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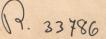
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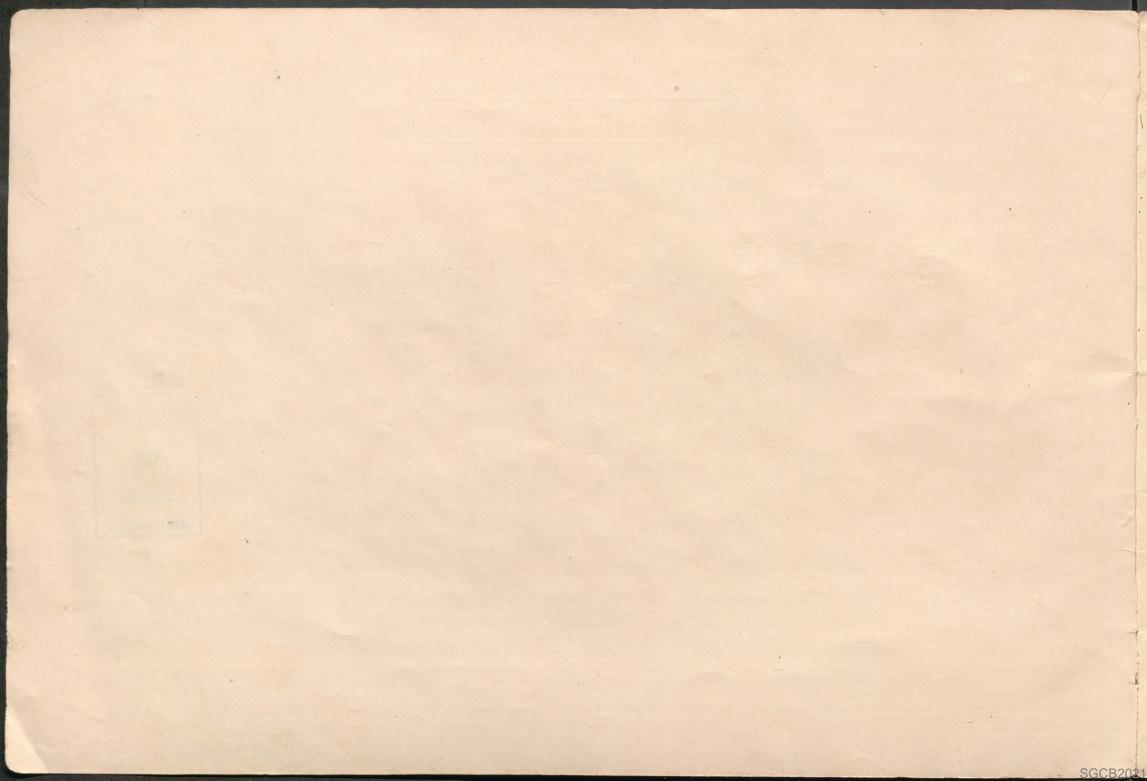
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# INTRODUCTION

Tulle is the name now given to a fabric of rather recent invention, consisting of hexagonal meshes, which serves as a foundation for different kinds of embroidered laces.

The meshes of the first machine-made tulles were fine and were intended to replace the laboriously needle-made grounds of the Alençon laces and the Mechlin pillow laces; but soon the practice set in of embroidering the lace on to the tulle direct, in imitation as far as possible of the needle point and fine pillow laces. Subsequently when the big-meshed tulle made by machine was introduced, which greatly resembles a netted ground, embroidery in darning and button-hole stitch began to be executed on these tulles which presented a close analogy with embroidery on net.

Now when these tulles are to be had with meshes of every degree of fineness the most varied and perfect embroidery can be executed upon them.

Embroidery on tulle is of two principal kinds according to the method of execution, one is done on coarse tulle, in darning-stitch, counting the meshes; the other in every variety of embroidery stitches on fine tulle after a tracing.

The present album deals with the first of these, called "darning on tulle"; a small treatise explaining how these embroideries are done, and the work is easy enough, introduces a series of 24 plates of patterns of lace edgings, insertions and powderings, most of them reproduced in their original size.

# Embroidery on Tulle – Ist Series

## Directions for executing the embroideries on tulle

Embroidery in darning-stitch on tulle, requires, excepting needles, no accessories or preparatory work.

It is done in the hand, following exactly the number of meshes and stitches indicated by the engravings.



Fig. 1. Coarse tulle.

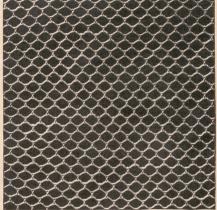


Fig. 2. Greek tulle.

The tulle. — The tulle that serves as ground for the darningstitch embroidery is made in several sizes, as regards the size of the meshes; the kinds most in use are reproduced here in figures 1 to 4.

The coarse tulle, fig. 1, is used for big bed-spreads, curtains and blinds; it is only made in cream-yellow.

The Greek tulle, figs. 2 and 3, is also used for all kinds of bedspreads and curtains; it is chiefly used however, for trimming articles of dress, such as collars, plastrons, shawls, aprons, flounces for under-skirts, &c.

It is made in white, cream-yellow and black.

The fine tulle, fig. 4, is principally used for trimming underlinen,

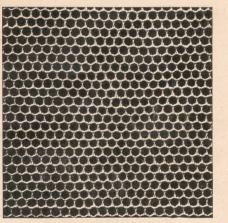


Fig. 3. Greek tulle.

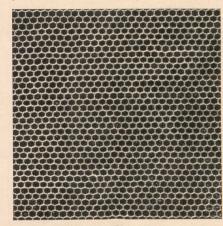


Fig. 4. Fine tulle.

but serves also for other articles of wearing-apparel; it is made in white and cream-yellow.

**Materials.** — For embroidering on tulle slightly twisted threads or floss threads in different numbers, according to the stitches, are used.

For working on coarse tulle, fig. 1, use, as coarse thread, Pearl cotton D.M.C (Coton perlé) N° 1; as fine thread, Pearl cotton D.M.C

(Coton perlé) N° 3, Floss flax D.M.C (Lin floche) N° 8, or Special stranded cotton D.M.C (Mouliné spécial) N° 14 and 25.

For working on the Greek tulle, fig. 2 and 3, use, as coarse thread Pearl cotton D.M.C (Coton perlé) N° 3, Floss flax D.M.C (Lin floche)

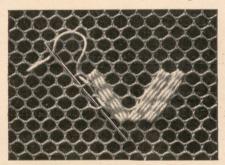


Fig. 5. How to work darning-stitch with fine thread in diagonal rows.

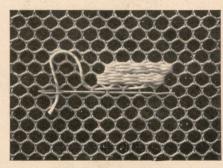


Fig. 6. How to work darning-stitch with fine thread in horizontal rows.

N°8, Special stranded cotton D.M.C (Mouliné spécial) N°s 14 and 25 or Persian silk D.M.C (Soie de Perse); as fine thread, Pearl cotton D.M.C (Coton perlé) N°s 8 and 12, Alsatia D.M.C N°s 25 to 40, Floss flax D.M.C (Lin floche) N° 16 as well as Special stranded cotton D.M.C (Mouliné spécial) N°s 14 and 25 or 1 or 2 strands of Persian silk D.M.C (Soie de Perse).

