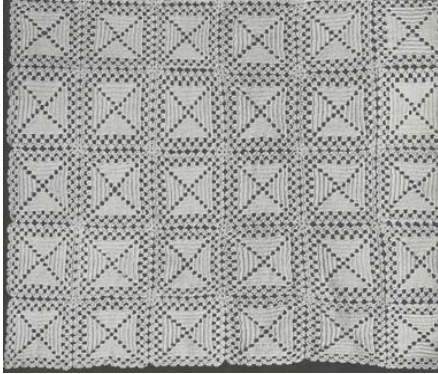


The Betsy Ross Bedspread



Crochet this beautiful bedspread from Bucilla Hand Crocheted Colonial Bedspreads, originally published by Bernhard Ulmann Co. in 1932.

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Double bedspread Approx. 82x104

Materials:

Bucilla Super Crochet Cotton, Article 3457, 20 skeins.

Bucilla Super Crochet Hook No. 3, Article 4300

Each square should measure 7 inches

Squares: Ch 12, join with a slip-st into a ring.

1st Row: Ch 3 (which counts as 1 dc), 2 dc in first st, taking up 2 threads of ch, 1 dc in next st, * ch 7, 1 dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, 1 dc in next st, repeat from * twice, ch 7, 1 sl st in top st of ch 3 st at beginning of row. (Always take up

2 threads of st when joining). There will be 4 groups of 4 dc, with ch 7 between each group.

2nd Row: Turn, skip the joining st, * 1 sc in each st of the ch 7 (taking up 2 threads of ch sts), 1 sc in each of the next 4 dc, repeat from * around.

3rd Row: Without turning, make 1 slip st in each of the first 4 sc, taking up back thread only, ch 3, turn, skip the first slip st, * 1 dc in each of 11 sts, taking up back thread, ch 7, 1 dc in same st as last dc, repeat from * 3 times, ending with ch 7, 1 slip st in top of ch 3 at beginning of row.

4th Row: Turn, skip the joining st, * 1 sc in each of the 7 ch sts (taking up 2 threads as in 2nd row), 1 sc in each dc in next ch (taking up to threads of top sts), repeat from * to end of row.

5th Row: Without turning, make a slip st in each of the first 4 sc, taking up back loop only, ch 3, turn, skip the first slip st, * 1 dc in each st to center st of corner space (20 dc in row, including the ch 3), taking up back thread only, ch 7, 1 dc in same st as last dc, repeat from * 3 times, ending with ch 7, 1 sl st in top of ch st at beginning of row.

6th Row: Same as 4th row.

7th Row: Same as 4th row.

8th Row: Same as 4th row.

9th Row: Same as 5th row, (36 dc on each side of square).

10th Row: Same as 4th row

11th Row: Slip st over the first 4 sc, ch 3, turn, skip the first slip st, 1 dc on back thread of next st, ch 2, 1 slip st in top of last dc (a picot), 1 dc in each of the next 2 sts, * ch 4 skip 4 sts, 1 dc in each of the next 2

sts, 1 picot, 1 dc in each of the next 2 sts, repeat from * to corner ending with a group of 4 dc (with a picot) on the first 4 sc of corner space, ch 7, 1 dc in same st as last dc, 1 dc in next st, 1 picot, 1 dc in each of the next 2 sts, ch 4, skip 4 sts, continue in this way on all 4 sides, end with ch 6, slip st in top of ch 3 at beginning of row.

12th Row: Ch 3, turn, 1 dc, in first st of ch 6, 1 picot, 1 dc in each of the 2 sts on ch, ch 7, 2 dc in same st as last dc, 1 dc in next st, 1 picot, 2 dc on the remaining 2 sts of chain, * ch 4, a group of 4 dc with picot in center, on the next ch 4 below (always taking up 2 threads of ch sts), repeat from * to corner, work a group of 4 dc, with picot, on the first 4 sts of corner space, ch 7, continue in this way on all 4 sides, ending with ch 4, 1 slip st in top of ch 3 at beginning of row, break off and darn in end.

