place cards for a variety of occasions.

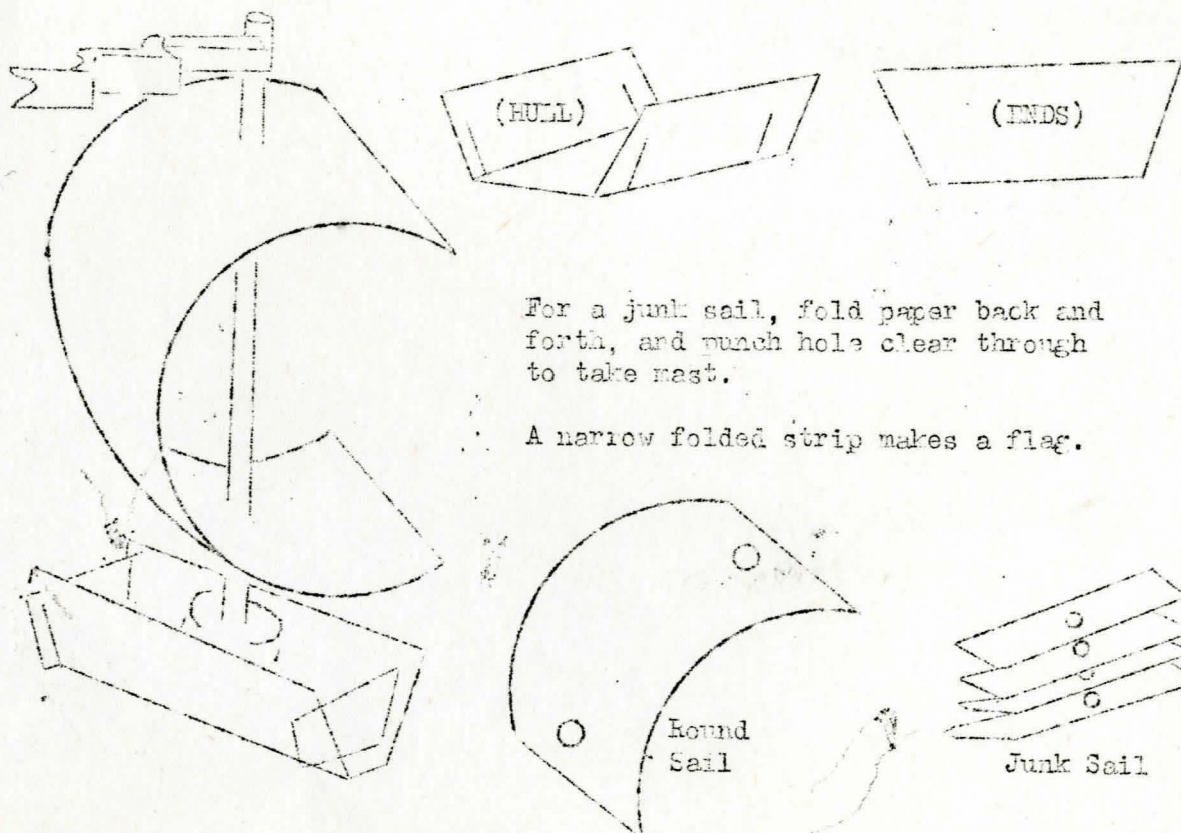
### S H I P S

Let us go a-sailing! Many types of ships may be simply constructed in this manner.

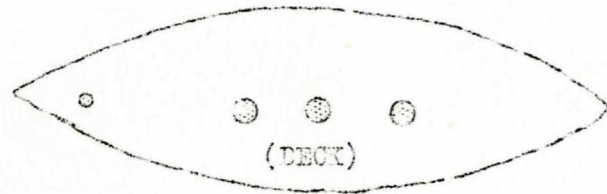
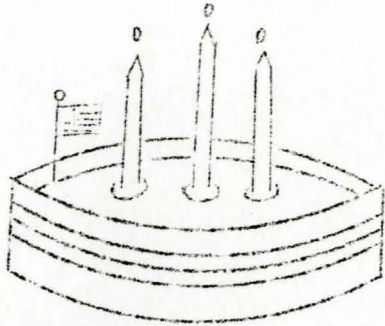
For the hull of the ship, cut a piece of construction paper  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches by  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches, and fold as in diagram. Cut slits as indicated, and insert ends. Glue in a piece of cork to brace mast.

Sails can be varied for different effects. Envelope linings or decorated gift wrapping papers make colorful sails.

For a full round sail, cut a straight piece of paper  $2\frac{3}{4}$  inches by  $3\frac{3}{4}$  inches and curl over a sharp edge. Punch at top and bottom and run a small dow (wooden meat skewer serves well) 4 inches long through sail and brace in cork.



# STEAMBOAT

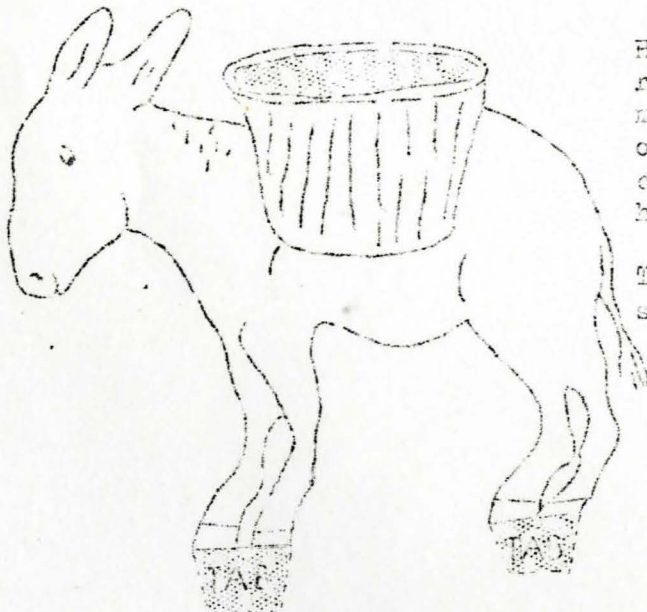


Perhaps you'd prefer to go journeying in this red, white and blue steamer.

Out deck of stiff white paper, punch three holes for birthday candle smoke stacks. Place small flag on pin mast. Make body of boat from a strip of stiff white paper  $7\frac{1}{4}$  inches by  $7\frac{7}{8}$  inch, bent to fit deck, gluing overlap at the end of the boat. Red, white and blue striping may be made with colored pencils or water-colors.

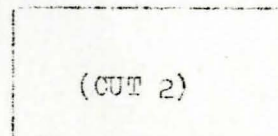
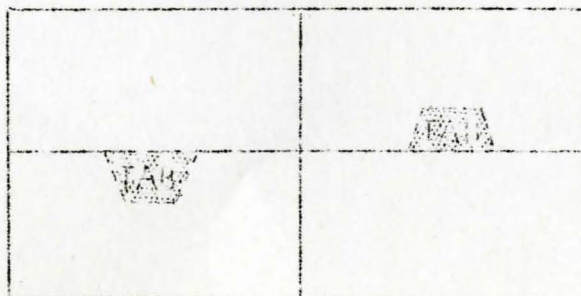
A large boat made over this same pattern and using dinner size candles, makes a matching centerpiece.

## A QUAINTE MEXICAN BURRO



Here's a faithful little burro, ready to carry your after-dinner mints or nuts in his basket made of a  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch nut cup, slit vertically to the rim and slipped onto his back.

To make a base on which the burro stands, cut three cardboard pieces, as shown in diagram below. Carefully bend tab on forefeet of burro forward, and tab on hind feet backward. Glue burro's feet in place on larger cardboard piece. Cover tabs with the smaller pieces.



Burro may be colored gray or tan, and base brown; and bright colored nut cup may be used for basket.