For the fine tulle, fig. 4, take for the coarse thread, Pearl cotton D.M.C (Coton perlé) N°s 5 and 8, Floss flax D.M.C (Lin floche) N° 15 or three strands of Special stranded cotton D.M.C (Mouliné spécial) N°s 14 and 25; for the fine thread, Pearl cotton D.M.C (Coton perlé) N° 12, Floss flax D.M.C (Lin floche) N° 25, Alsatia D.M.C (Lin floche) N° 25, Alsatia D.M.C N° 40 and one strand of Special stranded cotton D.M.C (Mouliné spécial) N°s 14 and 25.

For trimming underlinen, bed-spreads, curtains and blinds white thread is used for both white and yellow tulle.

For articles of dress coloured embroidery done with bright threads in plain and shaded colours is much appreciated.

For coloured embroideries we recommend, Pearl cotton D.M.C (Coton perlé), Floss flax D.M.C (Lin floche) and Shaded pearl cotton D.M.C (Coton perlé ombré) in light shades for cream tulle and brilliant colours for black tulle. Black embroidery on black is gene-

rally done on silk tulle, in silk thread, such as Persian silk D.M.C (Soie de Perse) and Stranded silk D.M.C (Soie moulinée).

The stitches. — In the embroideries on tulle, contained in this album, the different varieties of darning-stitch often occur. Certain parts which require greater prominence and are to stand out in relief from the rest of the embroidery are worked in straight stitch; the patterns can also be enriched by rows of hem-stitch and other ornaments. When a piece of work is finished off with scallops the outside meshes should be button-holed to strengthen them.

Further on the necessary directions are given for copying our patterns, together with explanatory figures.

**Darning-stitch.** — Darning-stitch is worked in rows to and



Fig. 7. How to work darning-stitch with coarse thread in diagonal rows.

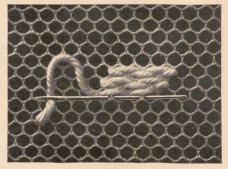


Fig. 8. How to work darning-stitch with coarse thread in horizontal rows.

fro, passing the thread over one bar of the tulle and taking up the next. According to the thread to be used the darning-stitch is worked in one or in several double rows until the meshes of the tulle rae well filled.

Figure 5 shows the darning-stitch worked with a fine thread and in slanting lines, in three rows to and fro.

Figure 6 shows the same stitch worked in horizontal lines.

Figures 7 and 8 show how darning-stitch is worked with coarse thread; a single row to and fro serves to fill the tulle meshes.

For surrounding certain parts, as well as for forming detached subjects, the darning-stitch is worked partly in a single row going one way and partly in a double row to and fro as the drawing requires (see fig. 9).

How to fasten the thread on and off. — To fasten the thread firmly on and off needs great care so that the ends should be invi-

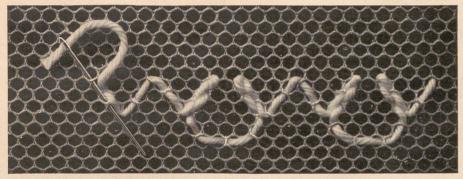


Fig. 9. How to work borderings and independent motives in darning-stitch.

sible. In beginning a subject, fold the end of the thread back over the meshes of the tulle so that they can be embroidered over when you work the rows of darning-stitch (see fig. 10). To fasten off carry the needle and thread through a finished part of the embroidery, see fig. 11, then cut off the protruding end of thread. To renew the thread in the middle of a subject join the new and the old thread together by means of a weaver's knot and hide the two ends in the embroidery.

How to embroider over the tulle meshes. — To give relief to certain parts straight stitch may be substituted for darning-stitch to cover the meshes.

Figure 12 shows how to embroider over the meshes in horizontal rows and figure 13 in zig-zag ones. In working you cover each mesh

of tulle with two oblique straight stitches.

Cord stitch. — To accentuate certain straight lines or stalks, use cord stitch instead of darning-stitch working it in one row to and fro.

Going, you make one row of single darning-stitch and work over them coming back with oblique stitches which form the cord.

Figure 14 shows the working of this stitch in an oblique and in a horizontal line.

Ornamental subjects, eyeletholes and stars. — Eyeletholes are most often used with stalks and are worked in two or more rounds of darning-stitch.

Figure 15 shows, on the right, an eyelet-hole completed, on the

Fig. 10. How to embroider over the ends of the thread.

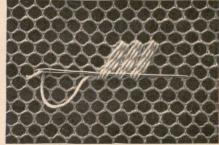


Fig. 11. How to fasten off the thread when the embroidery is finished.

left, one in the working. As may be seen from the engraving, before beginning the second row, you slip the needle under the last stitch of the stalk, so as to be able to invert the stitches of the second row.

Figure 16 shows how to embroider the little stars in straight stitch with coarse and with fine thread. With the coarse thread

you make only one stitch over each mesh, with the fine you make two. For the bigger stars, see plates II and XX, make your stitches always over two meshes of the tulle.

Rivières. — In figures 17 to 25 are reproduced all the rivières

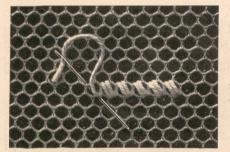


Fig. 12. How to embroider the meshes of tulle with straight stitch in horizontal rows.

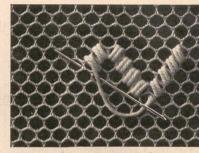


Fig. 13. How to embroider the meshes with straight stitch in zig-zag rows.

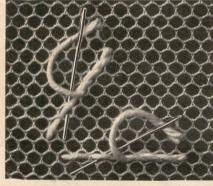


Fig. 14. How to work cord stitch in diagonal and in horizontal rows.

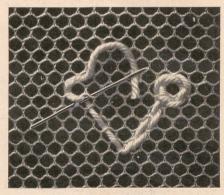


Fig. 15. How to make eyelet-holes in darning-stitch.

and ornamental stitches we have used for the patterns represented in our plates.

Figures 17 and 18 show the working of a rivière in a waved

line, done in darning-stitch in one journey. Figures 10 and 20 illustrate the embroidery of a rivière with a row of eyelet-holes, worked in one row to and fro; figure 21 a rivière consisting of two rows of eyelet-holes, worked in a single row. This latter figure

shows, in their original size, the effect embroideries done on coarse tulle in Pearl cotton D.M.C (Coton perlé Nº 1.

Figure 22 shows a rivière worked in herringbone stitch, in a single round, in straight stitches and the rivière in herringbone stitch, fig. 23 is done in two rounds in darning-stitch.

The serpentine rivière, fig. 24, is again made in one journey whilst the crenelated rivière, fig. 25, requires two rows of loop stitches interwoven together.

How to fasten off the tulle edges with button-holed scallops. — As already said the meshes of the tulle which are to form the scallops must be strengthened by an embroidered edge.

For this it is best to use buttonhole stitch and darning-stitch with a selvedge.

Fig. 17. Waved lines worked horizontally.

For the simpler embroideries use ordinary button-hole stitch, done in coarse thread. Begin by tracing the scallops by a single row of darning-stitch following exactly the number of meshes required by the pattern and over this

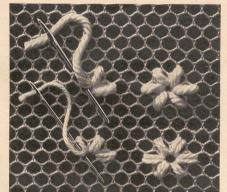


Fig. 16. How to make stars in straight stitch with coarse and fine thread.

traced line do the button-holing, setting one stitch in every mesh of the tulle.

