

The lively needle

# Travel pointers for needleworkers

By MARY KAY DAVIS

The Davis family has just finished driving 2,000 miles with three medium children and one large dog. Along the way, I've developed a few theories about how to survive vacations.

Stitching is the secret. First, it has a soothing effect. When you're zooming along with three caged children, one caged dog and a smirking CB, you need all the soothing you can get.

Second, stitching's a marvelous way to complete lots of "idiot work." Backgrounds that bore you silly at home are perfect for a trip. They don't strain your brain or interfere with the scenery.

Automotive needlework needs a bit of planning. The project should be large enough to last throughout the trip. But don't let it grow so big that



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you can't maneuver it in the front seat. Plan to accomplish much in the car than you would at home. The phone won't be ringing and the clothes won't have to come out of the dryer.

**THE MOST IMPORTANT** piece of equipment to take is a 100-watt light bulb. No motel room known to man (and mighty few guest rooms) has a decent light. Bring your own.

Take more yarn than you think

you'll need. Nothing is worse than arriving in Tucson and running out of sky blue. You won't know the area, the shops, or the dye lot.

Put at least five duplicate needles in your change purse. You'll drop an amazing number along the way.

Place all materials in a sturdy plastic bag and decide ahead of time where you can store it. The bag should be easily available and shouldn't bother the driver. Inform all passengers a) where the bag will live, and b) how upset you will be if it is moved, mutilated or mistaken for the trash container.

Don't stitch while anyone is drinking anything. It takes only one bump for disaster to slush.

Work on projects you've already begun. Counting and designing in a moving car are hard on the eyes. "Idiot work" takes less concentration,

and it's a painless way to get a lot done.

**NOW FOR A confession.** The world is divided into those who travel well, and those who get carsick. Guess which category I fall into. The test, if you're at all in doubt, is reading.

If you can read in a moving car, you can do most needlework. But if Agatha Christie turns you green at 58 miles per hour, try a few of the following remedies.

Stitch only on smooth expressways. Embroidering on curving, bumpy roads will do you in every time.

Sit in the front seat. Children don't really die if they're denied front seat privileges. They only threaten to.

If you're a non-smoker, look at the scenery when others are smoking. Cigarette smoke and gasoline fumes won't help either your embroidery or your stomach.

And above all, have a great trip!

# Sarah Power is council keynoter

Sarah Power, a University of Michigan regent, will give the keynote address to inaugurate Council Week 1978 of the National Council of Jewish Women Monday, Jan. 23 in Raleigh House, Southfield.

Mrs. Power, who currently chairs the United States National Commission for UNESCO, will speak following a noon luncheon.

Caring and Sharing is the theme of this year's Council Week, which will include an overview of the council's role in the community and its cooperative projects with other service organizations.

Some of these projects include women in community service (WICS), Oakland Operation Friendship, meals on wheels, the public school tutorial program and the orchards.

As part of the Council Week observance, all NCJW volunteers have been invited to attend an afternoon of entertainment including a musical skit written by Josephine Weiner of Huntington Woods and Flossie Kreger of Southfield, and directed by

Helen Rowin, Birmingham. It will be held at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25 in Temple Emanu-El in Oak Park.

Rabbi Sherwin Wine of the Birmingham Temple will speak on caring and sharing at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26 in the Farmington Hills Public Library on 12 Mile between Orchard Lake and Farmington Lakes. Reservations are limited and may be made by calling the council office at 557-9604.

Council Week will conclude with Sabbath service in Temple Beth El, Telegraph and 14 Mile,

Birmingham, by Dr. Richard Hertz delivering the sermon. The service will start at 8:30 p.m. on Friday.

Planning Council week are: Phyllis Steinberg, coordinating chairperson; Carol Bloom, administrative vice-president; Carol Schwartz, program; Harriet Prentiss and Norma Schonwetter, hospitality; and Terry Leemis and Sandra Leshman, registration.

Josephine Bloom and Carol Bloom are January 23rd day chairpersons.



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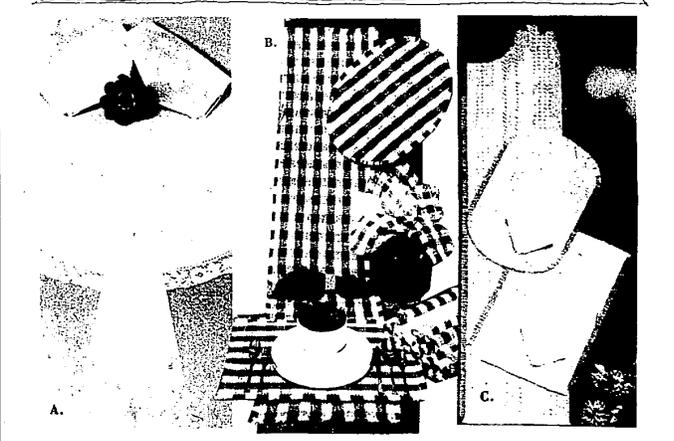
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