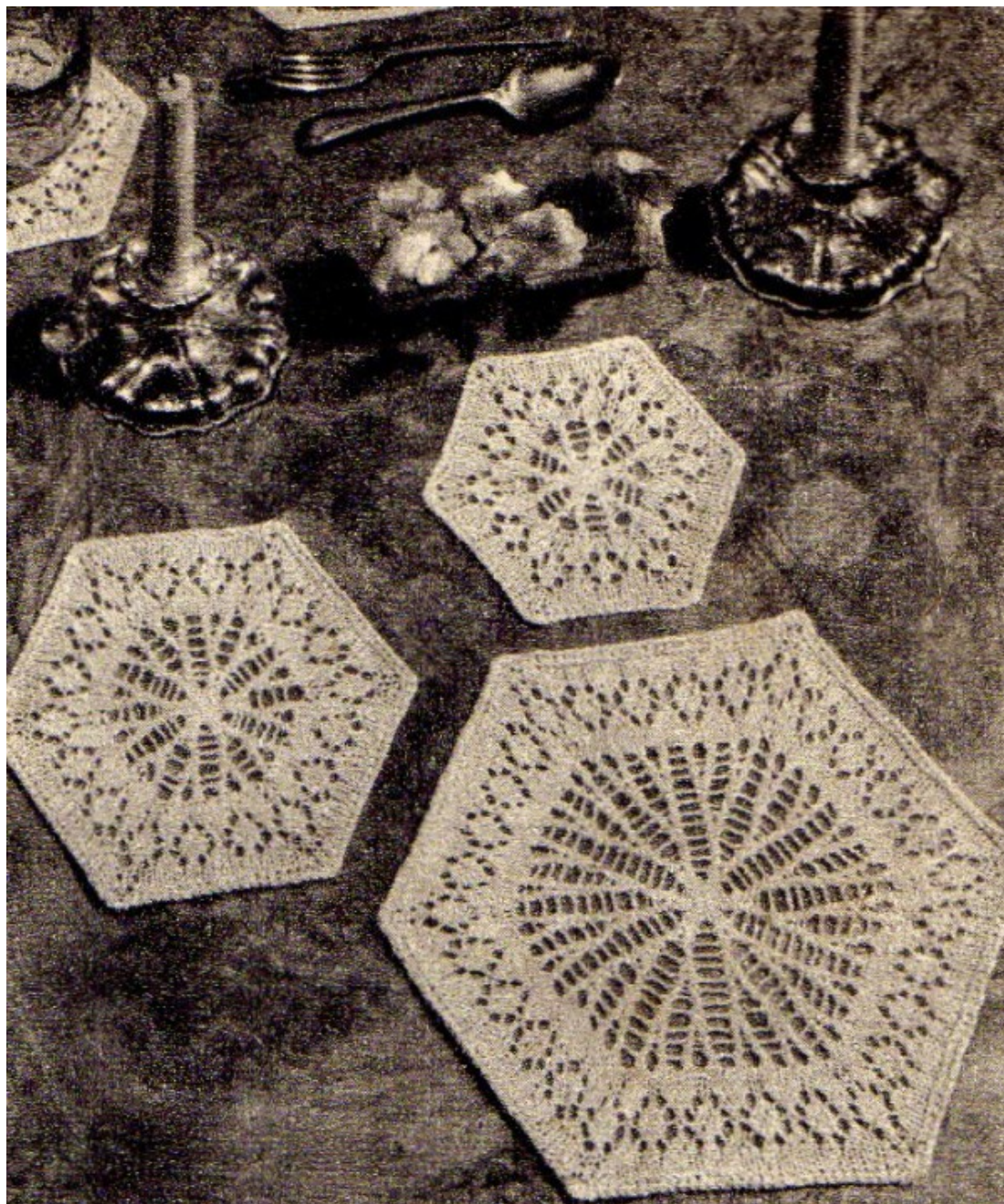


Hexagonal Mats
from
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THEY are in three sizes, large is 11½ in. in diameter (point to point), medium mat 8 in., and small mat 6 in. 2 ozs. Strutt's Milford knitting cotton No. 8 will make two mats of each size, using 4 No. 11 needles.

TENSION.—Work to produce 6 sts. to 1 in.

ABBREVIATIONS.—sl., slip; p.s.s.o., pass slipped stitch over; k.b.l., knit into back of loop; m., make; m.2, make 2 by bringing thread forward, over needle, then forward again.