Figure 26 shows the button-holing done in a horizontal line and figure 27 in a diagonal line. Figure 28 shows how the scallops with

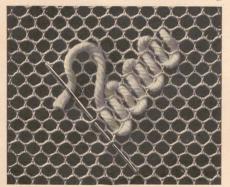


Fig. 18. Waved lines worked diagonally.

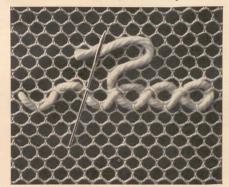


Fig. 19. Row of eyelet-holes worked horizontally.

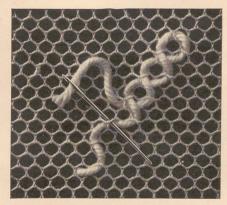


Fig. 20. Row of cyclet-holes worked diagonally.

cut points are done, for which you must set two button-hole stitches into the same mesh at the interior of the corners.

The darning with an edge takes rather more time to do.

This kind of darning-stitch differs from the ordinary kind. After fastening on the thread on the left on to a bar of tulle, you form a loop which you lay hold of with your left thumb, then pass your needle to the right into a

mesh of the tulle, and draw it under the upper bar and back to the left under the bottom bar and over the loop of thread held by your thumb. Let the loop go and tighten the thread so as to get, outside the darning-stitch, a small oblique stitch which forms a strong edge.

Figures 29 and 30 show this stitch worked in a horizontal and

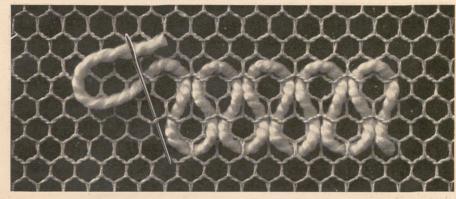


Fig. 21. Double row of eyelet-holes worked horizontally, with Pearl cotton D.M.C No 1.



Fig. 22. Row of herringbone stitches worked in one journey.

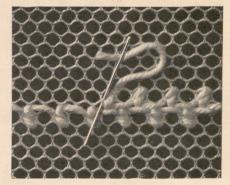


Fig. 23. Row of herringbone stitches worked in two journeys.

in an oblique line. Figure 31 shows how the pointed scallops are formed, by making, right and left of the vertical stitch at the

point, an ordinary button-hole stitch over the outer bars of the tulle. Figures 32 and 33 show scallops with cut points worked in edged darning-stitch, for which use a finer thread; make two or three darning-stitches in each mesh of the tulle so as to fill it

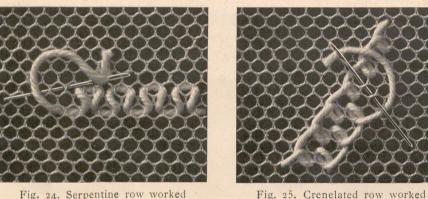


Fig. 24. Serpentine row worked in one journey.



Fig. 26. Button-hole stitch worked horizontally.

in two journeys.



Fig. 27. Button-hole stitch worked diagonally.

properly. After finishing the button-holed edge cut away the tulle outside the embroidery.

How to embroider tulle by machine. - Embroidery in darning-stitch on tulle can be done with the sewing machine, but different materials from those used for handwork are required. For coarse tulle we recommend Alsa D.M.C No 40 and for fine tulle Alsatian twist D.M.C (Retors d'Alsace) Nos 20 to 60. These are to be had in white, black and a great assortment of washing

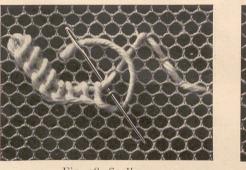


Fig. 28. Scallops with cut points worked in buttonhole stitch.

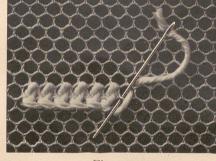


Fig. 29. Darning-stitch with selvedge worked horizontally.

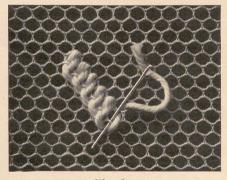


Fig. 30. Darning-stitch with selvedge worked diagonally.

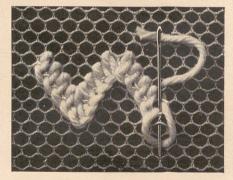


Fig. 31. Pointed scallops worked in darning-stitch with selvedge with coarse thread.

colours. According to the thickness of the thread used and the size of the meshes you must pass from two to six times through the meshes.



Fig. 32. Scallops with cut points worked in darning-stitch with selvedge in thread of medium size. No 40.

For the embroidery to be the same back and front you merely have to use the same thread for the bobbin and the shuttle.

In figure 34 we reproduce one subject of one of the powderings of plate VI, embroidered with the machine in Alsa D.M.C N° 40.

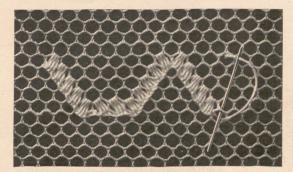


Fig. 33. Scallops with cut points worked in darning-stitch with selvedge, in fine thread.

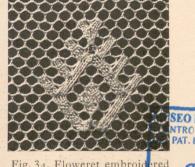


Fig. 34. Floweret embroidered on tulle with the machine.

## The uses of embroidery on tulle

The uses to which embroidery on tulle, for dress and furniture decoration, can be put, are many: so that our readers may judge of the effect produced we give in plates XV and XVI different reproductions of articles for which the patterns in this album have been used.

Plate XV represents two scarves, two jabots, and a front for a dress or blouse.

All these articles are in white Greek tulle. The materials we recommend are Alsatia D.M.C N° 40, for the fine thread and Pearl cotton D.M.C (Coton perlé) N° 3, white, for the coarse thread.

The scarves are 50 c/m. wide; their length varying from 150 to 250 c/m. The left scarf is trimmed with one of the laces on plate IX, the flowers, set two ways, form a little powdering above the border; the right scarf is embroidered with the lace on plate XVIII. A little hem finishes off the two ends. Very pretty effects can be produced by the use of Pearl cotton in light colours on cream-yellow

tulle. We also recommend Shaded pearl cotton D.M.C (Coton perlé ombré) in blue and pink, blue and yellow, blue and green, violet, &c. The collars for the jabots made in a light-coloured stuff are covered with a braid embroidered on tulle. For the collars we have used the patterns on plate II, for the neck-ties the narrow laces on plate III.

The arrangement of the folds is shown in the engravings. These jabots can also be made of cream-yellow tulle, but the embroidery must always be done in white.

The motive for a skirt or blouse front is one of the grounds on plate V; the collar is embroidered with the edge of one of the laces on plate IV and the narrow flounce with a lace on plate III.

Dress and blouse fronts of the same kind as our pattern can also be embroidered in black on black. In this case silk tulle should be used and the embroidery should be done in black Persian silk D.M.C (Soie de Perse).

The two patterns of bed-spreads on plate XVI are embroidered in Pearl cotton D.M.C (Coton perlé) Nos 1 and 3 on coarse tulle. You begin by embroidering the grounds after the patterns on plates VI and XXII; the lace edgings that frame the grounds are from patterns on plate IV, worked in strips, on a scale to suit the size of the bed-spreads: these should be lined with a light-coloured material and trimmed with the lace put on slightly full.

If you do not wish to trim these bed-spreads with a frill you can edge them with a few straight rows of darning-stitch and finish off the sides with hems.