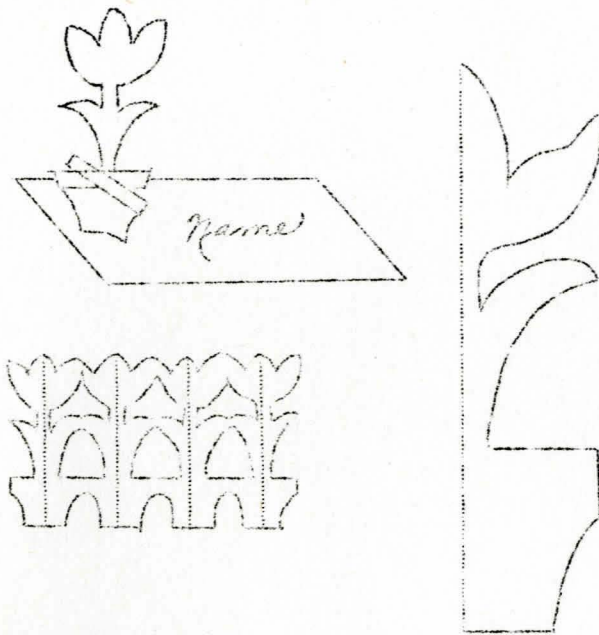


# PAPER POTTED POSY

This potted posy favor is made much as we used to make strings of paper dolls from folds of paper strips.

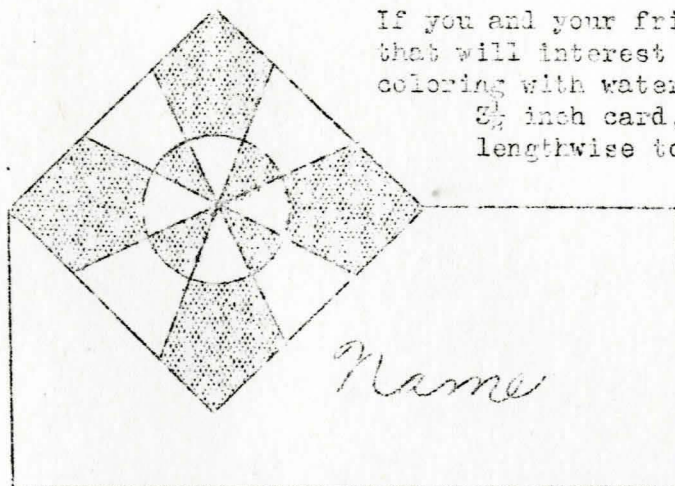
Use a strip of heavy drawing paper, fold back and forth to make eight equal sections. In the diagram, dotted lines indicate middle folds. Alternate folds come between units. Lay straight edge of pattern against middle fold and cut around it. Open out strip, lay flat and tint with water colors or crayons. Coat back with glue and fold together again so that adjoining sides--and the two open ends--stick together, making a four-section potted plant with a fold through the middle of each side.

Glue completed favor to a place card, if desired.



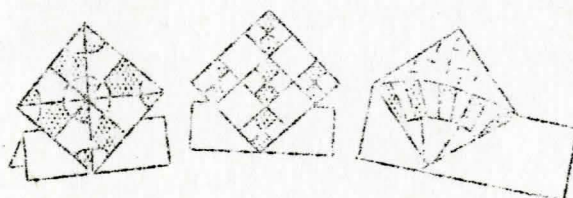
# QUILT BLOCKS

If you and your friends are quilt-fans, here is a suggestion that will interest you. Blocks are made of quilt designs, coloring with water-colors or crayons, and glued to a 3 by 3 inch card, which has been folded through the center lengthwise to form an easel.

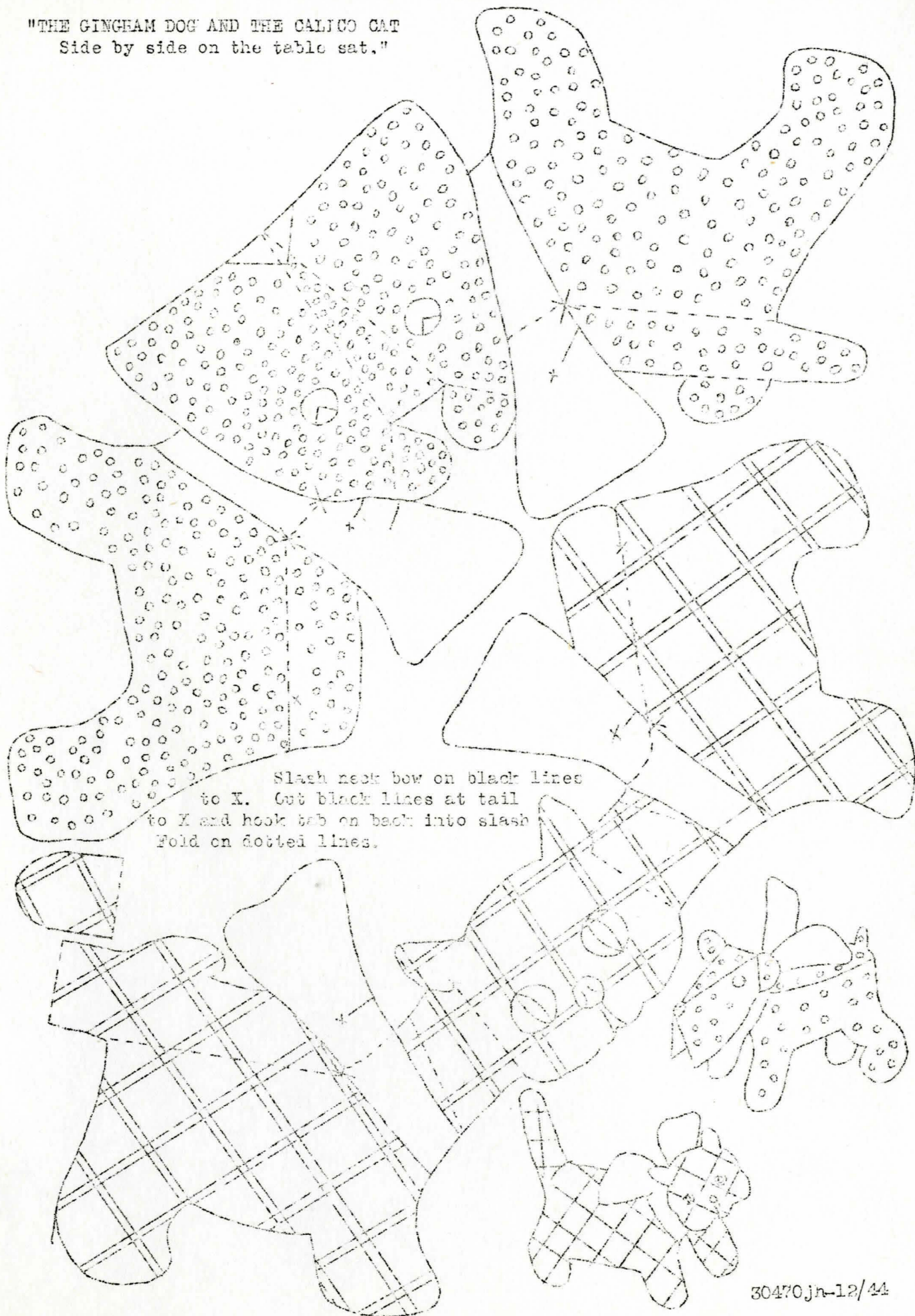


The names may be omitted if the ingenious hostess finds out in advance the favorite quilt design of each guest. The guests are then expected to find their places by the blocks which "belonged" to them.

Should an announcement luncheon be in order, ribbon streamers might lead from the cards to the centerpiece, which could appropriately be a work-basket spilling patches of gay prints and plain colors. A quick pull of the streamers should produce attached cards bearing the names of the engaged couple.

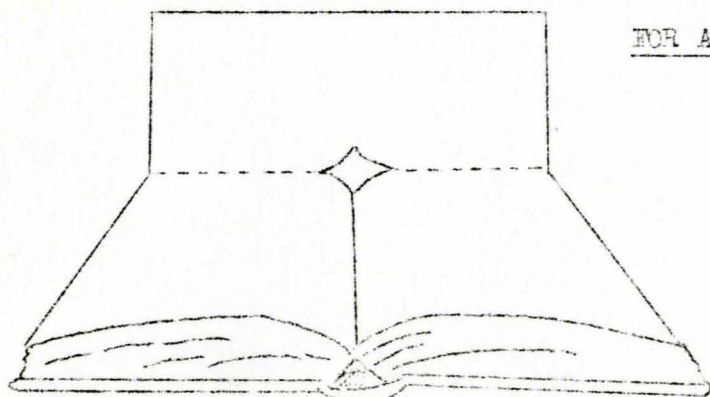


"THE GINGHAM DOG AND THE CALICO CAT"  
Side by side on the table sat."



