

Crocheted Laces and Needlework.

The fancy for crocheting laces of linen thread is on the increase. Women have learned that this work is easy to do—though somewhat tedious—and that for service through years nothing can be found to equal it.

Therefore these laces in borders and insertions are being applied to every sort of art needlework. Especially are they popular on table and bureau scarfs for whole sets of table mats, and as bed covers, valances, canopies and bolster spreads.

Books with interesting lace patterns are now to be had. These designs are not difficult to follow, and soon the enthusiast improves on them or begins to originate.

Much of this crocheted lace is made up singly, particularly for table decorations. Every housekeeper longs to own a handsome set of centerpieces or runners, plate and tumbler dollies, in a special design.

Any woman who is experienced in such work can pick out designs for which she has no printed directions. Thus one woman has duplicated a set of table covers crocheted in Sweden a generation or more ago.

A favorite treatment for such laces and bandings is to combine them with heavy white linen, which brings out their beauty of pattern.

Insertions and laces are both used for this purpose, and handsome effects can be obtained by bands of the former set as a border to table cover, scarf or bed-spread, the edge finished with a hem-stitched hem or with rows of the insertion set at the edges, finished with deep lace to match.

The arrangement of these laces on linen varies with the style of piece, but the method of putting it in is important. Badly done, it is far from sightly, as it will pucker or else shrink with first laundering.

Some workers make their lace; it is crocheted in oval, round or square forms and taken to a professional to have it applied to linen. This is unnecessary if one is willing to take time and trouble.

The quality of linen must be good. The lace wears so long that any thing but the best round thread, hand-woven and sun-bleached linens are poor economy. It is not hard to get these now if one knows what she wants.

One woman owned several pairs of linen sheets of a grade hard to get now. Two of these she divided to make bedspreads. She hemstitched all sides and put in as a border two rows of insertion, which she crocheted herself.

The trimming was set in the width of hem from the line of hemstitching, and the second row was about three-quarters that distance from the first one. The insertion was applied by buttonhole stitch to both edges, having first been carefully sewed to the material with a small running stitch through edge of lace. Later the material was cut away, turned back and bound to underside with tiny stitches.

Both laces and linen should be shrunken by running through boiling water. Some workers do this several times to be certain that further shrinking will not come when the two are joined.

Do not attempt to rub lace—if it is not soiled—but fold it several times, put it in the boiling water and let it remain until cold. Stretch to a line or pin to sheet to dry, then pull the design into place. In this way the new look will not be lost.

If large pieces of linen are used they can be shrunken by folding and "sousing" up and down in boiling water a number of times then allowed to remain until water is cold.

All bandings that are inserted inside the hemmed edge can be sewed in the manner

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described, embroidered in as it were. If the insertion is to run across the material from edge to edge and not turned, the trimming is basted closely on right side, the material cut away, and turned back and the edges overcast closely to the edge of lace, on the wrong side.

The application of edging is easy, as it is merely overcast to the finished edge of the piece on wrong side. This generally has been hemstitched first, though sometimes it is rolled or run through the narrowest hemmer on machine and hemmed back by hand.

The woman who likes to save work may have the hemming done on machine and then braid stitch or outline the line of stitching after the lace is on.

As crocheted laces are apt to pull or stretch they must be carefully basted into position, allowing a little fullness, so as not to draw the linen. It is usually enough to just hold in the lace. There must be no effort to gather it.

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Oriental Diet.
(Independent.)

A well known sculptor tells the following story:

"Whenever I see a toothpick I think of a dinner that was given in Rome in honor of two Turkish noblemen.

"I sat beside the younger of the noblemen. He glittered with gold embroidery and great diamonds, but nevertheless I pitied him sincerely, for he was strange to our table manners and some of his errors were both ludicrous and painful.

"Toward the dinner's end a servant extended to the young man a plate of toothpicks. He waved the plate away, saying in a low and bitter voice:

"No, thank you, I have already eaten two of the accursed things, and I want no more."

Hall of Fame.
(Hartford Courant.)

"Please give me," said the teacher, as she rubbed her tired eyes, "The names of some great Irishmen, my dears."

And when a hand waved frantically, she noticed with surprise The grimy paw of Jimmie McAleer's.

'Twas something new for Jimmie to be interested when A question was before the house, and so, "Well, Jimmie," said the teacher, "name your famous Irishmen."

He proudly answered, "Here's a few I know: McGinnity and Hogan, Mike Kelley, Dick Cogan, Jim Collins, Wild Bill Donovan, and Ryan; McGill and McIntyre, Spike Shannon and McGuire. McCarthy, Dolan, Daley, and O'Brien; Jiggs Donohue, McBride, Waddell, the Phillie's pride, McFarland, Muggs McGraw, and McGurk; Jack Sullivan, O'Malley, Pat Flaherty, J. Hurley, Eddie Burke; McCormick, McConnell, McGinley, McFamara and McGann; Hugh Duffy, and McMackin, McHale, McGee, McCracken, O'Neill, McQuaid, McMannis, and McMahon."

"Why, Jimmie," cried the teacher, "just wait a minute, please. What did these folks you mention ever do? How is it that you didn't give me any names like these: Tom Moore, Parnell, and Robert Emmet, too?"

"Gee whiz!" exclaimed the urchin, "I never seen dem gups—I named de warmest members in de mess; De fellers you are boostin' fer can't be so very wise; Dey must 'ave played is some tush league, I gues."

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