A BEAUTIFUL EMBROIDERED SET FOR THE CHRISTMAS TABLE
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O' CHRISTMAS DAY the centre of attraction is the dining-room table, consequently no gift would be received with more delight by the housekeeper than a set of embroidered table linens. The planning arrangement of geraniums in the design given on this page is entirely new, and, with its brilliant coloring, is particularly attractive. Sprays of different heights may be arranged to extend all around the outer edge of a table cloth or large doily with artistic results.

The variety of colorings in the flowers affords a good choice. The single geranium in the pinkish tone will be found very desirable.

THE illustration for the corner of the table cloth shows the arrangement of the geranium that is adapted to a cloth a yard square or larger, as the design is laid out to run eighteen inches on a side. The plant in the corner should be carried out on each of the corners of the cloth, but varied by reversing the pattern so as to avoid a monotonous effect. For the corners of a large table cloth the main design may be used, but not employed with the flowers and leaves extending along the edges of the cloth from corner to corner.

THE oblong illustration affords a rich design for a service cloth that is quite large enough to accommodate the several silver pieces that form a tea-set, or if used as a carving-cloth the open space at the centre will accommodate a large platter. This design may be applied to a side table-cover also, of oblong shape, by omitting the buttonholing edge and extending the stems out for an inch or two all around, and not running the leaves so close to the edge as is done in the present illustration.

THE design for the centrepiece is arranged to cover a diameter of twenty-two inches, and the tops of six plants are placed in a proper distance apart to give them a position of advantage without overcrowding or making them too busy.

A very bold effect may be given to many of the flowers by filling the petals at the centre. This treatment will be especially valuable where shaded flowers are in the background and those showing the five petals are prominent. Those in the foreground may be embroidered flat with darker shades of pink, while those in the foreground may be worked in lighter tones and shaded.

A CARAFE MAT

The geraniums in the design given at the top of this page may be used for a round side-dish. It would also form an attractive underlay for a choice bit of bric-a-brac or piece of silver.

A PRETTY color scheme for those designs will be to employ the pink, light pink, and light green shades for the flowers, leaves, and stems. Three shades of light pink should be used for the blossoms, while at least four shades of green will be required for the stems and leaves, and, as a reddish cast is always a feature in the colorings of the leaves. When embroidering the leaf it is well to have one of the natural plants near at hand as a model. As the geranium is a hardy plant it is available at any season of the year. For the buttonholed edge, two shades of either pink or green will appear to good advantage, or if preferable two shades of pale greenish brown in Roman flock. The rippled effect in the edge is given by buttonholing in both the long and the short stitch.

THE design for an oval tray cloth is a fascinating one and will result in a very beautiful cloth if embroidered carefully with the pink and green shades. It should measure sixteen inches long and ten inches wide.

A GOBLET DOILY

A small butter plate doily with decorative border is shown in illustration.

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