

Follow this pattern to work a monogram in a wool or Orlon sweater.

## Egg-zactly

Farmers faced with the problem of discovering which hens produced the most eggs in a conveyor system were helped out by Patent No. 970,074, issued Sept. 13, 1910.

Labeled an egg-brander, the device fit each hen's nest and carefully colored each fowl's eggs with a different pattern so a count could be made later.

## The lively needle

# Monograms handsome on your fall sweaters

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Crew neck shetland sweaters are very much in style this fall, and monograms make them even more attractive. Here's how to add your own initials quickly, easily and inexpensively.

You'll need a tapestry needle and yarn that can be cleaned the same way your sweater will be. Use one strand of Persian wool on an all-wool garment and orlon or acrylic fingering yarn on a polyester sweater. Remember, wool shrinks in a drier.

Determine the center of the sweater neck. Mark it with a vertical two-inch line of basting stitches, using three of a color different from the sweater.

Baste another line horizontally, 1 1/4 inches below the bottom of the neck ribbing. This line will be the top of your monogram.

Each letter covers eight sweater

stitches horizontally and 18 stitches vertically. They measure approximately two inches long and 1 1/4 inches wide. Cover each sweater stitch with a Monogram Stitch, worked as Diagrammed.

Bring your needle up at A, down at B, behind the stitch and up at C and finally down where you began at A.

Work stitches vertically, starting at the top of the letter and working down. When it is necessary to backtrack, run your yarn beneath already-worked

stitches on the back of the monogram. Do not loop from one side of a letter to the other.

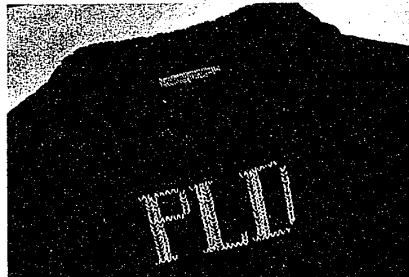
Stitch the middle initial first, centering it on your basted line.

Position side initials two stitches from the center letter. All tops and bottoms should be level. I used a padded embroidery hoop, but this is not necessary if your tension is even.

When the monogram is finished, turn the sweater inside out and lightly steam the initials with a steam iron.



Here's how to do the monogram stitch.



The finished letters make a handsome addition to any sweater. (Staff photo)

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