Besides the articles illustrated on our plates embroideries on tulle can be used as a trimming for many other objects.

Petticoat flounces embroidered on black tulle in yellow, green,

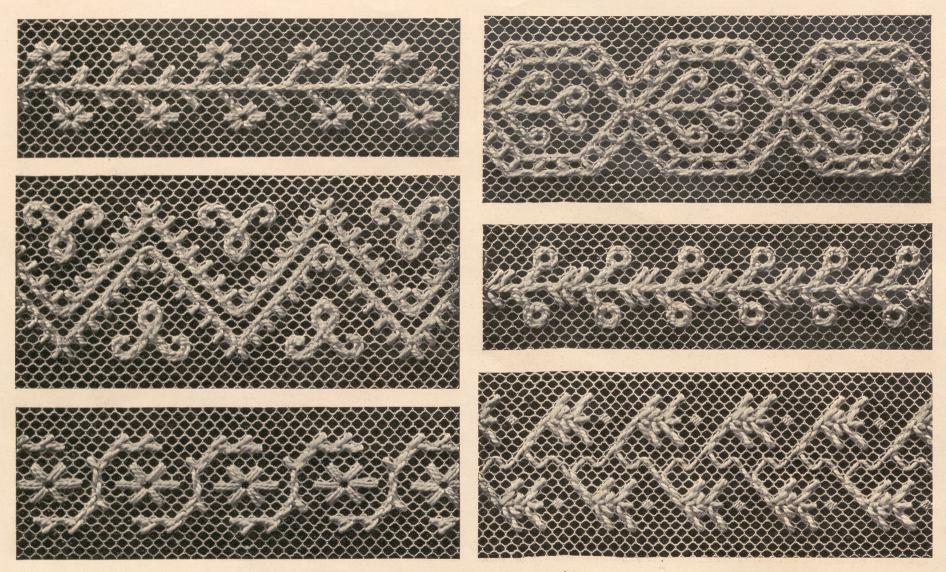
blue or violet cotton are much appreciated. The patterns on plates XVII, XVIII, and XXIII are very suitable for such flounces. For trimming light dresses, little embroidered braids like those on plate XIX are much used; the powderings on plates V, VI, VII and XX can be used for hats and caps, for collars, fronts of dresses, &c.

Larger pieces of embroidery on Greek tulle such as are shown on plates XIII, XXI, and XXII serve for cushion covers of all kinds; worked on coarse tulle they are used for large furniture covers, curtains and blinds.

With the help of the patterns contained in this album all sorts of combinations are possible suitable for such minor articles as pin cushions, sachets, reticules, sofa covers, chair-backs and so forth.

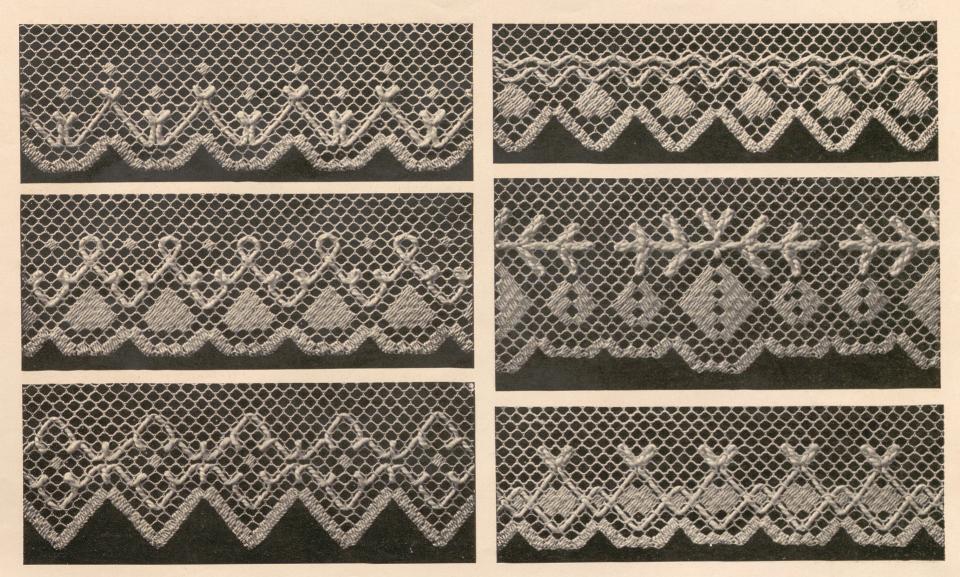


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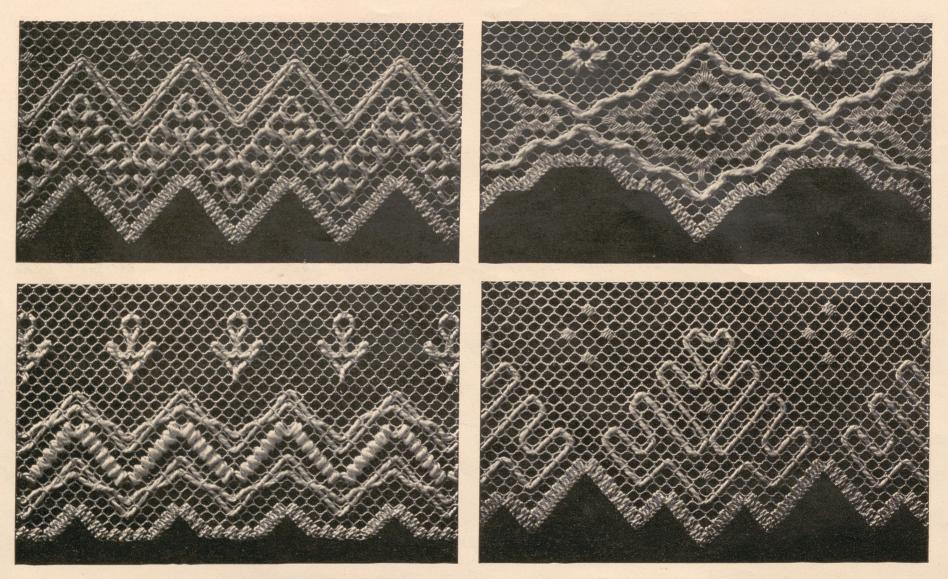


