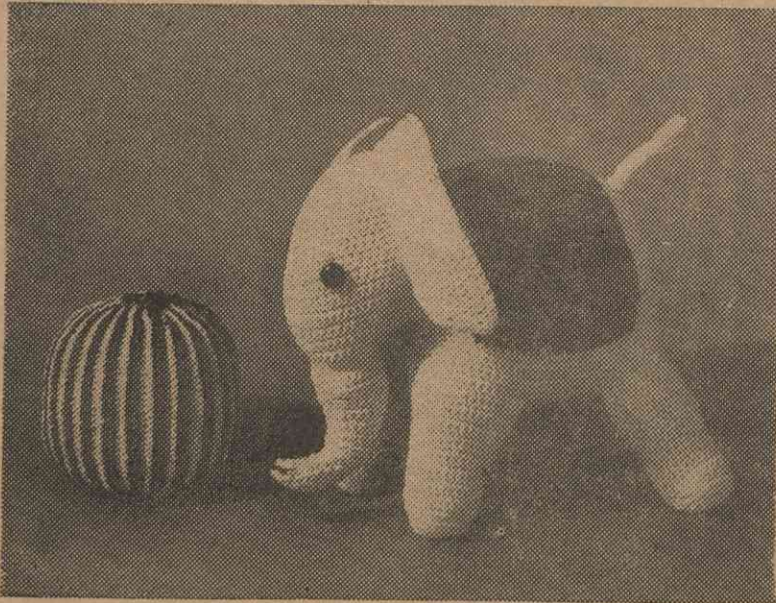


You Can Make Them Rather Than Buy



Toy shortages mean nothing to the lucky baby who gets a glimpse of this plump elephant and soft, striped ball. The patriotic elephant, crocheted of red, white and blue cotton is pint-sized to fit in with a baby's-eye-view of things. The red and white ball in simple crochet stitch is just for wee, chubby hands. Direction sheet for crocheting the elephant and ball, No. 2705, is yours for the asking at the Library.

Hand-Made Christmas Gifts Are In Style This Year, Suggestions Given

It seems we begin to talk about and plan for Christmas quite early these days. Of course, our grandmothers started on their Christmas lists many months in advance. But in more modern times we are inclined to wait until the preceding week before doing much about it. Times change, and we change with them. By now, boxes have been sent to the boys overseas and it is high time to get gifts ready for family and friends.

This year you will find many glamorous gift items missing from the departments that used to specialize in them. There will be less selection among the items that are available, so that shopping may be a long tiresome matter — perhaps even fruitless. In keeping with our many duties—taxes, war bonds, charities—it is a little out of place to spend lavishly for non-essentials. In spite of all this, we do have the spirit of giving in our hearts. We do want to remember our own circle at this special time.

Well, then, get out needles, crochet hooks and knitting needles. Invest in balls of thread—and bits of gay yard goods. Search out pretty scraps of lace and silk tucked away in the scrap bag. These, combined with nimble fingers, imagination and a little of your spare time, will produce gifts that say "I put a little of my affection for you in every stitch of this."

There are ever so many things that combine beauty and usefulness, which you can make yourself. For home-makers, there are many housefurnishings — linens for the table, embroidered guest towels, closet furnishings, aprons, even the lowly pot-holders, made in unusual shapes and lively colors. Keep their rooms' color scheme in mind when you are planning such gifts as these.

Little items for the wardrobe will receive a warm welcome from business and school girls. Drawstring bags, which are so popular this year, are easy to make. Combined with a calot, this set can be made from a small amount of bright or dark fabric. Use tweed for daytime, wool crepe for dressier occasions, perhaps velvet for evening. Scarves, dickeye, or collar and cuff sets find favor with

this group, too. Attractive lounging outfits make nice gifts. You might make pajamas, housecoats, or warm jackets if you have more to spend. As a "just a remembrance" item, why not crochet attractive frogs that the young lady can attach to her favorite pajama suit?

There is no end to the things you can make for the younger fry. Clothing, prettied up in some special way, and toys are equally acceptable. Perhaps your little daughter needs a sweater — make her one, with flowers embroidered on the collar and pockets. A dainty dress, with insertions of lace—which can be made out of a yard or two of fabric — would please any little girl. The baby loves all kinds of cuddly toys, whether they be stuffed animals or rag dolls.

You know best where your talents lie, and what your list requires. But whether your abilities are with the needle and thread or with the crochet hook, check off your list one by one and see how many things you can make.

When the whole house begins to smell of pine needles and spices, and there is a rumor that Santa is due any minute, you will be ready with your full pack of gifts that take a bit of your heart with them.

