96—Lancaster Farming, Saturday, December 22, 1979

There's a gift for everyone at Sherry's house, including a felt bone with rawhide for Hodel, the family Dachshund. And, felt napkin holders for family guests.

Top A

Red Felt Cut One

Sherry Kalbach

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use old Christmas cards. She has a prediction for next Christmas, observing that tiny "people" ornaments made from stockings will be popular. These ornaments get their unique features from the way the thread is pulled.

Sherry likes presenting programs for groups, with the recent Lebanon County Extension Homemakers Christmas program her largest to date. In addition to her Christmas ideas, "Santa on a Shoestring," she has several other programs. She has a program on what to do with leftover sewing scraps, showing ideas she has made. She also has a Christmas program on doing ornaments, gifts and decoration, and a workshop on making ornaments. She enjoys doing a "Christmas in July," program which gives everyone plenty of time to implement ideas.

Sherry said her husband is supportive of her work, and is helpful in offering constructive criticism is she tries something he thinks is not just right. Ray has been the recipient of Sherry's expertise, in the form of a bright red Santa Suit, which is the delight of their friends. Sherry

says he is the only double knit Santa she knows, and added, "He goes all around and plays Santa. He works at the Naval Depot in Mechanicsburg.'

It is not possible to list the many ideas Sherry has made. but a few are notable. She has a delightful "dieter's answer to the gingerbread house," which is a wonderful cottage made of pine cones, corn husks, and "all sorts of little twigs." A terrific gift idea and learning toy for the preschooler is a bog of 26 stuffed bears, each bearing one letter of the alphabet. These bears are all kept together in a drawstring bag. Sherry's sample is labeled "Marta's Alpha Bears.'

Another good gift idea for an infant is a bright red or green washcloth converted into a bib, with a rick rack candy cane or Christmas tree with pom poms. One Christmas idea she invented is a Santa, made with string wrapped around a balloon, which is then popped and decorated with cotton beard and red felt. She has a stuffed Santa visiting, and a small felt fabric gift for her dog Hodel, complete with dog buscuits.

As a librarian, Sherry has all her ideas and patterns tucked neatly away in a surplus file cabinet.

"I have file folders and I have them divided according

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SANTA NAPKIN HOLDER

1. Match Top A to Top A and Base to Base B.

eyebrow

- 2. Glue or stitch where indicated.
- 3. Glue on facial features.

White Felt Cut One

felt scraps

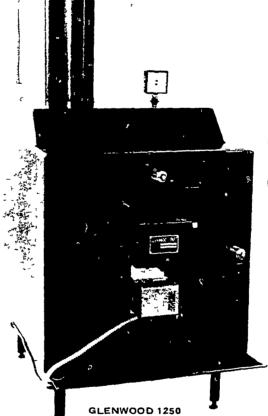
nose

Top A

4. Pull white napkin thru for beard.

Pink Felt Cut One Base B

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