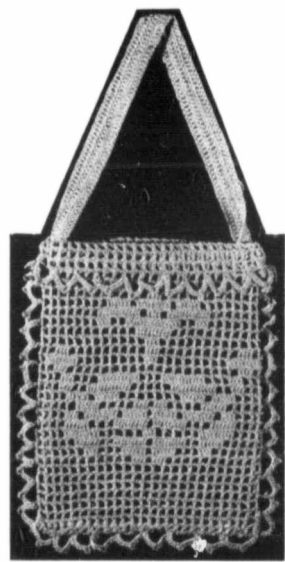


of the year, of the great war, and, therefore, when preparing any little gifts for Christmas this year when possible it would be as well to work the date upon them.

A pretty and useful gift is a handkerchief sachet made in cream colored silk and lined with soft white silk. Upon the front is embroidered a wreath of holly leaves intermingled with berries and inside the wreath the word Xmas and the date, 1917, is made. The sachet is edged with a red, white and blue striped ribbon, strings are provided to secure the sachet when closed. In the upper half there is a small pocket in which a paper scent sachet may find a place, and upon the lower part ribbon strings are sewn on either side for tying over the handkerchiefs. If preferred in place of the pocket the sachet can be given an interlining of swansdown flannelette, plentifully sprinkled with some sweet smelling sachet powder.

The following suggestions are also suitable:

Handkerchiefs with crocheted edgings, needle case, cushion tops, fancy apron and many other dainty things which would take up too much space and time to explain here.



DIRECTIONS FOR WORKING BAG

Materials—2 balls Peri-Lusta crochet cotton No. 5, $\frac{1}{2}$ yard feather-bone and 3 dome fasteners for top, $\frac{1}{4}$ yard of ribbon 5 or 6 inches wide, the width depends on how loose or how tight you crochet. The bag shown on this page measures $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches across and 8 inches deep.

1st row—Make a chain of 78 stitches, turn, treble into 8th stitch from hook, chain 2 and treble into third stitch from hook, repeat to end of chain. There should be 25 meshes. Make 8 rows of meshes, you can easily follow the pattern by counting the meshes and trebles. When you have finished working pattern make 9 rows of meshes; you can make both sides of bag alike or use your initial on the other side. Be sure and do both sides alike. Sew together firmly with needle and thread, then start and go around edge; make 10 chain and catch into every third mesh, slip stitch, repeat around bag, then work 5 double crochets chain four and make 5 double crochets, catch into next loop and repeat. To finish top of bag turn back 3 rows and sew around with needle and thread. Make lining exact size, put feather-bone in top of lining and sew neatly down, slip it inside bag and sew your dome fasteners firmly on, one at each side and one in centre.

To make handle make chain 12 inches long and work a treble into each chain, repeat for three rows and sew firmly to each side of bag.

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