Hand Booklet Dept. Writes Old Santa

Dear Santa Claus:

We have been good little girls in the Hand Booklet Department this year. So here's what we want: First, we want some new brushes. Syble M. and "Toot" Pharr want a paper doll to call their own . . . Charlotte Johnson would like a new voice . . . Please bring Ann Morris a Marine . . . Hazel McKinney wants a transfer to the Stitching Department . . . Please bring Pauline and Mamie a little red wagon to carry their trays on . . . Vi Wilber wants an adding machine . . . Lu Lockman wants a new hair ribbon . . . Lilian King would like a nice big cushion . . . Please bring Ilse and Virginia a pair of roller skates so they can get to the cafeteria on time . . .

Conservation Corner

By Nan Brown



HAIR-DO DO'S AND DON'TS

When Johnny comes marching home he wants to see his lady fair still fair, and as a woman's crowning glory is said to be her hair, that should get some attention these days, even when the production line is more important than the hair-line. According to Ruth Rieser, director of the Venida League, hair should be brushed daily; not shampooed too frequently; and treated with tonic for any defects. Dried and split ends should be cut off and frizzy ends groomed with a good cream pomade. The upsweep is more popular these days than such fancy hair-dos as the long glamor bob, especially for Miss and Mrs. America in the nation's defense plants, and for safety and beauty's sakes, a little hair lacquer, put on the Venida way, can keep the fair tresses neat and tidy.

THIS-A-AND-DATA

General Electric has long offered facilities to conserve the nerves and hearing of workers who test airplane superchargers and do other work by supplying its workers with cotton and wax anti-noise ear stopples of the flents variety and sound-proofing rooms, and other workers in noisy places can use the stopple system, at least, to prevent jangled nerves and to increase efficiency. . . . Off the job, there's a practical conservation of charm note offered by Dorris Varnum, designer of junior miss dresses for Jonathan Logan classics, who points out that clothes should be bought for the figure rather than the age to save on costly alteration. . . . Don't demean the diaper. . . . The diaper is meant for one purpose, the eternal triangle for Baby, and the National Institute of Diaper Services has issued a plea—in view of the shortage—for mothers not to use the precious cloths as bibs, hankies, etc.

CEREALTERNATIVE

In these days of shortages, there is no shortage of cereals, and cereals are nutritious. This would seem to invite wholesale consumption of cereals, but the truth is that Junior is not the only one who hesitates over his breakfast-food. The truth is, too, that cereals can be made highly palatable in a number of ways, and even so disguised that they become less cereals than desserts, full of food-value. Take a tip from Grandma in the masquerading of oatmeal, for instance, into delicious molasses oatmeal cookies.



The recipe for this grandma's old-fashioned molasses cookies chocked full with nature's iron is:

1/3 cup shortening	1/2 tsp. salt
1/3 cup granulated sugar	1/4 tsp. baking soda
1/2 cup old-fashioned unsulphured molasses	1 tsp. baking powder
1 cup sifted all-purpose flour	1-1/2 cups quick-cooking oatmeal
1/2 tsp. allspice	1 cup grated carrots
1/4 tsp. nutmeg	1/2 cup raisins (optional)
1/4 tsp. ground cloves	
1 tsp. grated orange rind (for extra flavor)	

Mix shortening and sugar, then mix egg and unsulphured molasses and add to first mixture. Sift dry ingredients and stir in oatmeal. Add to molasses mixture then stir in carrots and orange rind. Drop by teaspoonfuls on a greased baking sheet, top each with a raisin and bake at about 375° F. from 15 to 18 minutes. This will make four dozen cookies and make oatmeal a palate-must.

WAR-TIME MANNERS

Manners go in cycles. When America was young, rugged individualism countenanced such actions as the sopping up of the last drop of good gravy by a hungry pioneer. Then the manners-pendulum swung back and such actions were considered a bit impolite.

A few years ago a non-profit group known as the National Dunking Association sponsored the time-honored custom of donut-dunking to spread good-fellowship and folkishness. The outlaw dunk became proper and popular, although a few nose-in-the-air folks still preferred their donuts undunked. Now, however, the dunk, the gravy-sop, and the tilt-the-soup plate-and-save-the-soup are fighting the war in their small way, by conserving. And they have the sponsorship of no less a personage than Uncle Sam. Yes, dunk ye—for fun and patriotism!

Pauline Guice wants a new set of brakes so she can get stopped at the time clock every afternoon . . . Please bring Frances Orr and Edna Fulton some Red Tip Top . . . Helen Dunne wants a parrot to keep her company . . . Please bring Marie a reducing machine so she can wear her slacks . . . Margaret Longshore wants a memo pad for a reminder . . . Edith Alexander would like a fairy-tale book . . . Jonnie D. would like a sack of Kansas flour with something else besides flour in it . . . The Wilson twins would like twin soldiers for Xmas . . . Verna West would like a set of

artificial finger-nails . . . Edna Gray wants an elevator for her apartment . . . Please bring Jessie McGee and the Fletcher gang a new 1944 helicopter to come to work in . . . Martha Taylor wants a finger bowl to use while working.

"For fear you forget", the Hand Booklet Department is going to get a certain fellow around Champagne a wig for Xmas, so when he gets a hair net he won't feel so bad about spending 50c.

Yours,
H. B. D.

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