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Notice there is an extra loop directly below the 2 top loops of each half dc. **Work only in the 2 top loops.**

Rows of Half Double Crochet

Abbreviation—half dc

Make a starting chain of 20 stitches for practice piece.

FIRST ROW (1st row):

STEP 1. Pass hook under the thread of left hand (this is called "thread over"—Fig. 25).

STEP 2. Insert hook from the front under the 2 top loops (or threads) of 3rd ch from hook (Fig. 25).

STEP 3. Thread over hook and pull loop through chain (3 loops on hook), thread over (Fig. 26).

STEP 4. Draw through all loops on hook—1 loop remains on hook (Fig. 27). A half double crochet (half dc) is now completed.

STEP 5. For next half double crochet (half dc), thread over, insert hook from front under the 2 top threads of next ch.

STEP 6. Repeat Steps 3, 4 and 5 until you have made a half dc in each ch.

STEP 7. At end of row, ch 2 (Fig. 28) and turn.

SECOND ROW (2nd row):

STEP 1. Thread over hook, insert hook from front under the 2 top loops of first stitch (st)—the last st on previous row.

STEP 2. Thread over hook and pull through stitch—there are 3 loops on hook; thread over and draw through all loops on hook.

STEP 3. For next half double crochet (half dc), thread over hook, insert hook from the front under the 2 top loops of next stitch (st) and repeat Step 2.

STEP 4. Repeat Steps 3 and 2 until you have made a half double crochet (half dc) in each stitch (st). Ch 2 and turn.

STEP 5. The turning ch 2 of each row does not count as a stitch on the following row.

STEP 6. Repeat Second Row (2nd row) until you are familiar with this stitch. Break off at end of last row (Fig. 18).



A pretty little vanity case to keep all your doo-dads tidy.

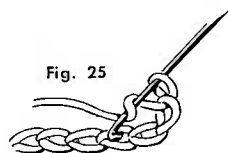


Fig. 25



Fig. 26

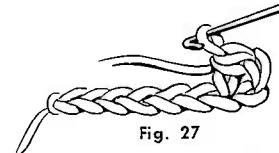


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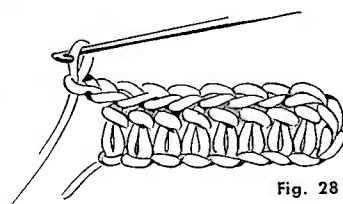


Fig. 28

Half Double Crochet Vanity Case

MATERIALS: J. & P. COATS OR CLARK'S O.N.T. PEARL COTTON, Size 5, 4 balls . . . Milward's Steel Crochet Hook No. 7.

Starting at top edge, make a chain 8 inches long (9 ch sts to 1 inch). **1st row:** Half dc in 3rd ch from hook, half dc in each ch across until row measures 6 inches. Cut off remaining chain. Ch 2, turn. **2nd row:** Half dc in each half dc across. Ch 2, turn. Repeat 2nd row until piece measures 12 inches. Ch 2, turn.

FLAP: Dec 1 sc at both ends of every other row until 18 sts remain—to decrease (dec) 1 half double crochet (half dc), work off 2 half dc as 1 half dc. To

work off 2 half dc as 1 half dc, * thread over, draw a loop through next half dc. Repeat from * once more (5 loops on hook—Fig. 29); thread over and draw through all loops on hook (Fig. 30). Break off.

RUFFLE: 1st row: Attach thread to last straight row and work sc closely along curved edge of Flap. Ch 5, turn. **2nd row:** * Sc in next sc, ch 5. Repeat from * across. Ch 7, turn. **3rd, 4th and 5th rows:** * Sc in next loop, ch 5. Repeat from * across. Ch 7, turn. Omit turning chain at end of 5th row. Break off.

Fold straight piece in half and sew sides. Line and fasten with a snap fastener.