



A PAGE FOR MISSES

WOOD BLOCK PRINTING A NEW ACCOMPLISHMENT for YOUNG GIRLS



A Variety of Block Patterns

WOOD block printing as one of the decorative crafts is receiving its full meed of appreciation this winter...

It has taken art workers a considerable time to become thoroughly conversant with its possibilities...

One of the first questions asked by those who are a bit unfamiliar with it is, How does it differ from stencilling...

That wood block printing lends a more commercial value to the material without detracting from its excellence as hand work is one of the claims made for it...

Geometrical designs are more applicable to the wood block printing than anything else, and as there seems just now to be a revival of everything that savors of Orientalism...

Select a pretty design, not too large, and trace it on Japanese rice or any firm paper with a semi-transparent surface...

It is interesting to remember that wood block printing is hundreds of years old. That way back in China, Japan and India it was made use of as it is to-day...

If a girl wishes to go to the expense, or if she has already done a bit of wood carving and so has the outfit, more elaborate results can be obtained...

Paste the design which has been previously traced on the block of pear wood, then all is in readiness to begin operations. For vertical lines use a fine straight chisel...

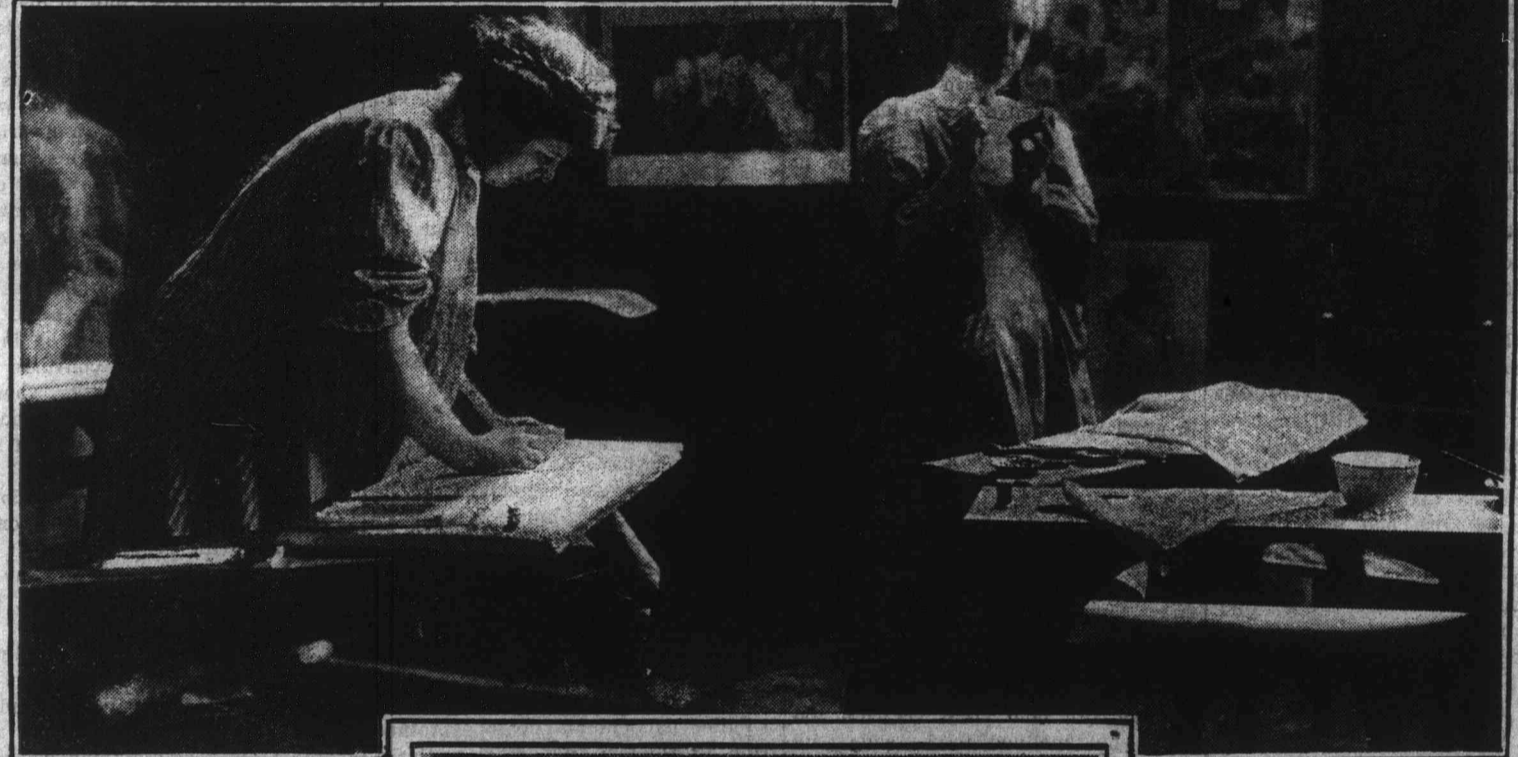
ANY girl that can do stencilling can do the block printing, and if she happens to know a bit about wood carving so much the better...