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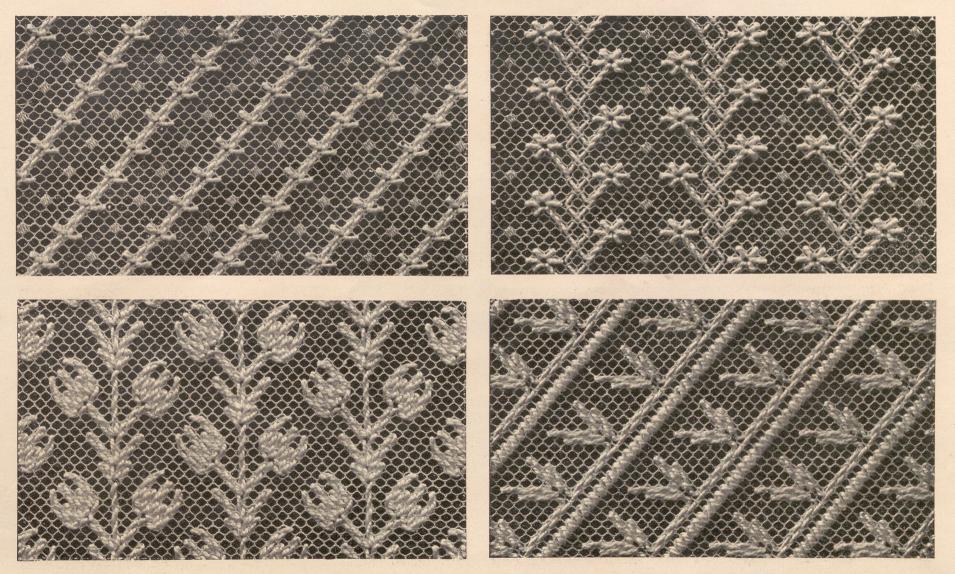
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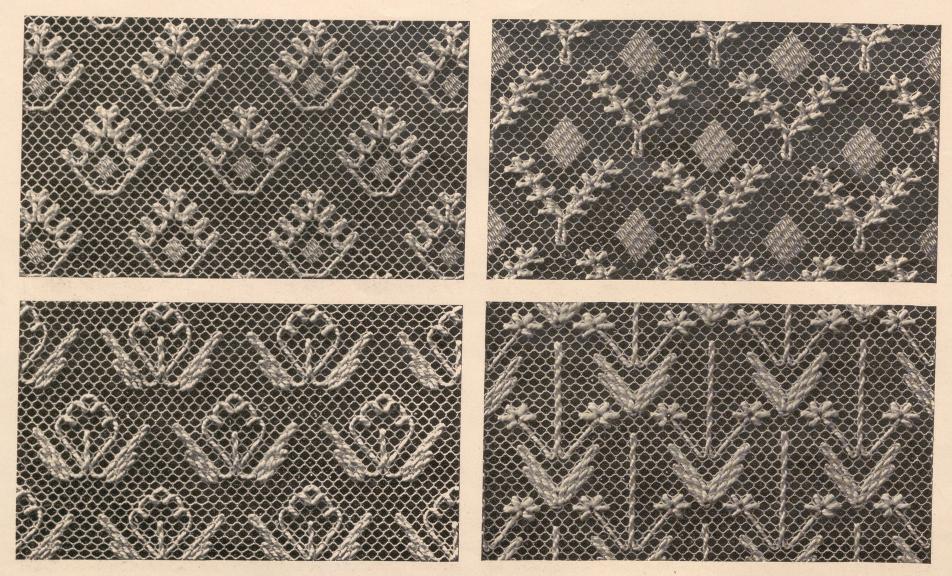
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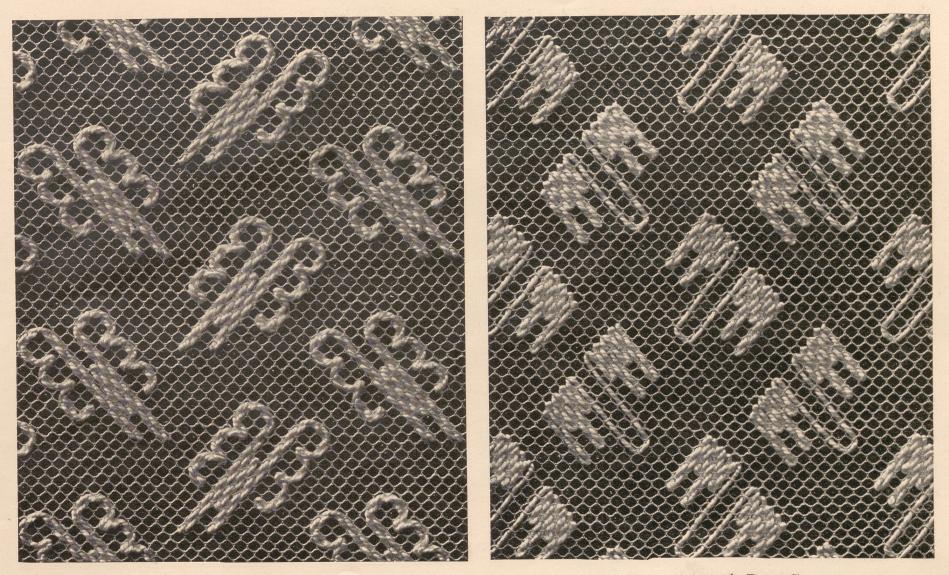


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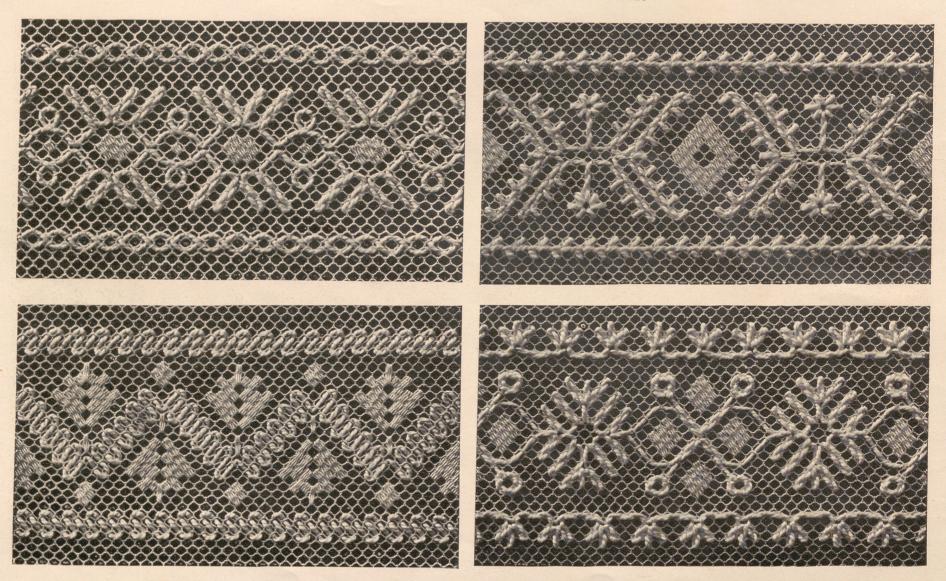


