

# Stitch bouquet into a basket

By MARY KAY DAVIS

Small, stained glass window ornaments can be delightful. My kitchen window is so filled with them that you can't see the garbage cans, which isn't all bad. Now needlepoint can produce window pictures, too.

Here's a flower basket for Easter, or for the spring that must be around the corner somewhere. You won't have to fill in the background, which will make the stitching go faster, and the design looks the same on both sides.

You'll need a square of 10-gauge

working every other stitch, and then returns along the same line, filling in the missing stitches. Notice that the handle has two rows. Begin and end all threads in the center of the basket where they'll eventually be covered up.

Whip yarn through both rows of the basket handle as diagrammed. The whipping yarn, once it is attached, remains on top of the canvas, looping once through each pair of Holbein stitches. Repeat on reverse side.

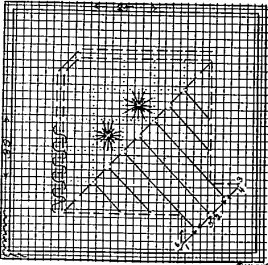
Work the basket's ribs in one long stitch moving from top to bottom, through to the back and up to the top. Stitch over the Holbein stitches to get to the next rib.

Complete the basket by weaving yarn over and under basket ribs until the shape is filled. Repeat on reverse side.

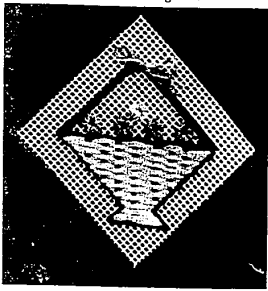
Fill the basket with colored flowers placed wherever you wish. The flower stitch will fit into any or all of the dotted diamonds on the diagram. Work the flowers as diagrammed, beginning each stitch at the outer edge and pointing your needle down into the center hole. These flowers are reversible, and you can add French knots to their centers if you like.

Thread your needle with strands of each flower color and tie them in a bow around the top of the handle. Repeat on the other side.

Use yarn which matches the basket's handle to whip around the outer thread of the canvas square. Enter every hold and keep your needle pointing in the same direction. Then loop more yarn over the top of the canvas and hang your basket wherever it will brighten your days.



Work this design...



... to create a spring basket.

## The fashion plate

# Pleasure-wear: new look for leisure time

By RUSTLE SHAND

"Pleasure-wear is taking over where business-wear and sportswear leave off" believes Isabel Himelhoch.

The fashion coordinator of Himelhoch stores points out that while women are now segregated into two distinct groups, those who work an eight-hour day away from home and those who work in the home, the need for easy-care, presentable leisure clothing is growing for both groups.

The chain's Birmingham store has opened a new department dedicated to that premise.

"While housewives' lifestyles frequently call for sundresses or shifts for jumping out of the kitchen and into the car for quick errands, most working women have different leisurewear needs," said Ms. Himelhoch.

"Though they may wear shifts or sundresses for the same reason, after work they may prefer something with a little more pizzazz."

It is both these needs that lead to the new concept of pleasure-wear, featuring designs by Geoffrey Beene, Betsy Bloomingdale, Bill Tice and Ava Bergman.

"THEY ARE clothes that a woman may bake or hike in," said Ms. Himelhoch. "They are clothes she can be serious in or sexy in, as the mood demands."

Pleasure-wear dressing is "a way of life" dressing, explained Ms. Himelhoch.

"It has everything going for it, including moderate price, easy care and the popular liberated fashion attitude of women today," she added.

Pleasure-wear responds to spring-summer dressing needs of women whose life involves a gamut of activities from more home entertaining, more cooking, more gardening, more do-it-yourself everything—including exercising and traveling.

And, suddenly, the newest pleasure-wear incorporates all the latest fashion trends—starting with the over-size shape, the looming silhouettes, the elastized and ragie designs, big scale tops and sensal motion fabrics.

"THE DUMB dujour is out," said Ms. Himelhoch, "and jeans are certainly not the answer. Women of all ages and all lifestyles are living life to the hilt today and they all want to look feminine and pretty."