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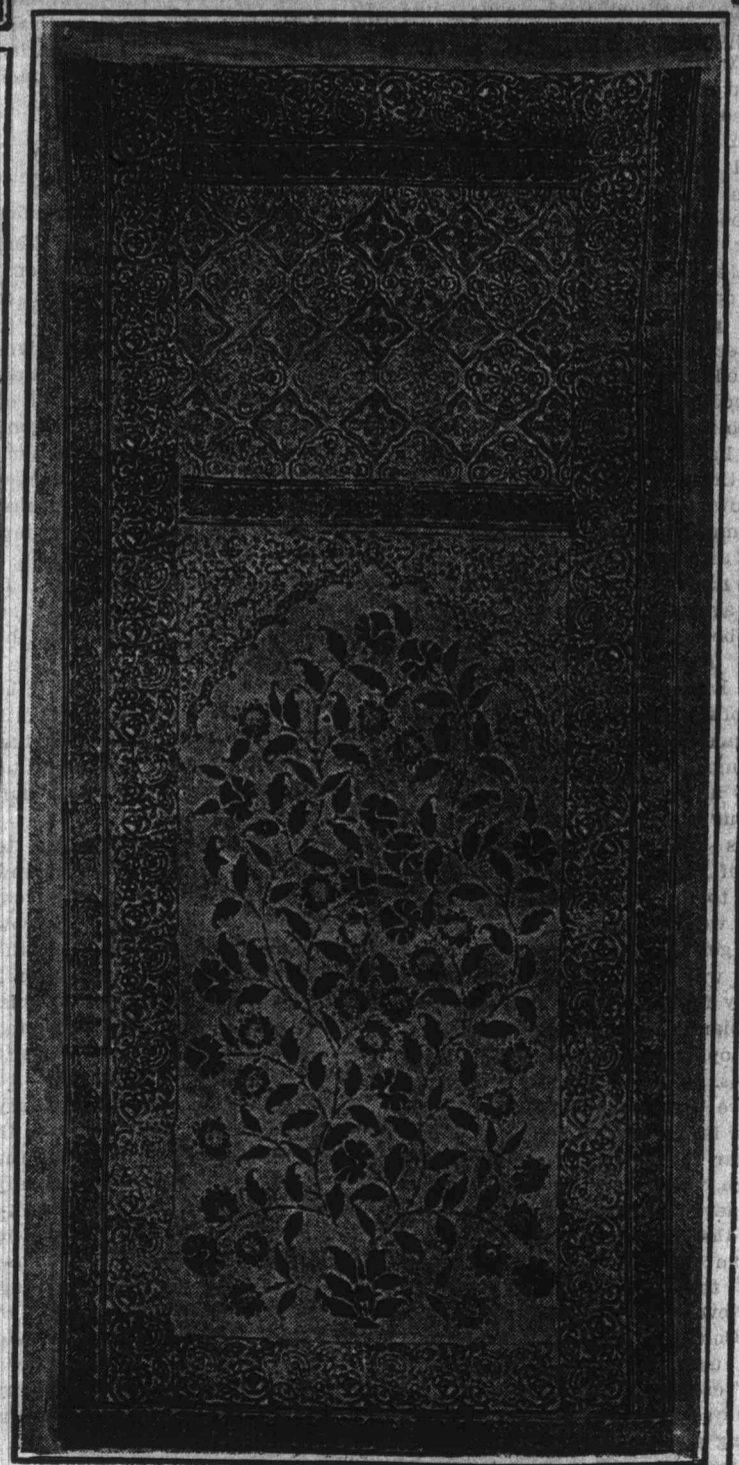
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Pear wood, therefore, has been found most satisfactory, and small pieces can be obtained at any woodworker's or cabinet shop. Blocks may be cut anywhere from one-half inch to one and a half inches in thickness...

Great care should be taken lest the color be in too great quantities on the left, else the block will take up too much and the design be spoiled. Many craft workers prefer to apply the color to the block with a broad flat brush...



Coloring and Placing Blocks for Printing



India Gairlain Design Printed with Wood Blocks

This sort of work is practical, for the reason that if done in oils the bureau covers, cushion covers and the like may be laundered—if carefully done—without injuring the design. A set of curtains done by a young girl which is pictured in the illustration gives an idea of what may be accomplished in block printing by experts in the art...

FURS FOR THE SCHOOL GIRL

Even if strictest economy must be practised in all other departments of her outfit, a girl should make every effort to procure a pretty set of furs. An old suit will look wonderfully better if good furs are worn with it...

White furs may not be so fashionable for the grown-ups this year, but for young girls nothing is so much in vogue. The collar piece should be quite wide and flat, unless one large single animal be worn and the muff be wide and flat to correspond...

For school wear a small fur tie is excellent. It is warm and looks trim and neat with a severe coat collar. Mink and brown caracul and brown squirrel are attractive made up in this way.

The muffs for this style of collar should not be too large. For school wear it is a mistake to have costly furs, for no fur can stand steady usage day in day out without quickly becoming shabby.

The newest muffs this winter are extremely large and quite flat. For a young girl these so exaggerated shapes are never in good style...

In the classes at the Y. W. C. A., where some of the best block printing in the city is done by the students. The color is mixed in precisely the same way with gum tragacanth or dextrine and the pad is done away with.

Attractive Appurtenances for the Writing Table

NATURALLY every girl would like to possess a handsome desk set in silver, bronze or costly glass work, but unfortunately this is not within the range of possibility for every one. It is possible, however, to make extremely pretty desk articles of china or dextrine that correspond with the furnishings in the room...

From scraps of chintz left over from the window curtains or cushion covers can be made covers for the engagement pad, calendar, note book and check book. Corners for a blotting pad of material by concealed four tin or cardboard corners that can be bought anywhere and these slipped on three or four thicknesses of blotting paper cut just the correct size of the desk...

Another simple and very useful gift is a china silk cover for a talcum powder box. For this a quarter of a yard of silk is required, a quarter of a yard of gold lace and three-quarters of a yard of gold ribbon gauze an inch wide.

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Girls' Christmas Presents. NOW is the time of year when the girl with many friends and a small allowance begins to think of Christmas presents. So many pretty ways as ex-

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