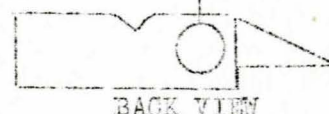
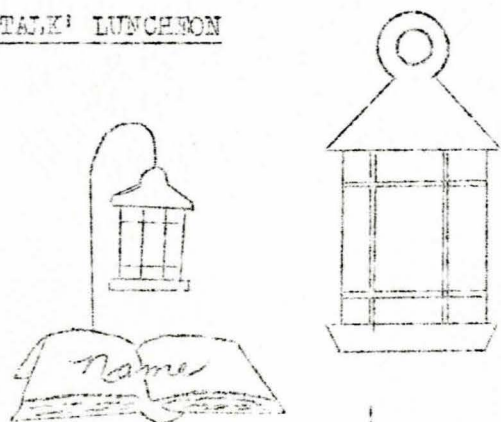


# FOR A 'BOOK TALK' LUNCHEON



Cut the book from stiff paper. Color edges of pages and cover. Bend on dotted line for easel.

Color lantern on both sides or cut from double thickness of gift wrapping paper, and put in black frame with ink. Seal a 4 inch wire standard on back of easel with thin white paper, and bend to hang lantern.



BACK VIEW

## BUTTERFLIES

This butterfly will rest lightly on the top of a  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch circular nutcup, being held in place by a bit of glue across the tail at 'A' in Fig. 1, and applied to the edge of the cup. This forms a hinged lid that tips open with a touch of the finger on the tail.

Made in pastel shades of crepe paper or cellophane these butterflies are also clever table favors when a small bottle of perfume is covered and used for the body.

Cut the wings from crepe paper or cellophane as in pattern, and gather along center (indicated by dotted line) over a knitting needle or similar edge. Fasten with a piece of thread or spool wire.

For body double an 8 inch wire which has been wrapped with  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch strip of black paper (Fig. 2). Then wrap the two wires together with the strip or paper, winding back and forth to shape, and bending feelers as in Fig. 3.

If you prefer, the sizes may be changed by cutting down pattern evenly on all sides and shortening wire for body.

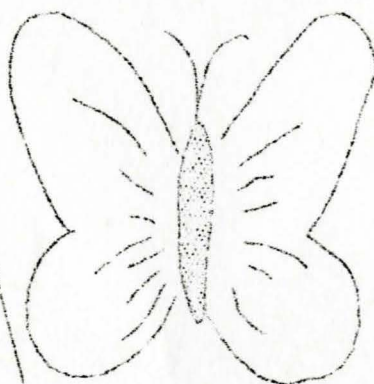


Fig. 1



Fig. 3

(Fasten completed by dotted line) over a knitting body to wings with needle or similar edge. Fasten glue)



Fig. 2

(PATTERN FOR WINGS)

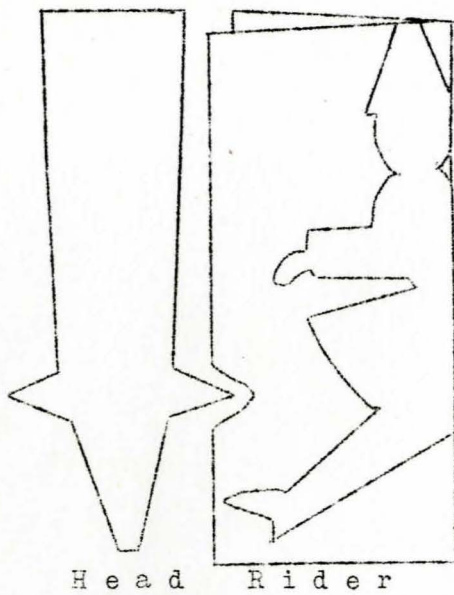


Fig. 1 is made of four flat pieces of paper. The horse's body is a three-inch circle, folded and slit to permit insertion of head, rider and tail.

Fold

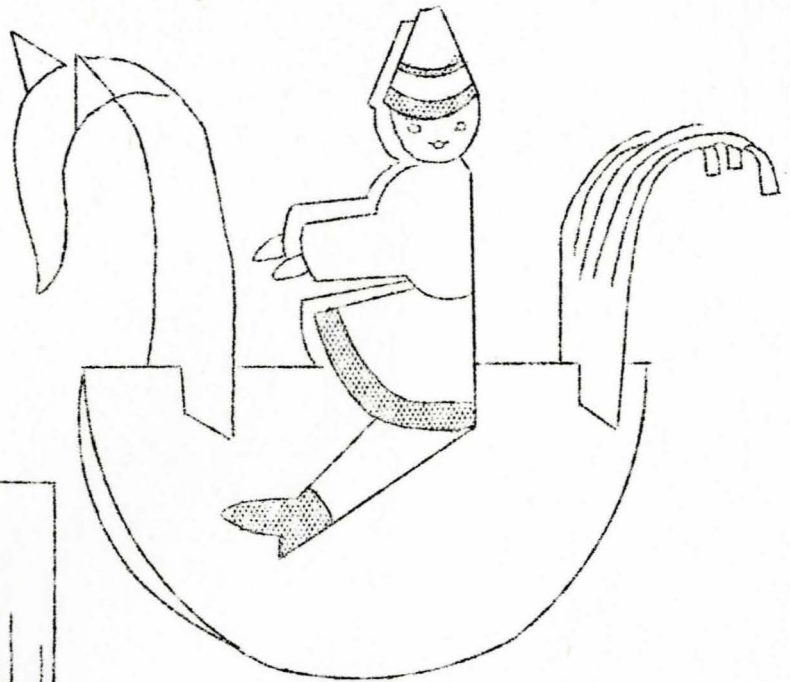


Figure 1.

Cut rider with straight edge of back on fold. Color features with water-colors or crayon.

# "HOBBIES TO RIDE"

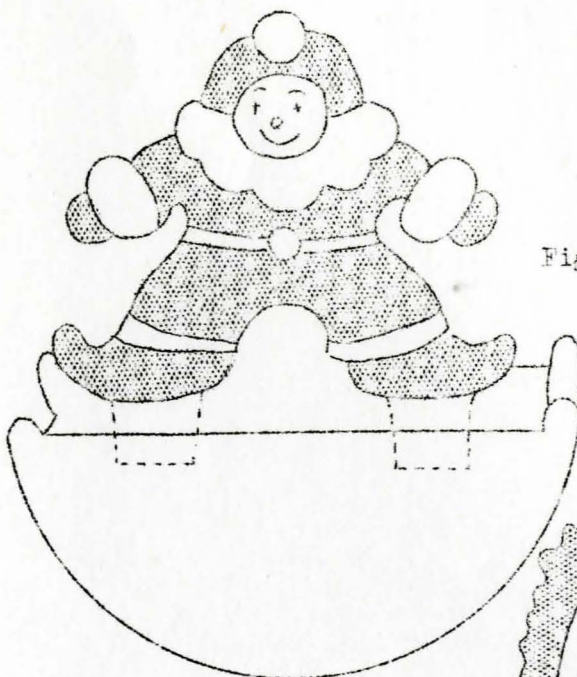


Figure 2.

