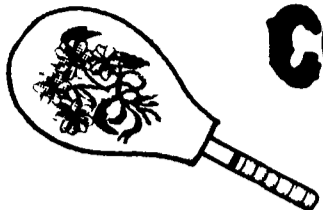


# CRAFT CORNER



an afghan, however, just read on. The cross-stitch technique used for an afghan is an adaptation of "counted cross-stitch," a technique most often used for needlework samplers. In counted cross-stitch, instead of stitching over a printed design, the needleworker copies a design from a separate chart. By counting boxes on a chart, and then counting threads in the fabric, the needleworker copies the design, stitch by stitch, from chart to fabric. The even weave of today's popular cross-stitch cloths makes the process easy.

Like even weave cloth, an afghan stitched fabric is an excellent background for cross-stitch. To copy a design from a chart, you simply count one afghan stitch for each box in the design chart.

Here are directions for cross-stitching an afghan:

**PREPARATION:** 1. Crochet a solid-colored fabric sample using the afghan stitch, keeping the

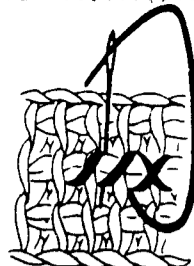
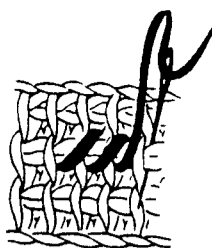
stitches as even as possible. 2. Draw a simple design on graph paper. 3. Locate center of graph paper design. 4. Locate center of

**STARTING POINT:** 1. Count boxes from center of chart to top of design. 2. Counting one afghan stitch for each square in your fabric, count stitches to find the top of design. 3. Count left to find starting point of design. 4. For each square in charted design, work one cross-stitch over one afghan stitch.

**CROSS-STITCHING:** 1. Count each intersection between vertical

and horizontal yarns as one afghan stitch. 2. Work first half of cross-stitch from left to right, stitching from lower left side to upper right side of afghan stitch (a) 3. Form crosses by working from right to left, stitching from lower right side to upper left side of afghan stitch (b).

**HINTS:** 1. Work one row at a time from top to bottom. 2. Work cross-stitches through holes between afghan stitches. 3. Use same holes for adjacent cross-stitches, so that stitches touch. 4. Keep length and slant of stitches as even as possible. 5. Take care not to pull threads too lightly. 6. Do not knot ends. Instead, hide them under stitches on wrong side.



## Cross-stitch an afghan

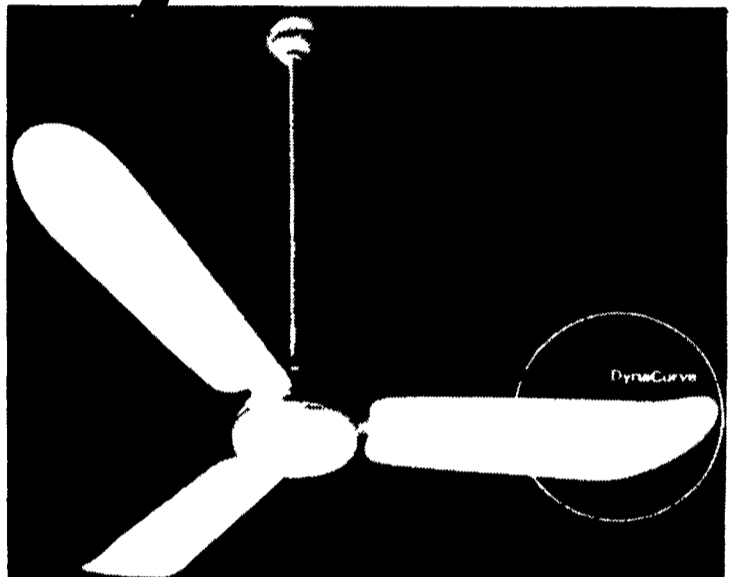
Cross-stitching is an ideal way to add color, excitement and uniqueness to an otherwise plain afghan. The cross-stitch is among the simplest of embroidery stitches, yet patterns created by the stitch can be beautiful indeed.

The afghan pictured here is nothing more than solid-color

panels enhanced by cross-stitch designs. Panels are first worked in the afghan stitch, then cross-stitched in leaf patterns, joined together and finished with a fringe.

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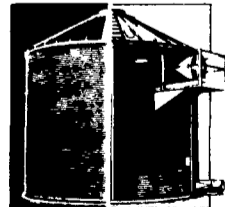
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