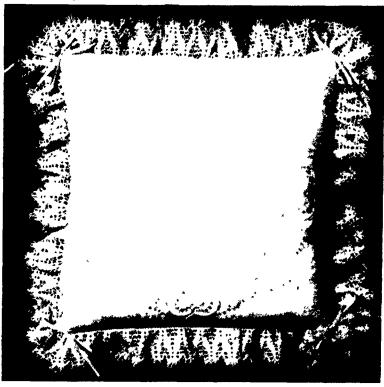


Romantic ribbons & lace

With lace, ribbons and embroidered designs, a pillow can be fresh, romantic and beautiful in any room. It can also be surprisingly easy to make.

Although the design shown may look lavish, it works up quickly with candlewicking knots, chain stitches and simple accents. The ribbon border, for example, just



lays flat on the fabric with stitches from sliding out of needle. to secure it.

The butterfly pillow, designed by ''Dimensions,'' is available as a kit with cotton threads, preprinted design on white muslin, pillow back, lace, ribbon, needle and instructions. To order Kit D-4119, send \$11 plus \$2 postage and service (California residents please add 6 percent sales tax) to Ellen Appel Crafts, your newspaper's name, Box 1144, Laguna Beach, CA 92652.

In any pillow project, ribbons add a wonderful touch, Whether you use ribbons in a border, or actually embroider with them, ribbons spice up the plainest design.

The trick to working with ribbons is in your purchase of supplies. Ribbons for embroidery must be slim and flexible. As long as you buy the right ribbons, stitching is easy.

Here are hints for stitching with

MATERIALS: Silk or synthetic ribbons one-eigth to one-sixteeneth inch wide; candlewicking thread or embroidery floss; needle; sewing supplies.

STARTING A BORDER: 1. Thread needle with two strands of floss. 2. Lay ribbon on fabric. Take a tiny stitch through ribbon end. 3. Take a vertical stitch over ribbon, ¼ inch from end.-4. Skip a halfstitch. Take another vertical

STITCHING BORDER: 1. Continue to take vertical stitches ½-inch apart, all around ribbon border. 2. When turning corners, keep stitches close together. 3. When ribbon ends meet, let ribbons overlap. Take a vertical stitch. 4. Take a tiny, tacking stitch through the ribbon. As much as possible, keep stitch hidden beneath last vertical stitch. 5. Trim ribbon end.

STARTING TO EMBROIDER: Cut ribbon end diagonally. Thread end through needle. 2. Stitch needle through ribbon 1/2-

inch from end. This keeps ribbon

EMBROIDERY HINTS: 1. Use any embroidery stitch desired, such as satin stitch, outline stitch or chain stitch. 2. Keep ribbon flat as you embroider. To help, slide

one finger under the ribbon as you stitch. Any twists will then be pulled through the fabric. 3. If ribbon twists too much, drop needle and allow ribbon to unwind.

Candymaker

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"If it doesn't fall right out, there are probably spots on it that aren't ready to be unmolded," she explained.

If the candy is forced out of the mold before it's completely hardened, some of the mold's detail may be lost or the candy may break, she said.

Further details such as candy eyes or carrots can be painted on with a small paint brush after the candy is removed from the molds, Arlene said.

Arlene said she tries to bag the candy as soon as it's finished to eliminate possible smudges or distortions that could result from people handling it. Completed candy should not be stored in the refrigerator because it would turn white. However, filled candy, if not consumed within two or three days, should be refrigerated to prevent spoilage, she said.

About 45 or 50 individuals have ordered Easter candy from Arlene this year, but she said those orders are often placed for several people. She estimates that she has made over 1,000 filled eggs so far this vear.

Some of those eggs will go to the students who ride her school bus. Arlene said she makes about 150 peanut butter and coconut creme eggs to treat her own riders, and this year she is making eggs for her son and daughter-in-law, who also drive bus.

"I think I make about as much to give away as I do to sell," she said. 'It's fun.'

Much of her candy goes to friends, so she doesn't like to charge much for her candy.

"I know I don't charge near what I should," Arlene said, but "most of my orders are with friends and you know how you treat your friends.'

She charges \$4.25 for a hollow Easter basket that she fills with other chocolate goodies, a duplicate of a basket Wolfgang sells for over \$5, she said.

Over the years Arlene said she has collected over 300 candy molds, so she has quite a variety of shapes, sizes and designs to select

"Every time I saw a mold, I just bought it," she said.

Arlene said she buys Wilbur chocolate in 50 pound boxes and gets a lot of her other supplies from D & B Cake Decorating in Camp Hill.

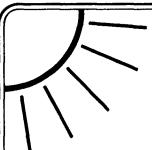
While Easter is her busiest time of year, Arlene makes candy during most of the year, catering to special holidays or selling boxes filled with assorted carmels, fudge centers, chocolate covered cherrys, and peanut and raisin clusters.

When she isn't making candy, Arlene keeps busy quilting, cooking, or refinishing furniture. She said the next craft she would like to learn is soft sculpturing.

"I'll never have nothing to do," she says with a chuckle.

Arlene and her husband, Leroy, operate the chicken houses on their farm, while their son rents the farmland and has dairy cows. Arlene said their chickens escaped the avian flu.

"We're one in the area that didn't get hit. We're very, very fortunate," she said.



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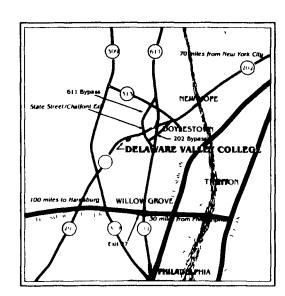
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