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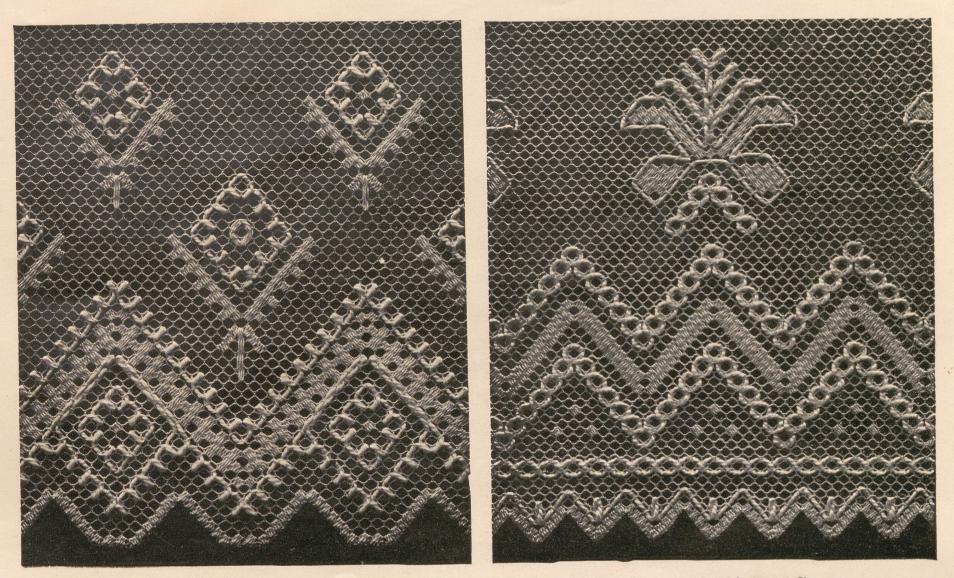
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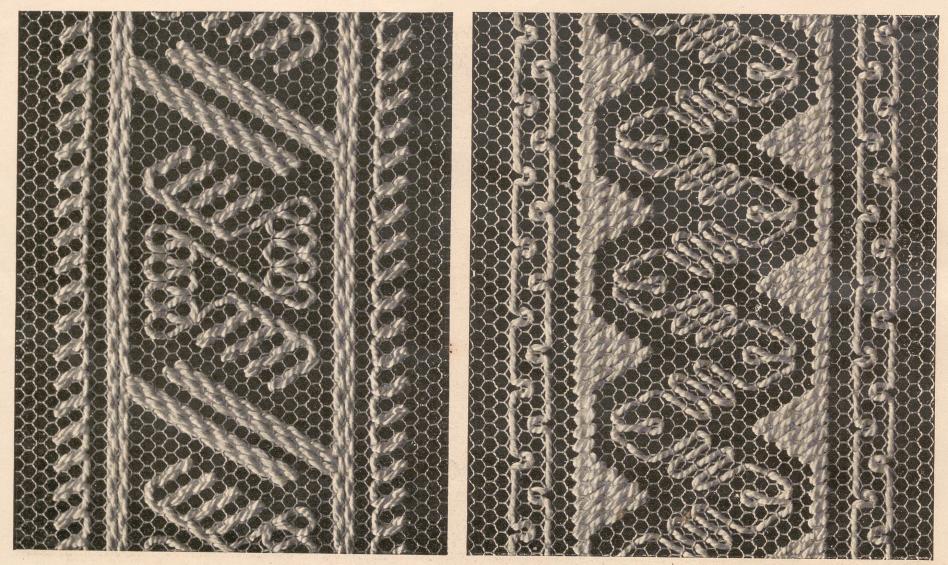


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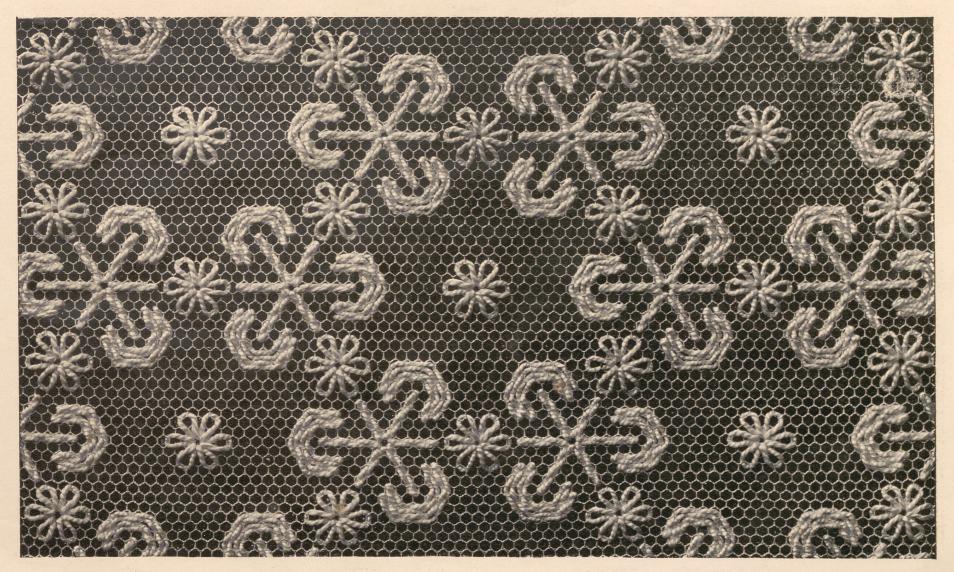
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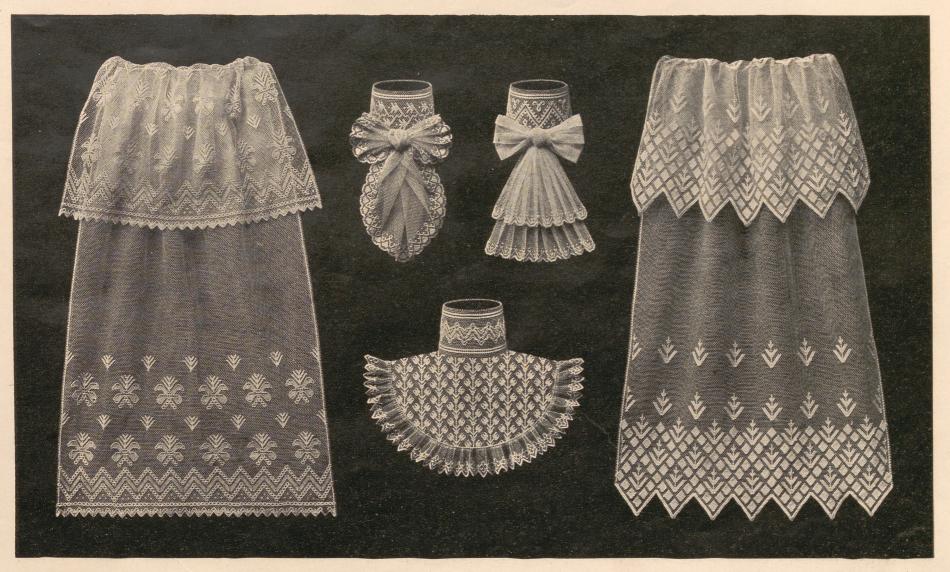
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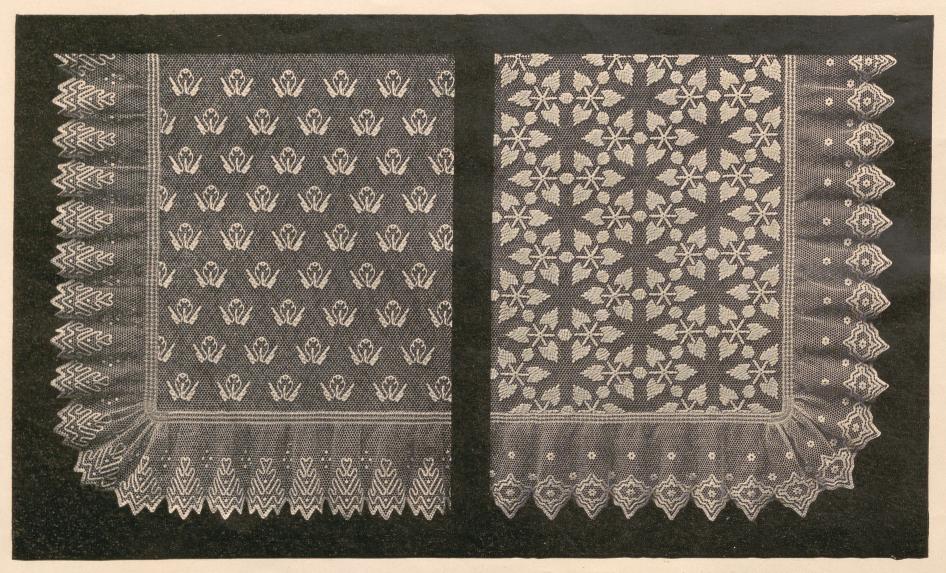


