

Corticelli Decore Crochet.

The January number of CORTICELLI HOME NEEDLEWORK gave instructions for this new work, which has proved so popular. One of its strongest recommendations is that anyone who can crochet can undertake the work with perfect confidence of success. Decore Crochet is extremely simple, yet it combines endless variety of coloring. The effect of the crochet covered forms in the various sizes placed upon the bobbinet foundation over a pale silk lining of harmonious tint is a surprise to the average needleworker.

There are many who have been obliged to give up solid embroidery for various reasons: some have found the close shading of the colors too difficult, some have no inclination to devote months of hard labor in embroidering one article, others have given up solid embroidery on account of the close application necessary and the attendant strain upon the eyes. To all of these Decore Crochet offers many inducements not to be found in any other variety of needlework. Another point in its favor is that it can be "picked up" when opportunity offers so much more readily than can solid embroidery, since the forms are so small and light that the work may be taken along when visiting friends, which is hardly practical in the case of a large centerpiece or other elaborate piece of solid embroidery, because the frame or hoop necessary to hold the linen "drum tight" is cumbersome to transport from place to place. To those who have made a study of the subject it is not surprising to find how quick was the response from needleworkers in taking up this new work when the first Decore Crochet designs were published in our January magazine. From Halifax to Vancouver have come letters of inquiry, and from those who have examined the work only expressions of approval are to be noted. Considering the short time the work has been introduced its popularity is quite remarkable, and we are therefore justified in giving it so prominent a place in this issue. The new designs here published for the first time offer a wider range for selection, both in style, arrangement, and coloring, than those appearing in the January number.

Do not undertake the work without having the complete directions published only in January CORTICELLI HOME NEEDLEWORK on pages 85, 86, and 87. Copies of this number sent by mail on receipt of price, 10 cents. Ask for Vol. 1, No. 1, January.

Rules for Washing Decore Crochet Work.

No rules were given in the January number for laundering Decore Crochet work, and many of our subscribers have seemed to be in doubt regarding this point. No difficulty will be experienced if you follow the simple directions given below.

Decore Crochet centerpieces (on lace) like Lace Curtains and all needlework on a lace foundation when soiled must be carefully laundered. Having removed the lining silk, baste the centerpiece on a square of thin muslin with long stitches under the scalloped edge. Prepare a suds of warm water with "Ivory" or any other pure soap.

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