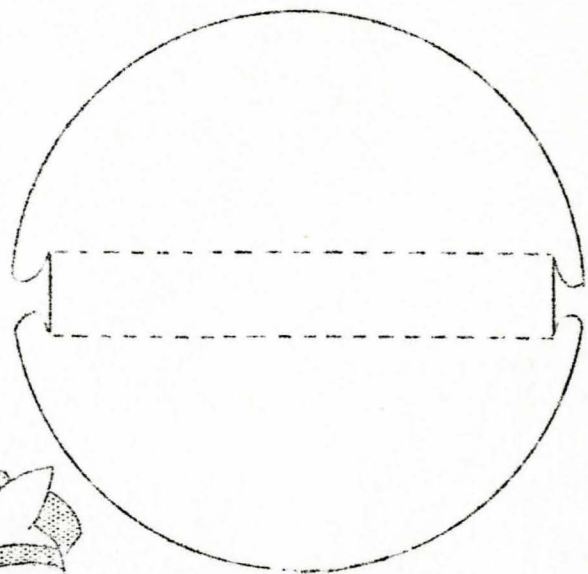
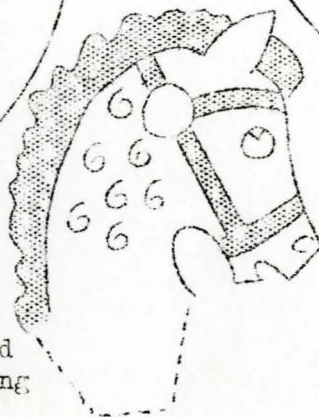
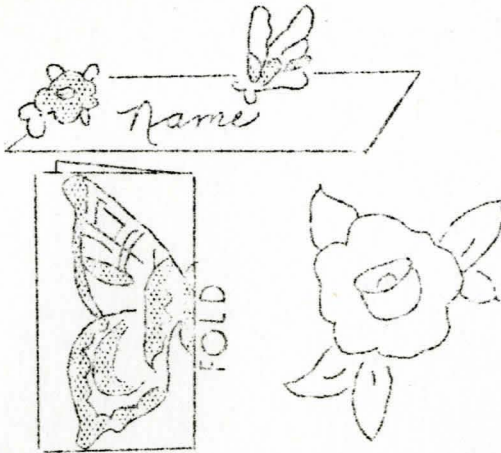


Fig. 2 is a circle cut and folded on dotted lines, as in diagram. An assortment of riders can be made, each fastened in place on the rocker by slipping tabs through slits.





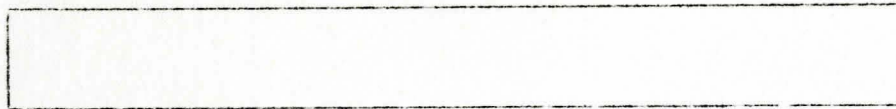
## BUTTERFLIES AND ROSES



A brightly colored butterfly has alighted daintily on this placecard, on which is a tinted rose. Place flower decoration in upper left hand corner so that petals extend beyond edge of card. Tint to suit color scheme. Cut the butterfly from a folded paper and color; or cut from a piece of gift wrapping paper, using two pieces so that butterfly will be colored on both sides.

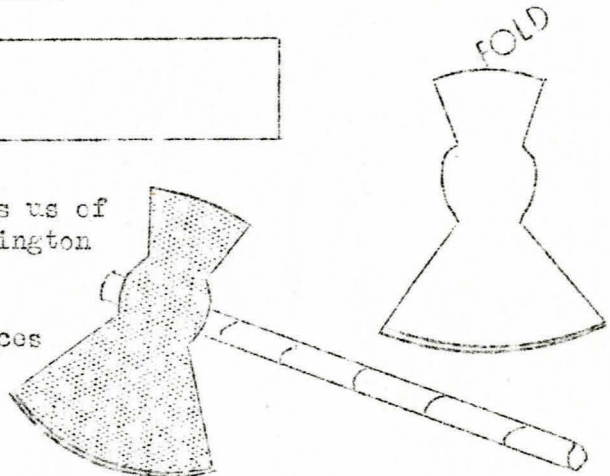
Glue finished butterfly in place on folded edge, with wings standing upright. Add feelers with ink by sketching onto card.

## "GEORGE LITTLE HATCHET"



The 22nd of February always reminds us of the tale that is told about George Washington and his little hatchet.

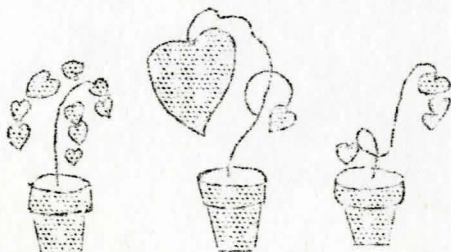
This one is easily made of two pieces of drawing paper. Cut handle of bright red paper and roll tightly in fingers. Push rolled paper apart carefully to form 'telescoped' handle and glue ends to hold in place.



Cut axe double on folded grey or blue paper. Insert handle between the two sides of the axe and glue in place.

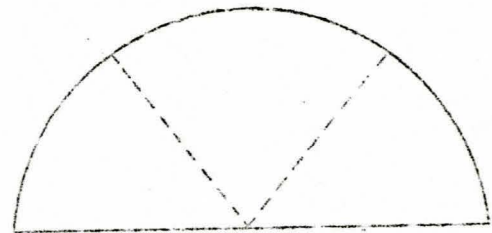
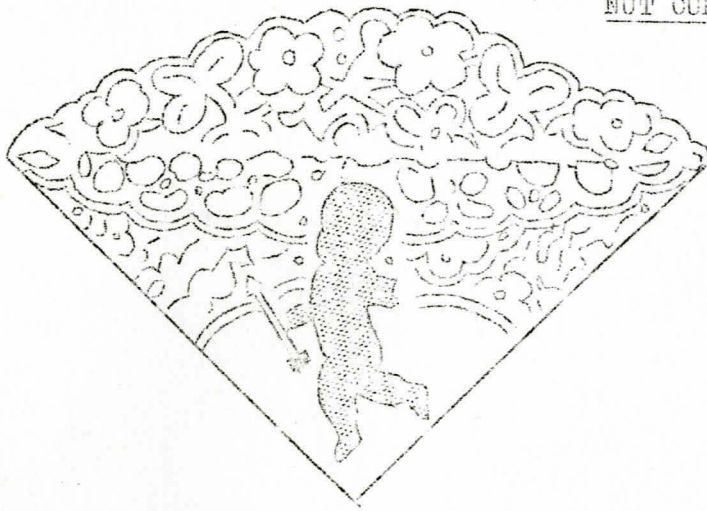
## FLOWERING HEARTS

These little heart plants are made of pipestem cleaners and red paper, planted in a tiny flower pot. If wee flowerpots are not available they may be cut from large corks and stained.

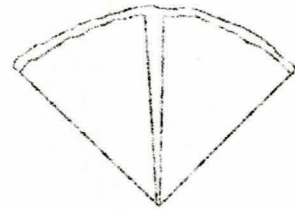




PAPER DOILY FAVOR AND  
NUT CUP



F o l d



Seal

This simple favor and nutcup is made of a folded eight-inch paper lace doily trimmed with a decorative sticker.

First, fold doily through center. Then bring folded edge to center of back, and crease. Place a seal over edges to hold in place.

On the front, turn first layer of rounded edge down and apply decorative seal.

This forms a pocket in which nuts or mints may be placed. For a valentine affair, red doilies with gold cupids are appropriate; or for a bride's party, use white doilies and a silver bell or bridal seal.

STANDING DOLLS

This paper miss will don any costume you may desire to fit the occasion. Trace the heavy lines and then plan the costume, color, cut out, bend back and paste.

The dresses may be cut out of envelope linings or gift wrapping papers; and heads may be cut from magazine pictures.





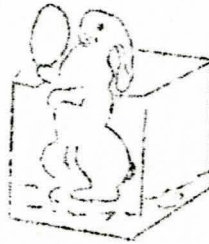


# E A S T E R      R A B B I T

This rabbit can be adapted to a variety of uses, as shown by drawings.



Whitcup



For the napkin ring, cut paper strip  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " by  $6\frac{1}{2}$ ".

For dessert decoration, add a tab to feet and insert in the dessert.

For a place card, place easel at back so that figure will stand.



Napkin Ring

Dessert Decoration



Tab

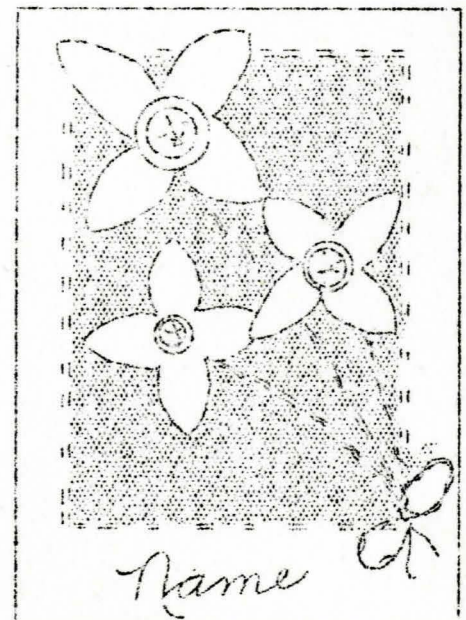
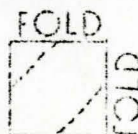
## BUTTON FLOWERS

The button box supplies the centers for these flowers. The petals are cut from square folded paper. The stems and borders are colored thread or yarn sewed through the card and tied in one corner as a bow.