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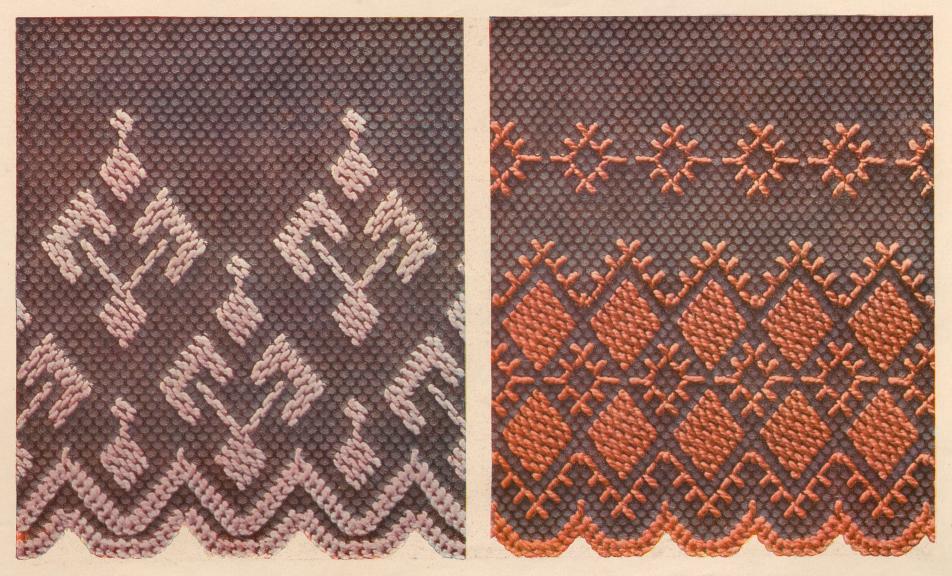
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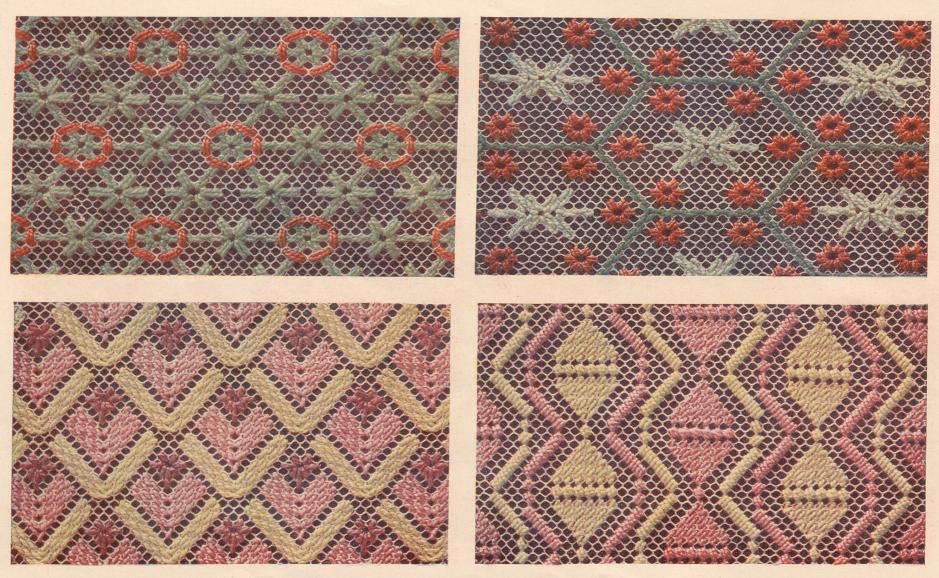


