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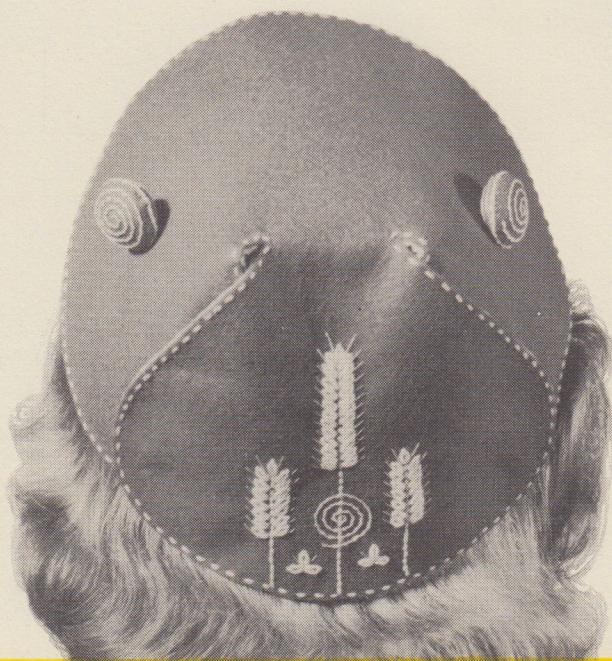


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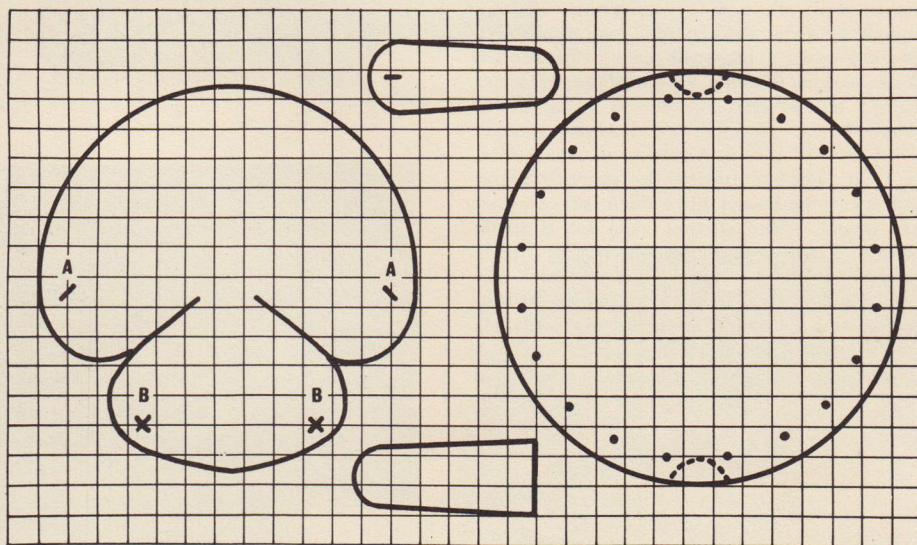
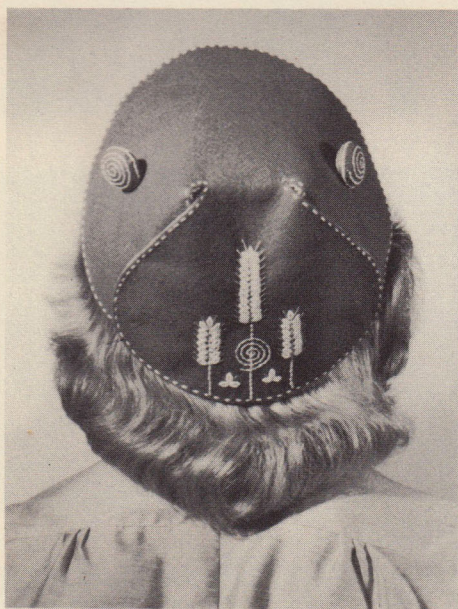
# Making Presents

ALTHOUGH the objects in this bulletin are very simple in design, shape and decoration, they are conspicuous for the attention which has been given to detail. Cords, tassels and buttons, to name but a few examples of "finish," are all means by which the embroideress can give perfection to her work. This consideration for detail is apparent in the neatening of the edge of the hat illustrated in this bulletin and in the making of the decorative hat pins. These "finishes" are not additions to the embroidery which have been left to chance; they have been considered as important units in planning the initial shapes.

