

STITCHES

A B C OF KNITTING—III.

[Concluded.]

There are really only two stitches in knitting, the plain and the purl or seam. All the pretty edges and other patterns you see are made by putting these together in different ways, with perhaps a little variation. Some of these variations might trouble you a little if you were working alone, so we will "pick out" this pattern together and learn, too, what those "short" words mean that you see in the printed directions.

Use cotton yarn or very coarse thread at first, just for practice, then later, if you want to make a long piece, No 60 or 70 thread would look very fine and lacy. No 17 or 18 needles would be about right. For making edges or anything narrow a short needle is better, made by cutting off a long needle and filing it to a blunt point like the other end. Cast on fourteen stitches loosely and knit across plain. *K two (k means knit), then put the thread around the right needle twice. This is called th o twice "for short." Now you are ready for p two tog, which means purl two together. You learned how to purl (or seam) in the last lesson. This is done just the same way except that you put the needle through two stitches at once. Be sure to put the thread back under the needle, then repeat the directions between the two stars. K one, th o twice, narrow (or n), which is simply knitting two stitches together, th o twice, n again, k one. This finishes the first row.

2d row—K three, but before knitting the third stitch notice that it is a loose thread instead of a regular loop; that was made when you put the thread over twice in the last row. It is to be knitted just the same as a regular stitch, but be careful to slip off only one thread, leaving another loose thread just like it on the left needle. P one with this thread just the same as if it were not loose. The thread between the needles will seem very long, but that will be all right, for it is going to be part of one of those pretty twists in the finished pattern. K two, p one, k one. *Th o twice, p two tog, k two, * repeat between stars.

3d row—K two, th o twice, p two tog, * repeat between stars. K three, th o twice, n, th o twice, n, k one. Now you can begin to see a little of the pattern. 4th row—K three, p one, k two, p one; as far as here this row is like the 2d, and those same awkward loose threads come in again. Now k three. * Th o twice, p two tog, k two, * repeat between stars.

5th row—* K two, th o twice, p two tog, * repeat between stars. K five, th o twice, n, th o twice, n, k one. This row is like the 3d except in one place, k five.

6th row—K three, p one, k two, p one, k five. * Th o twice, p two tog, k two, * repeat between stars.

7th row—* K two, th o twice, p two tog, * repeat between stars. K seven, th o twice, n, th o twice, n, k one.

8th row—K three, p one, k two, p one,

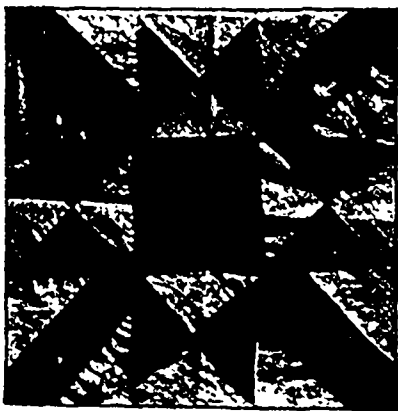


Arbutus Doily.

with just straight or crinkly threads running across. That is done by dropping a stitch off the needle without knitting it and letting it ravel out to the beginning. In knitting a round piece like a stocking, more than two needles are used, but the stitches are the same. It will require much practice to become a fast knitter, but perhaps by and by you will be so expert that you can even read or almost go to sleep while knitting, as you have seen grandma do many times.—[B. A. W.]

RUSSIAN TEA QUILT.

This pretty pattern makes a nice quilt pieced entire of red and white, or of red, white and blue. If a patriotic quilt be desired. It is so simple anyone can



pattern after the illustration. Light and dark prints may be used if desired, and the blocks set together with plain strips of dark. Blocks should be about nine inches square when finished.—[A. R. A.]

FLUTED OAKLEAF EDGING.

Cast on twenty-two stitches.

1st row—K sixteen, o, n, o, n, o, k two. 2d row—K nine, k eleven, leave three stitches on the needle, turn and knit next row.

3d row—K fourteen, o, n, o, n, o, k two.

4th row—K ten, p eleven, k three.

5th row—K eighteen, o, n, o, n, o, k two.

6th row—K eleven, p eleven, leave three stitches on the needle, and turn as in second row.

7th row—P eleven, k five, o, n, o, n, o, k two.

8th row—Knit plain.

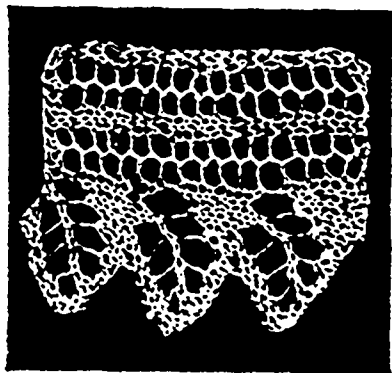
9th row—K three, p eleven, k six, o, n, o, n, o, k two.

10th row—K twenty-four, leave three and turn.

11th row—P eleven, k seven, o, n, o, n, o, k two.

12th row—Slip and bind six stitches, knit the rest plain.

In the first, fifth and ninth rows, slip the first stitch.—[L. G. Ross.]



K seven. * Th o twice, p two tog, k two, * repeat between stars.

9th row—* K two, th o twice, p two tog, * repeat between stars. K four-

teen.

10th row—This finishes the scallop and to round it off bind off eight. Then k five. * th o twice, p two tog, k two, * repeat between stars. Repeat these ten rows for all the scallops. On the last row of all bind off the whole row. Sometimes you will see a stripe in knitting

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