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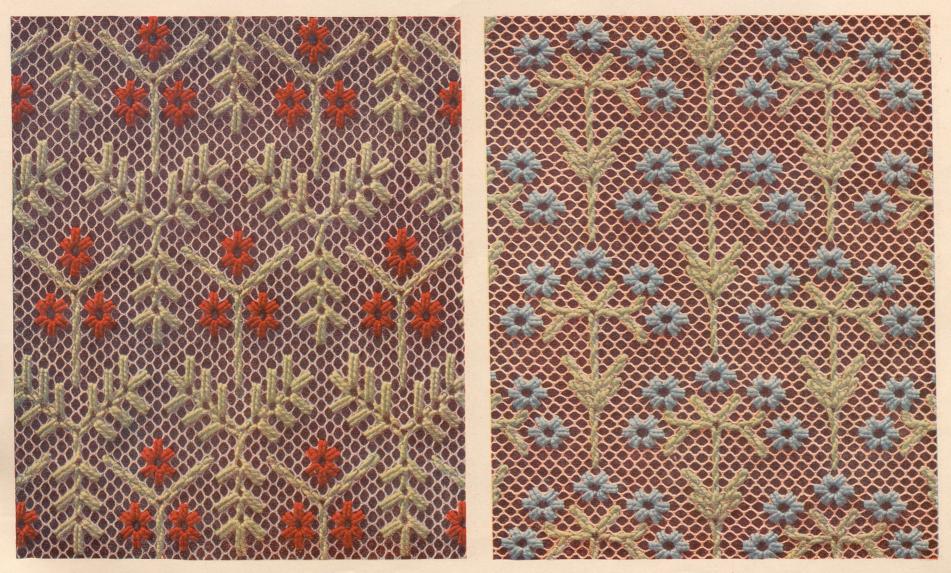
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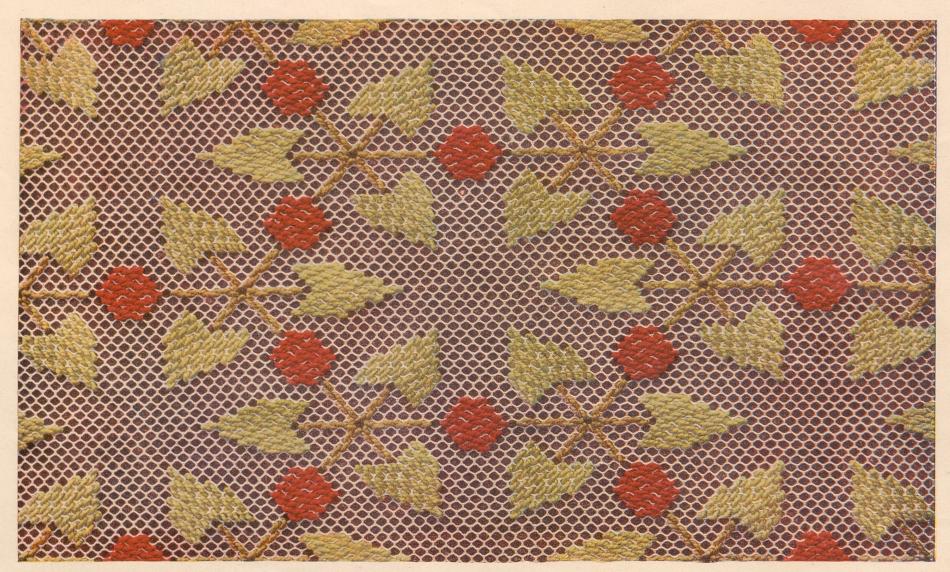
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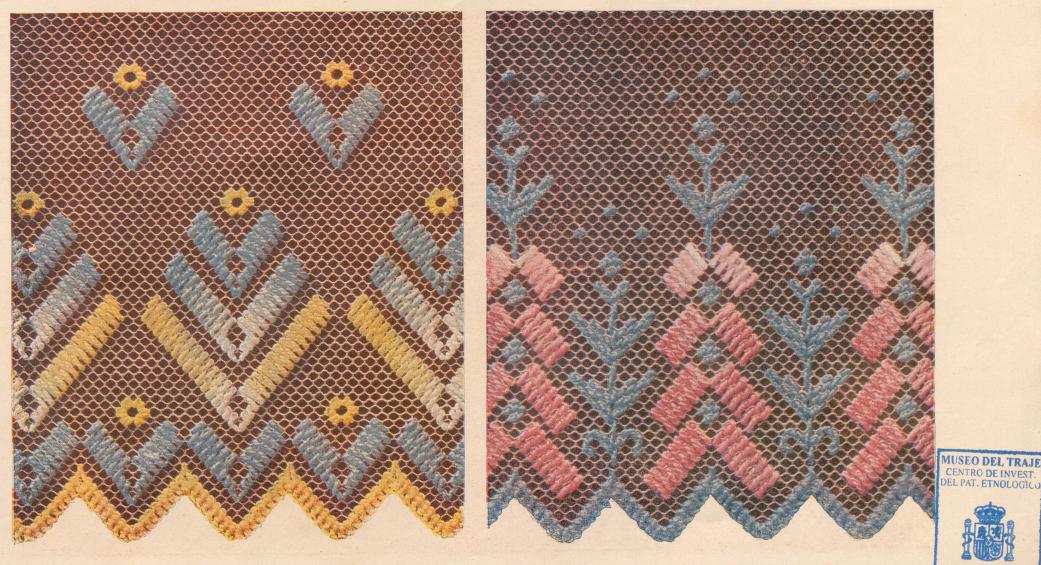
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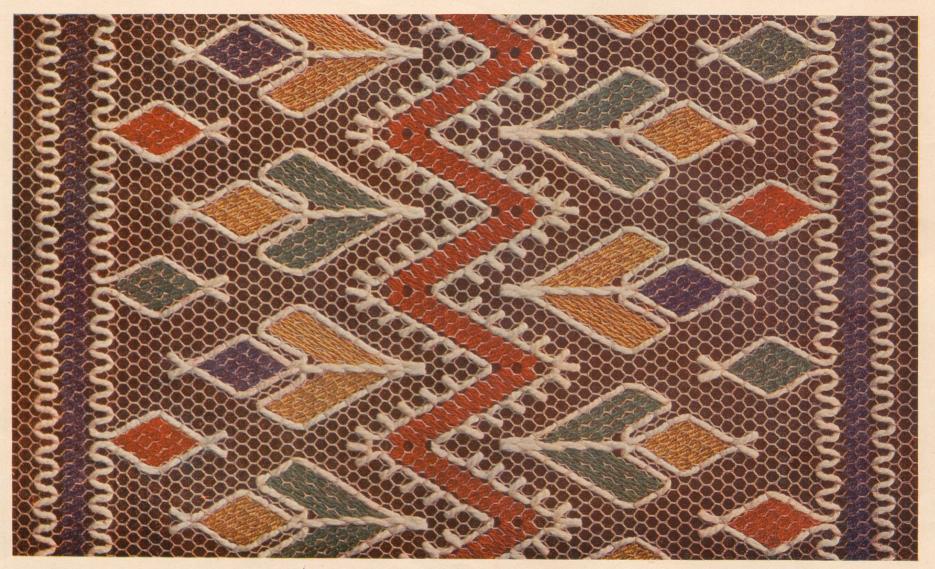
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Cottons for embroidery and tapestry: D.M.C Embroidery cottons (Cotons à broder). D.M.C Pearl cottons (Cotons perlés). D.M.C Special stranded cotton (Mouliné spécial).

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Flax threads for embroidery and tapestry: D.M.C Floss flax (Lin floche). D.M.C Stranded flax thread (Lin mouliné).

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## D.M.C LIBRARY

In the endeavour to develop the taste for fancy needlework and to make the use of the numerous articles made specially for sewing and embroidery by the Societé anonyme Dollfus-Mieg & Cie better known, the Society has published a series of works which together form a complete library of information dealing with every known kind of needlework.

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All these publications are edited in French and German, and some in English (\*). As the text however is but of secondary importance and the designs are the principal point, those works which are not published in the English language can quite well be used in England.

Further on will be found a description of these publications which can be obtained of booksellers, mercers and at needlework depôts or of the editor direct, Th. DE DILLMONT, MULHOUSE (Alsace).

## List of the publications of the D·M·C Library

#### \* Encyclopedia of Needlework

#### La Broderie au Passé (Flat stitch Embroidery)

### Albums for Cross-Stitch Embroidery

#### \* ALBUM I:

In-4°, 32 plates with 278 designs. Artistic cover...... Price: 1/3

#### ALBUM II:

#### \* ALBUM III:

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#### Le Filet-Richelieu (French net work)

## Alphabets et Monogrammes

(Alphabets and Monograms)

### Motifs de Broderie copte (Motifs for Coptic Embroidery)

This work is divided into 3 parts, each of which is accompanied by an explanatory text. Artistic cover. In-4°.. Price: 2/- each.

### Le Tricot (Knitting, Ist and IInd Series)

Two albums in-4°, containing, the first 72, and the second 63 patterns, for knitting. Artistic cover.......... Price: 2/- each.

#### La Broderie sur Lacis

(Net-work embroidery, Ist and IInd Series)

#### Le Macramé (Macramé)

#### \* The Embroiderer's Alphabet

## \* New Patterns in Old Style

## \* The Net Work

#### Le Crochet

(Crochet Work, Ist and IInd Series)

## \* Crochet Work, IIIrd Series

## \* Cross Stitch · New Designs (Ist Series)

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#### \* Drawn thread Work

An album in-8°, of 20 plates containing a great variety of patterns and an explanatory text. Artistic cover.................. Price: 5<sup>d</sup>.

## Recueil d'Ouvrages divers (Works of various kinds)

## La Dentelle Renaissance (Point lace)

#### \* Teneriffe Lace Work

An album in-8°, of 20 plates

Containing a great variety of patterns for wheels, borders and lace and an explanatory text. Artistic cover ........ Price: 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub><sup>d</sup>.

#### Motifs pour Broderies (Motifs for Embroideries, Ist and \*IInd Series)

## \* Motifs for Embroideries (IIIrd and IVth Series)

## \* Hardanger Embroideries

## \* Marking Stitch, Ist Series

Album in-8°

Containing 12 coloured plates composed of alphabets, monograms and patterns for counted stitch embroideries...... Price: 1<sup>d</sup>.

## \* Irish Crochet Lace

#### Les Dentelles aux Fuseaux (Pillow Laces, Ist Series)

### \* Embroidery on Tulle (Ist Series)

Album in large octavo, containing 16 plates printed in black and 8 plates in colours, with numerous patterns of laces, edgings, insertions and powderings preceded by an explanatory text facilitating the execution of embroidery on tulle. Price: —/10

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