The hat and bag, the manicure set and sewing case are made

from felt whilst firm cotton fabric is used for the toilet bag. You may want to make some of these objects for yourself or, perhaps, as special presents for your friends. When you have made your gift it is worthwhile taking pains to pack it securely. A strong cardboard box will prevent crushing and this can be made more attractive by covering with a decorative patterned paper—it could have a printed pattern or a cut paper decoration.

If your parcel is being sent by post wrap it neatly in strong brown paper and fasten with adhesive tape or tie very securely with string. Write the name and address clearly in block letters.



PATTERN DIAGRAM

**Materials:** For the hat you will require one piece of coloured felt for the outer side and one piece of white felt for the lining, each measuring 13 in. × 13 in. For the bag you will require one circle of coloured felt with a 14 in. diameter, four strips of felt measuring 6½ in. × 2½ in. and for the tassel one strip of felt measuring 5 in. × 2 in. and one small circle with a diameter of 1½ in. Small pieces of felt left over from the hat will make the button and hat pins; two skeins of soft embroidery cotton; one skein of white coton-à-broder; one skein of white stranded cotton; one reel of mercerised sewing cotton No. 40 to match the coloured felt; one Chenille needle No. 20; one Crewel needle No. 7; two hat pins.

**Construction:** Make paper patterns from diagrams 1 sq. = 1 in. Cut felt exactly to size of pattern.

**Hat:** Work embroidered decoration on back of hat, using soft embroidery thread, coton-à-

broder and one strand of embroidery cotton. The stitches are Back Stitch, Detached Chain Stitch, Coral Knot Stitch and Straight Stitch.

Baste coloured felt and white felt together and join the edges all round the shape with small Running Stitches in white soft embroidery thread taking each stitch right through the two thicknesses of felt. Sew small hooks on the inside of the hat at B and work buttonhole bars on the outside of the hat at A.

Each hat pin is made from two circles of felt with 1½ in. diameters. Pad head of pin with a little kapok, securing this in position by winding with cotton. Place circles of felt on each side of padding and whip edges together with a matching thread. Cover join with a line of Couching Stitch in soft embroidery thread. Work spiral in Coral Knot Stitch after the hat pin is made up.

**Bag:** Work embroidered decoration in centre of large circle and on two of the wrist strap sections. Work one row of small Running Stitches round edge of circle, mark holes where shown on

pattern and reinforce back of each with a small circle of felt Back Stitched in position with a matching thread. Punch holes through bag and reinforcements. Baste narrow ends of straps in position on bag where indicated by dotted lines. Baste lining sections in place. Join edges all round with small Running Stitches in white soft embroidery thread. Cut buttonhole in rounded end of wrist strap and Back Stitch neatly all round this to prevent stretching. The button is made from two circles of felt enclosing a linen button. The bag is drawn up by means of a fine twisted cord which is kept in position by a small tube of felt. The ends of the cord are finished with a tassel.

