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Crocheted Rugs and Mats

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WHILE this is not necessarily a war time industry, it is one which fits in well with these days of economy and conservation and at the same time furnishes a pleasant and profitable occupation for those who like to crochet simple articles.

The material required for these rugs is the same which is needed for woven rag rugs which may be odds and ends of new material which one happens to have on hand or old garments which have served their time and are ready for the rag bag. Sometimes the old stuff has faded to nice soft colors which are beautiful in the right combinations and again it will be found necessary to dye the fabric before using, and it is better to do this before it is stripped up.

The width of the strips vary according to the weight of the material from one-half inch to one inch or a little more, and the hook which is used is cut from wood the exact size of the drawing and about ten inches long. It is better to use gum or white wood or oak for this rather than pine which splits so easily, and it can be whittled out with a knife and sand-papered in a few minutes.

Having the strips of material all ready, sewed together and wound in balls and the wooden crochet hook, we are ready for work and in this work the very simplest crochet stitches are used—the chain stitch and double crochet.

The round mat is commenced with a chain stitch or loose knot into which are put five double crochet, the simplest crochet stitch. This brings the work around into a circle. Continue without joining and into the back of each of the five stitches put two stitches; continue this for several rounds, then put two stitches every other stitch or only when needed to make the work lie flat. Too many stitches will make the mat ruffle, and too few will allow it to cup, and the widening depends to some extent upon the weight of the material, so the only way to judge is to frequently place the mat on a table and see if it is flat.

As the work progresses and the widening becomes less frequent, it is well to notice where the double stitches of the previous row come and not place one directly over the other else the mat will not be perfectly round. When just

the right number of stitches are being used they slant toward the centre, and if it is noticed that they do not point centre-ward either an extra stitch is needed or it is getting too full. These little points may help the beginner, but with practice one will readily keep the mat round and flat as the work progresses.

Both the rug and the mat shown here were made by taking the stitches in the back loop of the previous row, but sometimes the stitches are taken through both loops. One can take her choice, but the former method is easier and makes a somewhat more solid looking surface and is softer.

The mat as illustrated with the chain loop handle is intended for use on the piazza, and may readily be carried around and hung up by the handle which is simply made as the mat is being finished by chaining a few stitches and fastening the end securely further along on the edge.

The round mats are also used for chair seats in bed rooms in which case the loop is not needed, and it is a nice idea to have a little set consisting of a chair seat and a small oval rug to match. These in dainty colors are charming and may be made to harmonize with the room.

The same principles are employed in making the oval rug except that it is commenced with a chain and the crocheting is done around this chain with the widening only at the ends. For a small rug, say 24 by 30 inches, make a chain six inches long (this being the difference between 24 and 30) and crochet down one side of the chain,

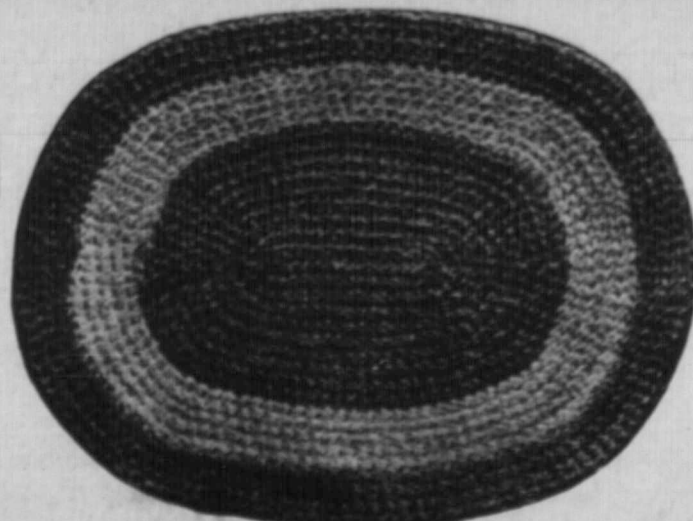
at the end putting in five stitches, and continue down the other side putting five stitches in the other end. Work straight down the first side again and at the end put two stitches in the first of the five, one in the next, three in the middle, one in the next and two in the last, then continue without widening until the other end is reached where this process is repeated.

On the succeeding rows it will probably not be necessary to widen more than three times at each end and these places should not come directly one over the other, but be placed so as to make the rug a pretty oval with well rounded ends and straight sides.

The rug illustrated is made of gray and light blue flannelette, and it may be remarked that flannelette is one of the most satisfactory materials to use



Chair Mat With Handle



Floor Mat in Gray and Blue Flannelette

Public Health

INFORMATION I me that the nurses, four in been taking spare them for understand conditions will be ready to start first of June. They different parts of this year will only schools which send local inspection. They still doubt as to people generally for of rural schools. It pered that this request before our convention been unanimously merely the hobby of if the farm women their desire that share this benefit let them show it by government under medical inspection schools. Every course, get it this but if the demand the government will enlarge the experience nurses gradually district will benefit we can then start complement to the viz., the public as for our rural school trustees, as district, and send to Miss Christine ent of Public Health. I admit cranks to whom nurses is a very do hope the mention will back request from ever you are thinking fail to do so, for enormous benefit to your whole dis-

Interesting

Last year we ing, and are still meetings were by taking up sub gomery's list, a more this year. members gave a Dawn of a New had a paper on by another member very interesting.

In December I very active in sale of various a fruit, dressed ch late, home-made toys, and a va both useful and quence, we were of \$215 to the 1 During the winter of our two the Red Cross by performing in proceeds of which trict to the or there were two of the U.F.A. a sented a play, a of \$350. Our well attended one, not only subjects taken courages social meet and have at least once a probability, neighbors for membership has time.—Mrs. Ha Cafferty U.F.W.

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