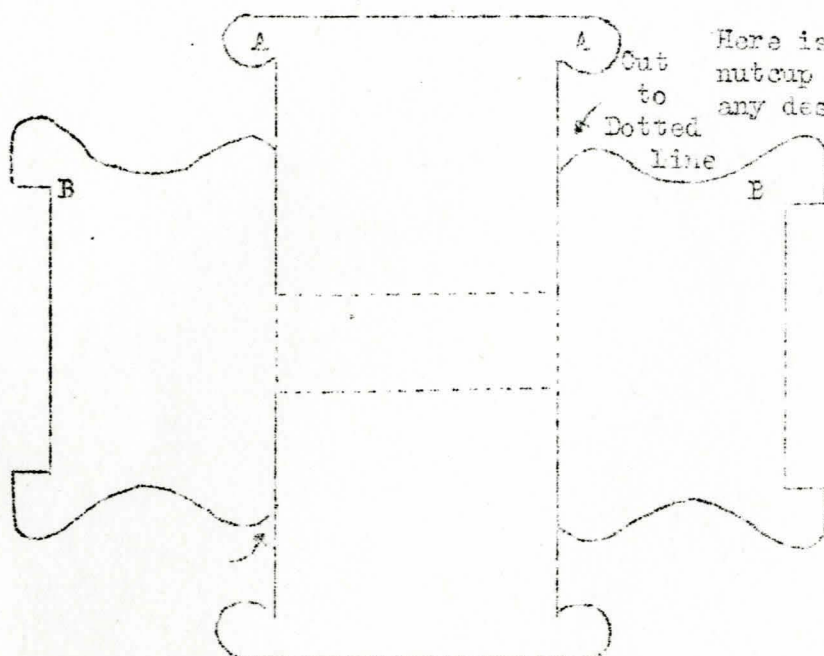
Fold square twice



Cut on dotted lines.



# NUT CUP PATTERN

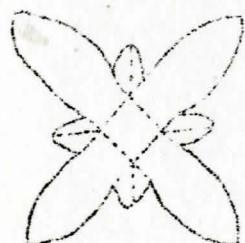
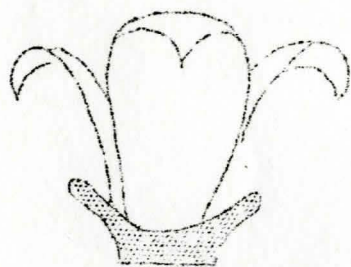


Here is a foundation pattern for a nutcup which can be decorated with any desired motif.

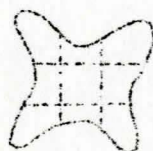
The cup is cut from stiff paper and folded on the dotted lines. Hook Tab A over B.

If one is not gifted in designing and coloring, decorative seals may be applied for trim--hearts for Valentine's Day, silver bells for the bride or New Year's Day, Christmas seals, birthday seals, and so on.

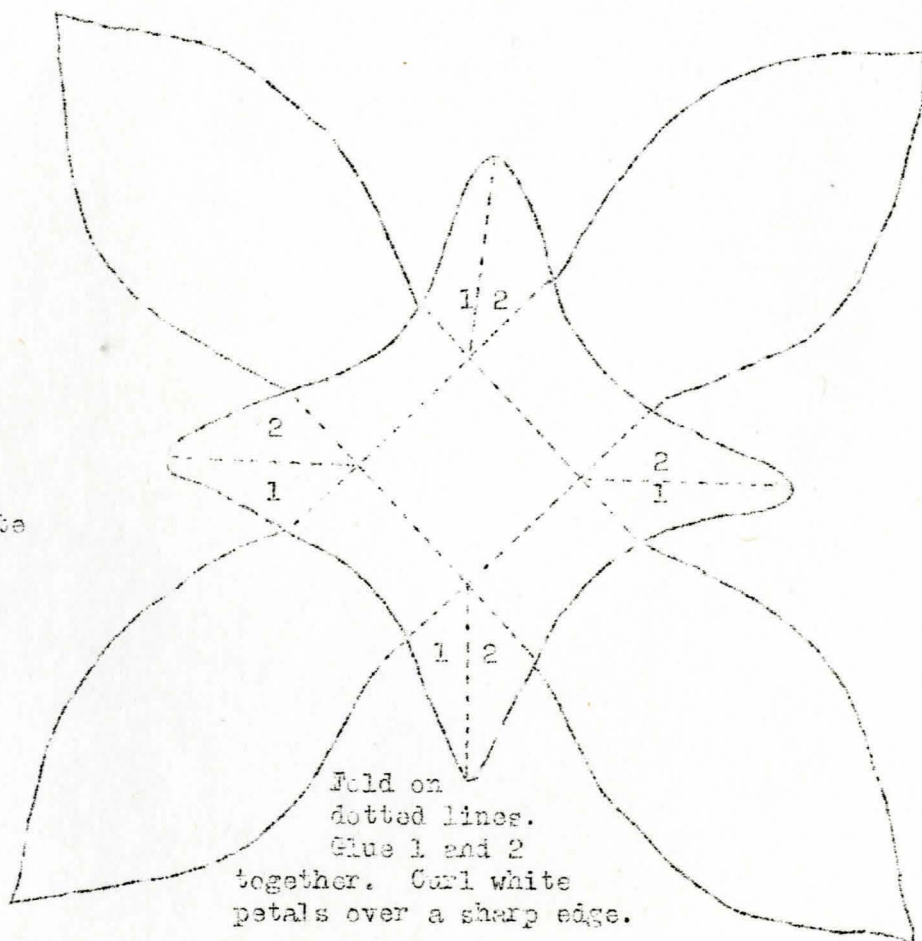
## EASTER LILY Nut Cup



White



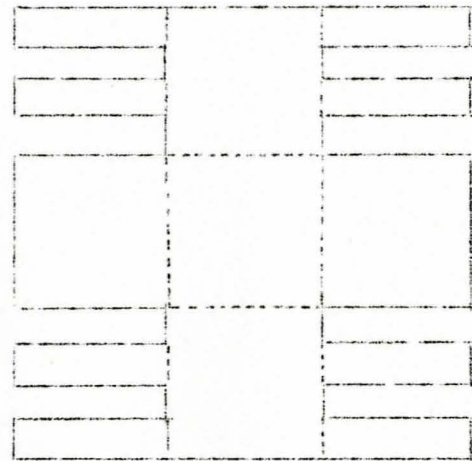
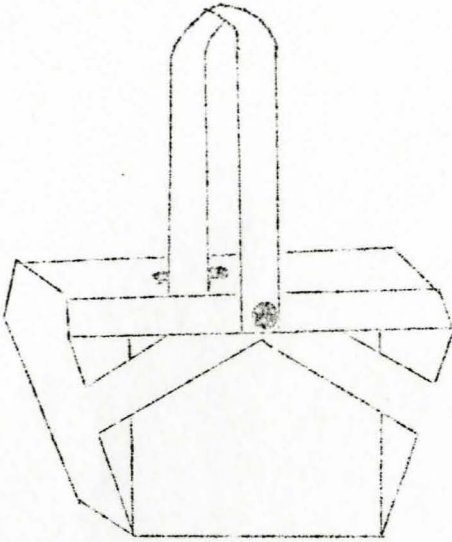
Green



Fold on dotted lines.  
Glue 1 and 2 together. Curl white petals over a sharp edge.



## A BASKET

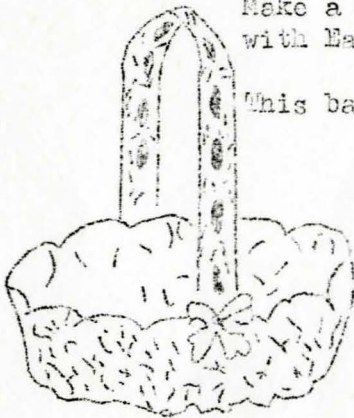


(Fold on dotted lines)

Baskets are always popular. Here is a simple style made of a single square of colored construction paper, cut and folded as in the above diagram. The handle is a narrow strip of paper. Fasten ends of basket and handle with metal paper fasteners or glue in place.

Make a nest in the basket with shredded wax paper and fill with Easter eggs, mints or nuts.