LARGE MAT.—Cast on 6 sts. (2-2-2) and work in rounds thus: **Round 1**—K. to end. **Round 2**—*K.1, m.1. Rep. from * to end (12 sts.). **Round 3**—*K.1, k.b.l. Rep. from * to end (12 sts.). **Round 4**—K. to end. **Round 5**—*K.1, m.2, k.1. Rep. from * to end (24 sts.). **Round 6**—*K.1, (k.1, p.1) into next st., k.1. Rep. from * to end. **Round 7**—*K.2 tog., m.2, sl.1, k.1, p.s.s.o. Rep. from * to end. **Round 8**—*K.1, (k.1, p.1) into next st., k.1. Rep. from * to end. **Rounds 9 and 10**—Rep. rounds 7 and 8 (24 sts.). **Round 11**—*M.2, k.2 tog., m.2, sl.1, k.1, p.s.s.o. Rep. from * to end (36 sts.). **Round 12**—*(K.1, p.1) into next st., k.1. Rep. from * to end. **Round 13**—K.1, and pass this st. back on to 3rd needle, *m.2, sl.1, k. twice into next st., pulling inc. st. up, and leaving original part of st. on needle, then p.s.s.o. the inc. half of st., and then k. the st. left on left-hand needle tog. with the next st. Rep. from * to end (48 sts.). **Round 14**—*(K.1, p.1) into next st., k.2. Rep. from * to end. **Round 15**—K.1, and pass this st. back on to end of 3rd needle, *m.2, sl.1, k.1, p.s.s.o., k.2 tog. Rep. from * to end. **Round 16**—*(K.1, p.1) into next st., k.2. Rep. from * to end. **Rounds 17 and 18**—Rep. rounds 15 and 16. **Round 19**—K.1, and pass this st. back on to end of 3rd needle, work as round 11 to end (72 sts.). **Rounds 20 to 26**—Rep. rounds 12 to 18 inclusive, then sl. last st. on 3rd needle at end of round 26 on to 1st needle (96 sts.). **Round 27**—*M.2, k.2 tog., m.2, sl.1, k.1, p.s.s.o. Rep. from * to end (144 sts.). **Round 28**—*(K.1, p.1) into next st., k.1. Rep. from * to end. **Round 29**—*K.10, m.1, k.2. Rep. from * to end (156 sts.). **Round 30**—*K.10, k.b.l., k.2. Rep. from * to end. **Round 31**—K.10 and slip these sts. on to end of 3rd needle, *k.1, m.1, k.25, m.1. Rep. from * to end. **Round 32**—*K.1, k.b.l., k.25, k.b.l. Rep. from * to end. **Round 33**—*K.1, m.1, k.2, (k.2 tog., m.1, k.1, m.1, sl.1, k.1, p.s.s.o., k.1) 4 times, k.1, m.1. Rep. from * to end. **Round 34**—K. to end. **Round 35**—*K.2, m.1, sl.1, k.2 tog., p.s.s.o., m.1, k.1. Rep. from * to end. **Round 36**—K. to end. **Round 37**—*K.1, k.2 tog., m.1, k.1, m.1, sl.1, k.1, p.s.s.o. Rep. from * to end. **Round 38**—K. to last st. in round, then sl. this st., on to 1st needle. **Round 39**—*Sl.1, k.2 tog., p.s.s.o., m.1, k.3, m.1. Rep. from * to end. **Rounds 40 and 41**—K. to end. **Round 42**—*K.1, m.1, k.29, m.1. Rep. from * to end (192 sts.). **Round 43**—*K.1, k.b.l., k.29, k.b.l. Rep. from * to end. **Round 44**—*P.1, m.1, p.31, m.1. Rep. from * to end. **Round 45**—*K.1, k.b.l., k.31, k.b.l. Rep. from * to end (204 sts.). Cast off loosely with a p. round.

THE MEDIUM-SIZE MAT.—Work exactly as given for large-size mat to the end of round 18, leaving the last st. in round 18 unworked, then sl. the st. on to 1st needle. **Rounds 19 and 20**—Rep. rounds 11 and 12 for large-size mat once. **Round 21**—K.4 sts., and sl. them on to end of 3rd needle, *m.1, k.6. Rep. from * to end. **Round 22**—*K.b.l., k.6. Rep. from * to end. **Round 23**—*K.1, m.1, k.13, m.1. Rep. from * to end. **Round 24**—*K.1, k.b.l., k.13, k.b.l. Rep. from * to end. **Round 25**—*K.1, m.1, k.2, (k.2 tog., m.1, k.1, m.1, sl.1, k.1, p.s.s.o., k.1) twice, k.1, m.1. Rep. from * to end. **Round 26**—K. to end. **Rounds 27 to 33**—Rep. rounds 35 to 41 inclusive as given for the large mat once. **Round 34**—*K.1, m.1, k.17, m.1. Rep. from * to end. **Round 35**—*K.1, k.b.l., k.17, k.b.l. Rep. from * to end. **Round 36**—*P.1, m.1, p.19, m.1. Rep. from * to end. **Round 37**—*K.1, k.b.l., k.19, k.b.l. Rep. from * to end. Cast off loosely on a p. row.

THE SMALL MAT.—Work exactly as given for large mat to end of round 12. Continue thus: **Round 13**—K.1 and pass this st. on to end of 3rd needle, *m.1, k.3. Rep. from * to end. **Round 14**—*K.b.l., k.3. Rep. from * to end. **Round 15**—*K.1, m.1, k.7, m.1. Rep. from * to end. **Round 16**—*K.1, k.b.l., k.7, k.b.l. Rep. from * to end. **Round 17**—*K.1, m.1, k.2, k.2 tog., m.1, k.1, m.1, sl.1, k.1, p.s.s.o., k.2, m.1. Rep. from * to end. **Round 18**—K. to end. **Round 19**—*K.2, m.1, sl.1, k.2 tog., p.s.s.o., m.1, k.1. Rep. from * to end. **Round 20**—*K.1, k.2 tog., m.1, k.1, m.1, sl.1, k.1, p.s.s.o. Rep. from * to end. **Round 21**—K.2 and slip these sts. on to end of 3rd needle, k. to end. **Round 22**—*M.1, k.3, m.1, sl.1, k.2 tog., p.s.s.o. Rep. from * to end. **Round 23**—K. to end. **Round 24**—*M.1, k.11, m.1, k.1. Rep. from * to end. **Round 25**—*K.b.l., k.11, k.b.l., k.1. Rep. from * to end. **Round 26**—*K. to end. **Round 27**—*M.1, p.13, m.1, p.1. Rep. from * to end. **Round 28**—*K.b.l., k.13, k.b.l., k.1. Rep. from * to end. Cast off loosely on a p. round.

Press work carefully on right side with a hot iron over a damp cloth.