Final row of first square: Turn, make a loop on hook, 1 dc in 4th st of a corner space, 1 picot, 1 dc in next st of corner space, 1 picot, 1 dc in next st, 1 picot, 1 dc in last st of space* ch 1, insert hook under ch st in picot and make 1 sc, ch 1, 1 dc in first st of next space, 1, 1 dc in next st, 1 picot, 1 dc in next st, 1 picot, 1 dc in last st of space, repeat from * to corner, ending last group with 1 dc in 4th st of corner space, ch 3, 1 dc in same st as last dc, 1 picot, 1 dc in next st, 1 picot, 1 dc in next st, 1 picot, 1 dc in last of corner space, continue in this way on all 4 sides of square, join with a slip st and fasten off..

Work the final row on next square, but on 4th side join this square to first square, as follows: begin row with 1 dc in 4th st of a corner space,

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1 picot, 1 dc in next st, ch 1 insert hook from wrong side in center picot of first group from corner on the first square, and make a ch st, 1 slip st in top of last dc on second square, 1 dc in next st, 1 picot, 1 dc in last st of corner space, ch 1, sc in top of picot of next group below on second square, 1 dc in first st of next space, continue in this way to join center picot of group on side of one square to center picot of corresponding group on other square, until all groups on one side are joined, finish corner as before and fasten off. Join square after square in this way until 15 squares are joined into a strip. In next strip the square have to be joined on two sides, to preceding square of same strip and to one side of square in first strip. Continue to join square after square until spread is 12 squares wide and 15 squares long, darn in all ends. At all points where 4 squares meet, make an extra joining, as follows: working from right side with a separate end of thread, make 1 sc in center st of ch 3 st corner of 1st square, ch 1, 1 sc in center st of ch 3 at corner of 2nd square, ch 1, 1 sc in center st at corner of 3rd square, ch 1, 1 sc in center st at corner of 4th square, ch 1, 1 slip st in first st of joining ring, fasten off and darn ends.

DO YOU KNOW

THAT millions of other women besides yourself often say “I wish I could do more for victory,” and that the government tells us we are already adding a further contribution without realizing it? For instance, net curtains are fewer—we go without, because protective nettings for soldiers in the Arctic and tropics are not being made on net curtain ma-

chines. Rayon fashions items are fewer—we do with less, because rayon is used for military tire cords and parachutes, and rayon chemicals serve a great variety of war purposes. Stores are supplying fewer boxes—we manage somehow in our everyday shopping, because tremendous numbers of containers are needed to ship supplies to our men overseas. Items like these mean altered shopping habits, which serve victory. These shopping habits mean that our American women are doing that “something more.”

THAT an estimated of baby needs for 1943 put the year’s demand for carriages, strollers, walkers and sulkies at around two million.

THAT darning can be done almost invisibly on work knitted articles, such as sweaters, gloves, etc: You begin by securing the yarn with a few stitches through the loop so that they cannot ravel. So says Mary Brooks Picken in her new book *Mending Made Easy*, which illustrates step by step, a thousand and one ways to darn to mend, to remove spots and to reclaim and re-fashion worn garments generally—right in line with wartime conservation!

THAT jade is been used in beautiful Chinese carvings for more than four thousand years? In ancient times, jade was highly regarded as a stone of the immortals and a medium of communication with God. Many other interesting facts about Chinese are, and pictures of their fascinating art treasures are available now in catalogue form. Hobbyist will be interested in a club described in the catalogue from the Chinese Treasure Centre mentioned on another page.

THAT cattails now go into sofa cushions and cuddly animals? Yes an new discovery by Dr. C. F. Burgess uses the seed pods of the common cattail plant (sometimes known as bull rushes) to form fluffy stuffing material, the same of which is Typha. This natural American product, Typha, is on sale at representative department stores throughout the country. This new material is most welcome, as kapok and down feathers are getting very scarce indeed.

THAT self-improvement is in the air? Following the example of our men in the service who are studying and learning new ways of doing things, thousands of American women are keeping step with the men by taking up home study. In many cases, the courses they are taking come through the mail. Several popular courses, mentioned elsewhere in this book, are in costume design, improved personal appearance, and conversational ability.

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This article reflects the sacrifices women and families in general of that time made to ensure that families continued their daily lives.

It also shows us that even in the 1940’s, during these tough times, education and self-improvement, for both service men and wives left at home, became an important part in their lives.