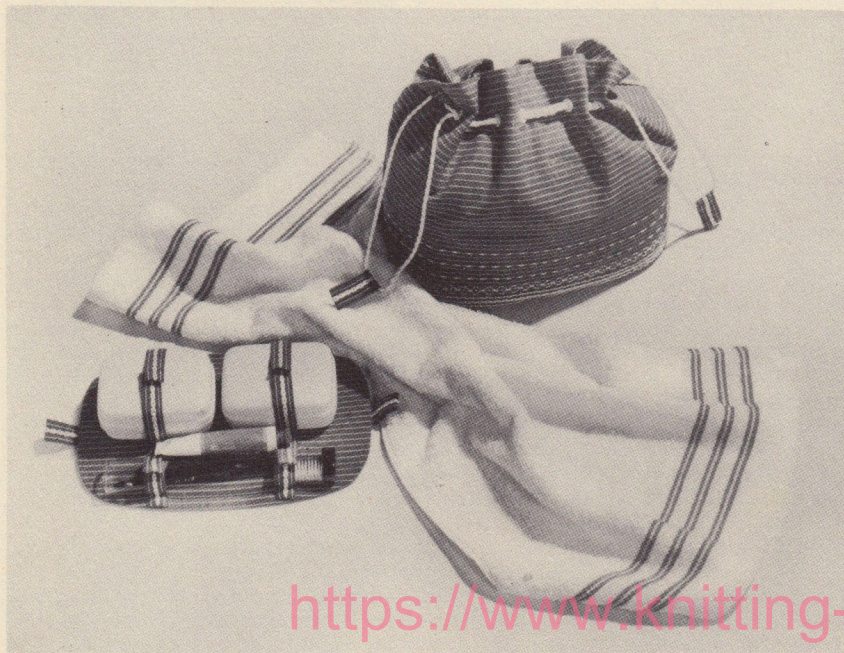
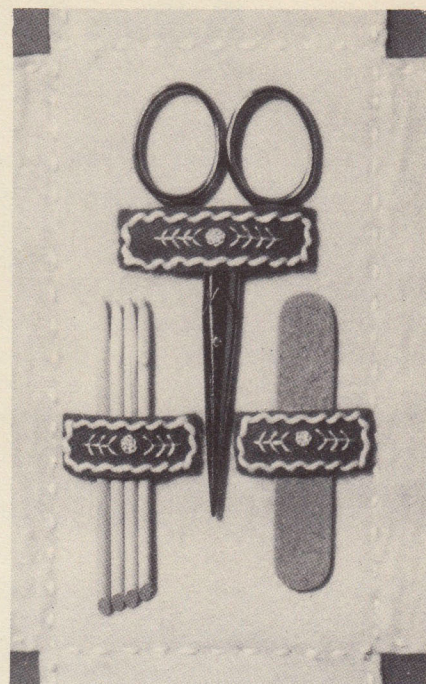
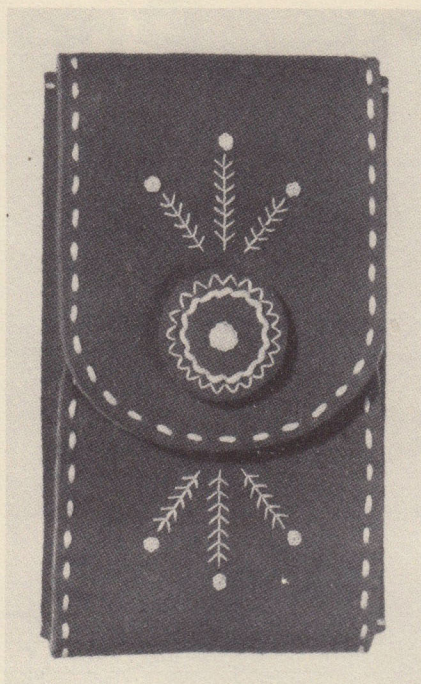
**To make tassel:** Punch hole in centre of circle. Thread ends of cord through hole. Fold strip in half lengthwise and cut at intervals from fold to within ¼ in. from edges. Roll folded strip round end of cord and secure by stitching. Sew the small circle of felt neatly over top of tassel.



**Manicure Set :** The manicure set is made from two pieces of felt  $13\frac{1}{2}$  in.  $\times$  7 in.—coloured for the outside and white for the inside. The case is fitted with straps to hold orange sticks, a nail file and scissors. The embroidery is carried out in white coton-à-broder and thick soft embroidery cotton. The stitches used are Running Stitch, Whipped Running Stitch, Fly Stitch and Chain Stitch. A decorative embroidered button is stitched over the press stud fastening.

**Toilet Bag :** The bag is made from blue and white striped cotton fabric. It is  $8\frac{1}{2}$  in. deep and the base, which has rounded corners, measures 9 in.  $\times$   $5\frac{1}{2}$  in. White cords draw up the top and these are finished with fabric tabs. A decoration is worked round the lower edges of the bag in Chevron Stitch, French Knots and Detached Chain Stitch. The bag is designed to hold two soap boxes, one of which contains a face cloth, and a toothbrush holder. A tray fits into the base of the bag and this is made with straps to secure the soap boxes and toothbrush holder. The tray is cardboard with a fabric cover which can be easily taken off for laundering. There is sufficient room in the bag for a small hand towel.

**Sewing case :** This small sewing case is made from coloured felt lined with white and it fastens with a felt covered button and a Buttonhole Stitched loop. The circular ends have a diameter of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in. and the main section measures 8 in.  $\times$   $3\frac{1}{2}$  in. The embroidered decoration is carried out in coton-à-broder and a thick soft embroidery thread. The stitches used are Running Stitch, Whipped Running Stitch, Fly Stitch, Chain Stitch, and Detached Chain Stitch. The case contains two reels of mercerised sewing cotton and a thimble. Needles are held in a folded piece of felt attached inside the case. A loop of cord to hang up the case is attached at one end and the other is trimmed with a decorative tassel.



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