"The practical way to do that is to dress appropriately in leisure clothes."

The demand, she said, is for "don't just stand there, do something clothes."

Today's woman, more into "doing something" is, for example, riding a bicycle for pleasure and exercise; has read John Molloy's "The Woman's Dress for Success Book" and can't wait, at the end of her working day, to shed her "business uniform" for something more liberated.

## Phi Mu to honor founders

Phi Mu sorority collegiate and alumnae members will gather for their annual Founder's Day and State Day Celebration at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 5 in the home of Mrs. Linda Lindgren, 4861 Arrow-

head, Orchard Lake. Founded at Wesleyan College in Macon, Ga., the first woman's college to award degrees, Phi Mu is celebrating its 125th anniversary with the return of the sorority's executive office to

Atlanta. District officers Ruth McCartney of Moine, Ill. and Sue Bousquet of West Lafayette, Ind., will direct workshops on collegiate-alumnae relations and program and development ideas

exchanges for the gathering here. Gail Highland of Bloomfield Hills is chairwoman of the event. Kathey Cleveland, 5281 Bedford, Detroit, is accepting reservations at \$8 per person.

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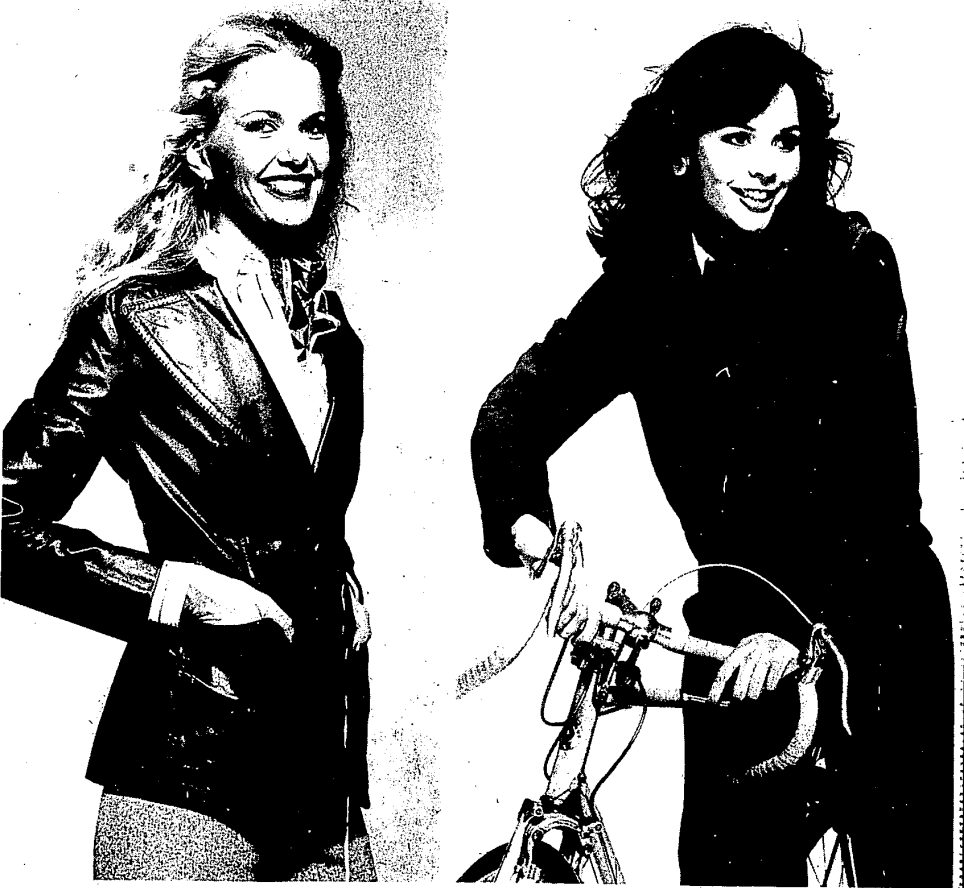
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