This basket could also serve for a May basket of flowers.



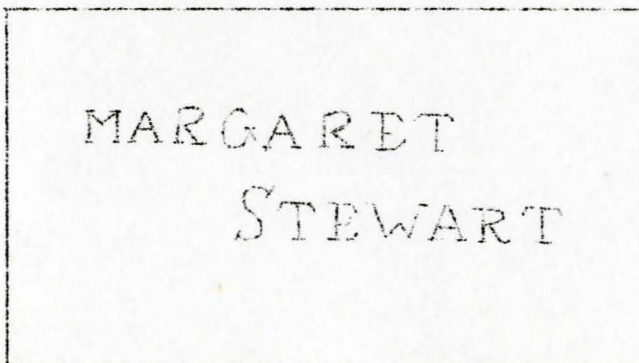
## A LACE BASKET

A dainty basket may be made of a bit of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch lace six inches long. Sew out edges together. Gather straight edge closely and fasten securely.

The handle is a piece of lace beading 4 inches long, and run with a narrow ribbon.

Stiffen basket with paraffin, starch or a sugar solution.

## SOUP ALPHABET LETTERS



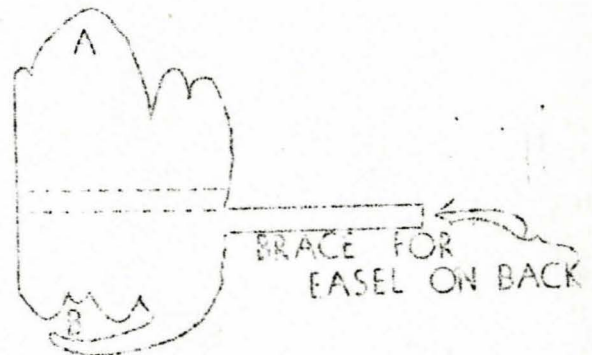
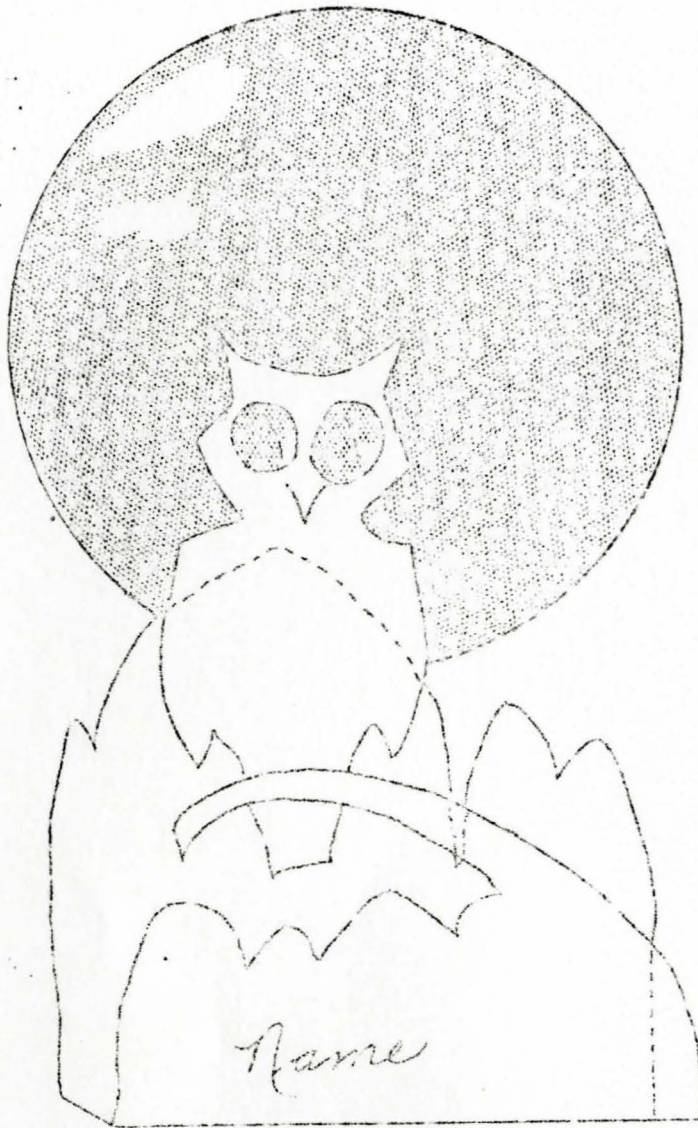
Soup alphabet letters have interesting place card possibilities.

Use dainty tinted cards and blue letters in place to form guest's names. The creamy white letters stand out in high relief on the cards and look very attractive; and equally attractive is the white card set with letters that have been gaily tinted.

W H O ? ? W H O ? ?

This black Halloween owl, sitting on a yellow fence, has a golden moon for background.

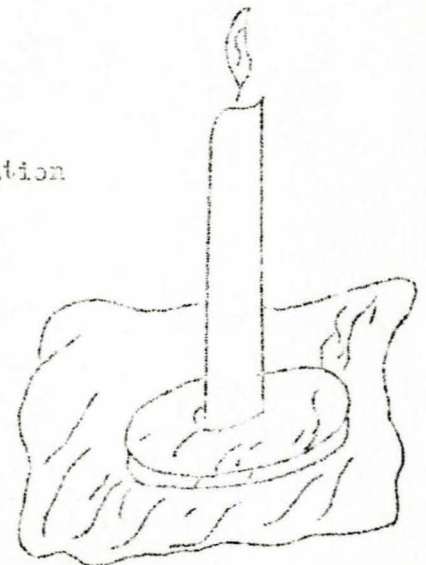
Cut fence as in diagram; fold on dotted line, place moon at back of A, and owl back of B.



CANDLELIGHT

Lighted candles are always an attractive decoration for the table.

This simple favor is a Christmas tree candle set upright in a doughnut-shaped gundrop. A 4-inch square of colored cellophane is slipped over the candle.



