Revealing New Designs in Becoming Crochet Slipovers

BESIDES being highly popular Filet Crochet slipovers are most becoming for indoor as well as outdoor wear, and with the approach of a new season it is clearly indicated that filet crochet garments in both wool and silk will be one of Dame Fashion's most approved novelties. To the woman who delights in creating things, this page offers several worthy suggestions.

Directions for Filet Crochet—Filet crochet is worked in open and solid meshes. Open space is called mesh or M. Closed space is called solid or S.

For Foundation Chain—Make 3 times as many chain sts. as number of meshes in 1st row. If 1st mesh is open, make 5 additional chain for turning. If 1st mesh is solid, make 3 additional chain for turning. When the 1st row begins with open mesh, skip 7 ch. and make 1 d.c. in 8th st. on foundation chain. When the 1st row begins with solid mesh, skip 3 ch. and make 1 d.c. in 4th st. on foundation chain. The 3 ch. at beginning of a row counts as 1 d.c. of a closed mesh and the last d.c. in previous row must be skipped in order to avoid increase. Open mesh is 1 d.c. ch. 2, skip 2 sts., 1 d.c. in next st. Solid mesh is 1 d.c., in d.c. of previous row, 1 d.c. in each of next 2 sts. (ch. of d.c.) 1 d.c. in next st. 4 sts. stand for 1 solid mesh but only allow 3 sts. for every additional mesh after the 1st solid mesh, thus: 1 solid, 4 sts., 2 solid, 7 sts., 3 solid, 10 sts., and so on.

To Shape Sweaters—Increase at beginning of row by ch. 5, 1 d.c. in 1st d.c. of previous row—increase at end of a row by 2 ch., 1 d.c. into same st. as last d.c. of row was made.

To decrease at beginning of row, slip stitch across the 1st mesh of row, work across row as usual, and to decrease at end of row work till within last mesh of previous row. Turn. Another way to decrease at beginnig of row is ch. 3 and do 1 d.c. in d.c. of 2nd mesh, and at end of row by doing 1 d.c. in last mesh without doing any chain.
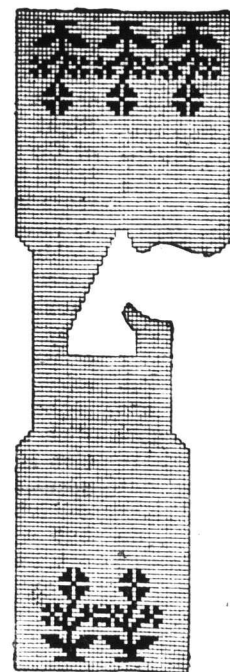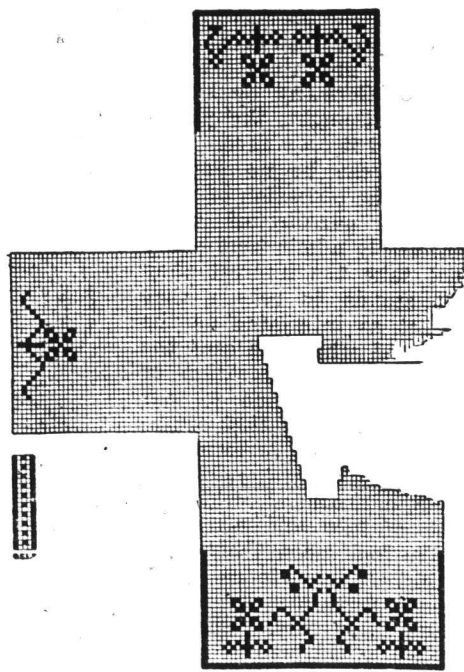

Sleeveless Coat No. 1

Slipover No. 2

Directions for Making Sleeveless Coat No. 1

Materials required — 6 balls monarch floss, X fine bone crochet hooks. Chain 123, making 40 meshes. Follow chart.

Start at back—Chain 135, making 44 meshes. Follow chart. See general directions. Run cord and pompons at waistline.

Directions for Making Slipover No. 2

Materials required—Monarch floss, 8 balls rose, 2 balls white, X fine bone crochet hook.

Start at Front—Chain 162, making 53 meshes. Follow chart. Work 9 rows single crochet round entire neck missing 1 stitch at each corner to keep in shape. Finish with picot edge of 2 single crochet, 1 picot of 3 chain. Finish same around sleeves.

"Doing Your Bit" in a Garden

the fun, as well as sharing the responsibility of keeping down the weeds. The garden tools sold by all dealers in hardware as well as seedsmen are most complete nowadays, paying for themselves in one season. The Planet Jr. wheel, hoe and seeder No. 4, sold with many attachments such as plows, a marker and cultivator and seeder can be used by any child of 12 years of age. A large garden of one or more acres can be kept free of weeds and properly cultivated by the use of one of these splendid implements. It is not necessary to be ever at it either as in the days of the back breaking hoe and rake. A few hours in the cool of the evening or early morning once or twice a week, will keep the garden in excellent shape.

In closing I must suggest some small fruits for the family garden. Of course, there is the row of rhubarb, but red and white and black currants and red raspberries are perfectly hardy in this country and with ordinary care give good crops of fruit in their season. A family garden is very incomplete without small fruits. The everbearing strawberry is grown by many gardeners the last few years and does remarkably well in the west. Strawberries may be gathered from a patch from early July until October in Manitoba. Surely this is worth while. Hardy nursery stock may be obtained from the old reliable firms of seedsmen who advertise in the farm papers. Do not buy a lot of nursery stock imported from the south, as the fruit trees are not hardy enough for our rigorous climate in the western provinces. Every garden should have some flowers; a couple of rows of sweet peas make a delightful hedge and sweet peas grow so easily here and usually bloom well all summer. A border of hardy perennials and at least one bed of the simple homely annuals should make a bright spot in the garden even in these busy days of home building.