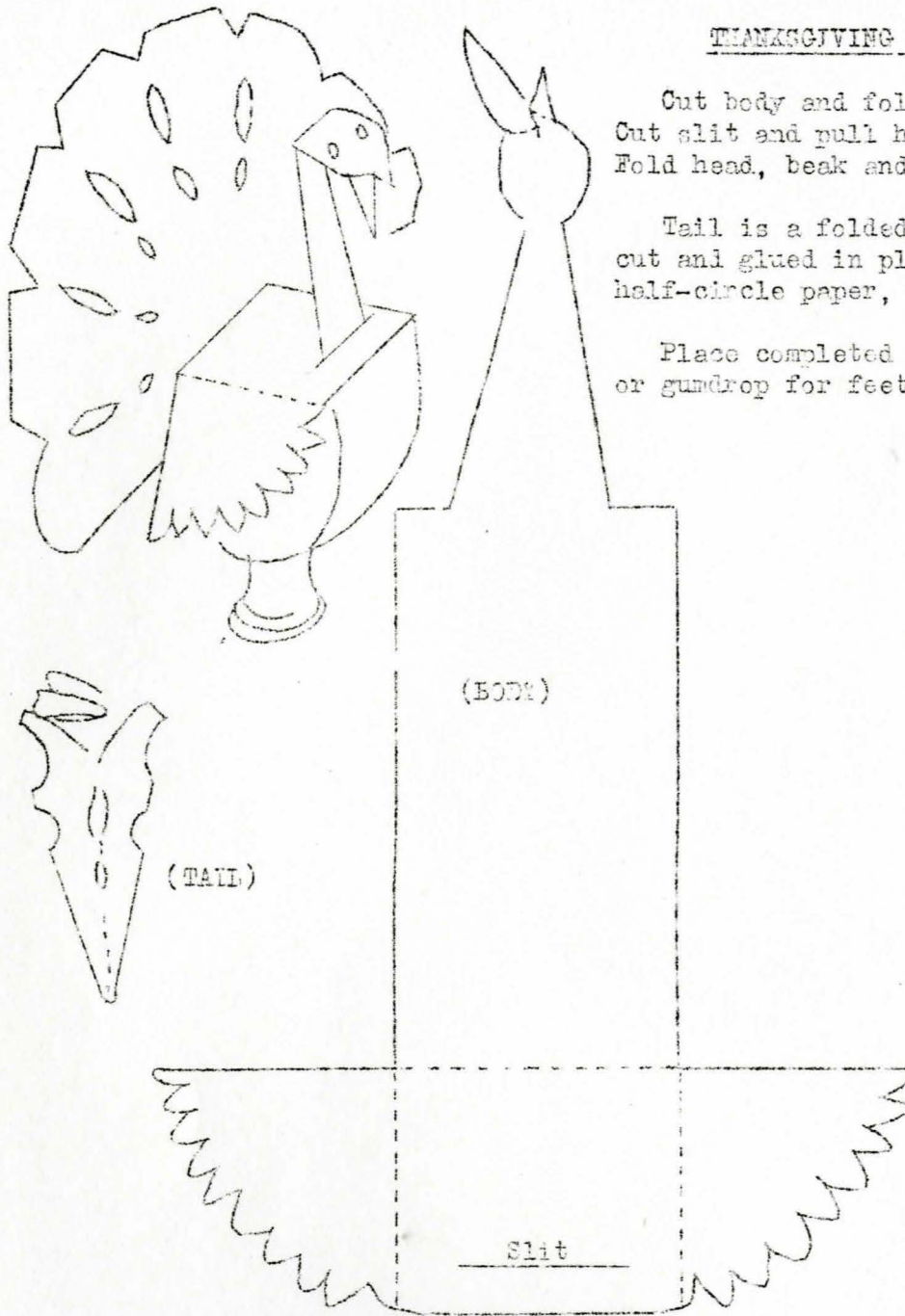


# THANKSGIVING TURKEYS

Cut body and fold on dotted lines.  
Cut slit and pull head and neck through.  
Fold head, beak and wattle down.

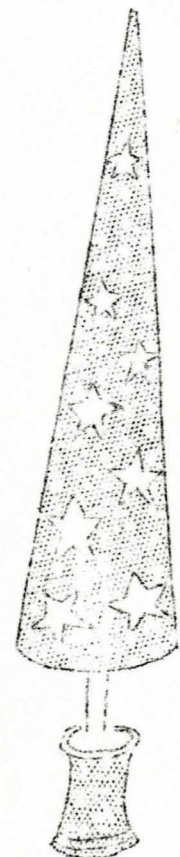
Tail is a folded piece of paper,  
cut and glued in place. Use a  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inch  
half-circle paper, folded three times.

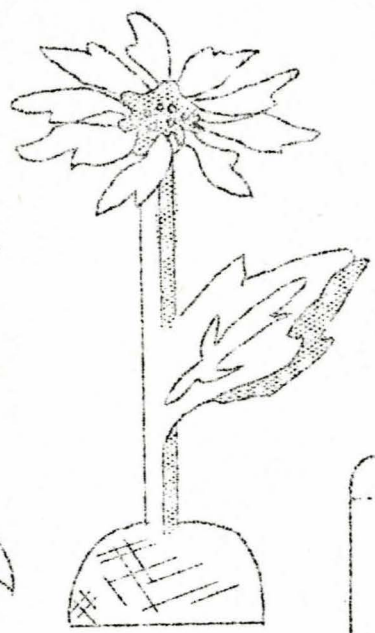
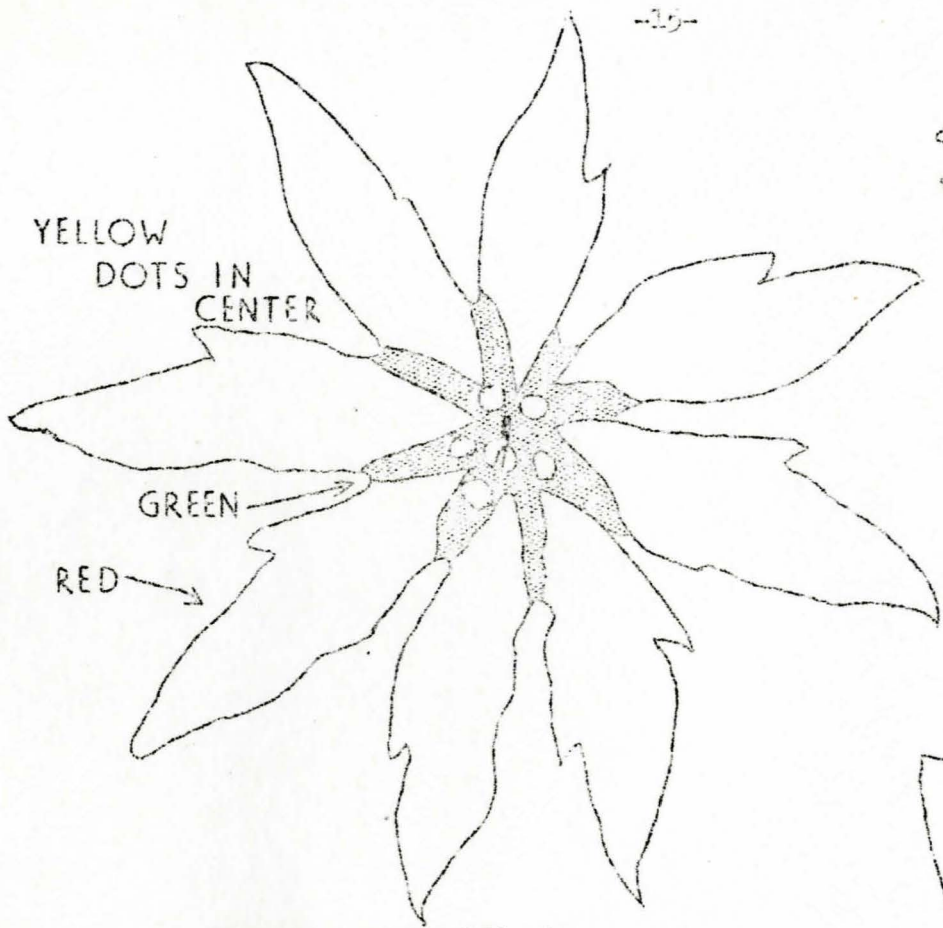
Place completed turkey on a spool  
or gumbdrop for feet.



## MODERNISTIC CHRISTMAS TREE

This tall slender tree is made of a quarter circle of black  
paper, on a trunk of wood (meat skewer perhaps). The decorations  
are silver or tinsel stars. The base may be either a spool or a  
gumbdrop.

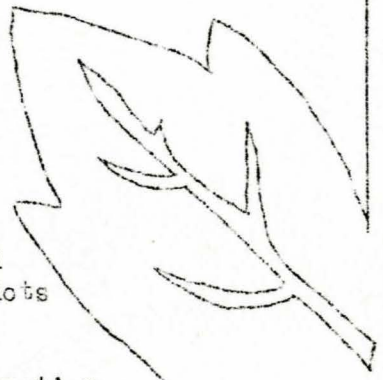




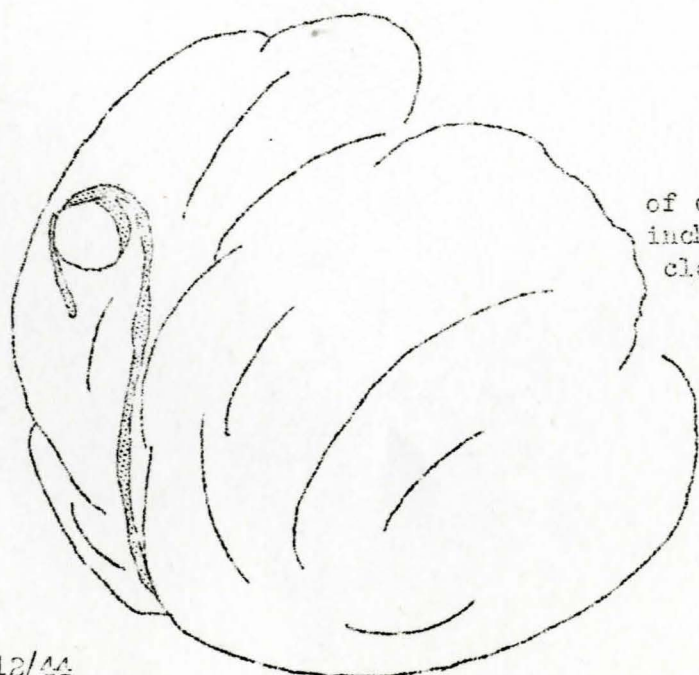
CHRISTMAS POINSETTA

Cut flower of red construction paper. Cut soaked center of green and glue to red petals. Glue yellow dots in center of green spokes.

Cut stem and leaves double on folded green construction paper. Cut center black line in flower and push top of stem through. Bend down ends and glue in place. Shape petals with fingers. Stand completed poinsettia upright in a gumball or spool.



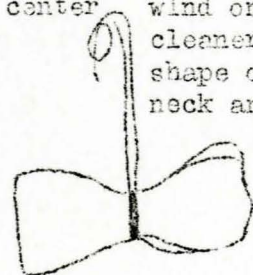
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A DOWNY SWAN

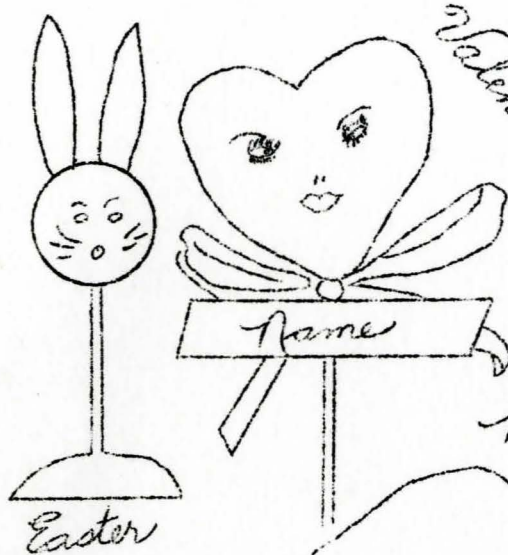
The lovely swan is a piece of cotton 6 inches long and 4 inches wide, plus a white pipestem cleaner.

Gather cotton together in the center, wind one end of pipe-cleaner around it, and shape other end for neck and head. Fold gathered cotton so that the two wings are side by side.

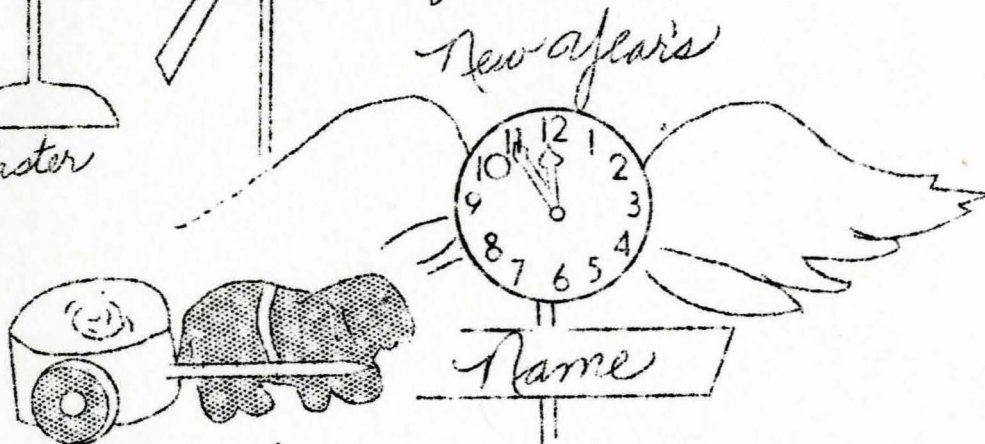




' HAVE YOUR FAVOR AND EAT IT TOO ! '



Lolly pops lend themselves to a wide variety of cunning favors and place cards. Select a size best suited to your purpose, stand upright in a gum-drop or button mold, and dress up as you desire. A bunny face for Valentines day, Santa's face for Christmas, and so on. Gift seals are easily applied if one does not care to draw the design and the seals are very attractive decorations for this purpose.



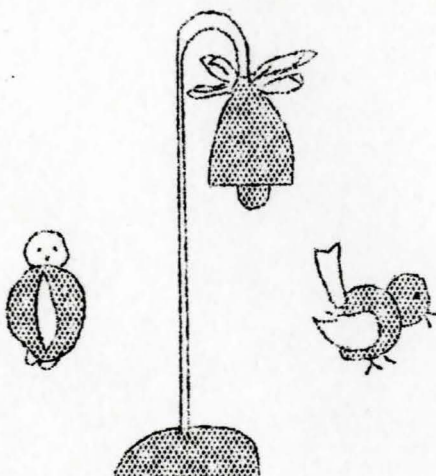
This marshmallow chariot, with mint wheels is drawn by an animal cracker. Two toothpicks serve as shafts. The animal is held in place by a gay ribbon tied around his middle and over the toothpick shafts. Of course, one can make these more elaborate by putting wee floweretts atop the marshmallow with a pastry tube, or even gundrop or paper man to hold reins.



Novel place cards can be made by gluing an animal cracker standing upright on the place card and gluing scattered bits of green ribbonzene around it to represent grasses.

At New Year's time a gundrop bell with a smaller gundrop clapper, affixed to a wire standard is quite appropriate. Stand upright in another gundrop.

And then, there's the birdie whose body is a large gundrop, head is a smaller gundrop, feet and eyes are whole cloves, tail and wings are cut from drawing paper and inserted in the body. The beak is two bits of toothpick.

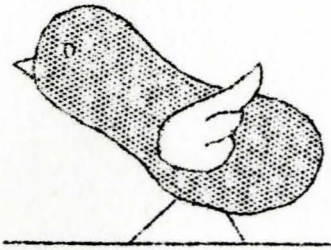


The little penguin is a pitted prune, stuffed with marshmallow, with a small black gundrop head, toothpick beak and pecan halves for feet, all put together with toothpicks.

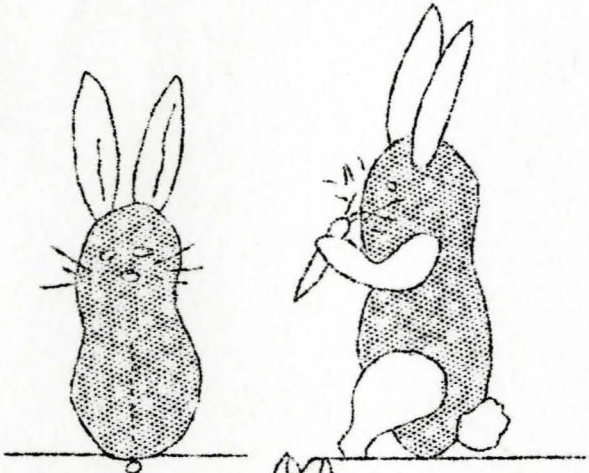


### PEANUT ANIMALS

This peanut menagerie is simple to make. For the little chick, add construction paper wings, gluing to peanut body. The legs are pins pushed up through a card and into the peanut.



Our little peanut rabbit has legs, arms and ears of construction paper. He, too, is made to sit upright by pushing a pin up through a card and into the peanut. His tail is a bit of cotton glued into place. Facial features may be put on with ink, water color or crayon.



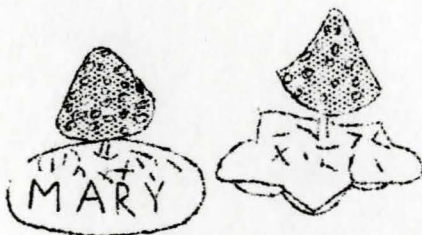
### MARSHMALLOW SPOOKS

Make a cardboard base  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches high (like diagram.) Make it about 4 inches around the bottom. Roll to a blunt tip and cover with a full piece of white crepe paper or white muslin pasted or wired to the top. Make arms from pieces 4 inches long and 2 inches wide. Slash one inch of the end for each for fingers and twist at the wrist. Fasten to the top of spook on each side. Stick a whole marshmallow on top for head and cut another in half and stick on top of this. Stick two large whole cloves in place where these join for eyes, and stick another whole clove for a nose and three more lower down for mouth. Slash a narrow strip of paper or muslin 3 or 4 inches long for hair and stick to top of the head. Then make a shawl of a 7-inch square, folded diagonally. Cover spook's head and shoulders with this, fastening in front.



### CHRISTMAS COOKIES

Cookie place cards or favors with coconut snow and gumdrop "trees" amuse youngsters and oldsters alike. Use round or star-shaped cookies. For tree trimmings, decorate candies may be used. To make place cards add lettering, using a toothpick dipped in melted chocolate.



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