

CROCHET TRIMMING AND FRINGE FOR MANTLES, DRESSES, ETC.

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WE have been frequently asked for directions for making trimmings and fringe for mantles, dresses, etc., in crochet. Accordingly we now give such directions. No illustrations are needed. The materials are coarse netting silk: for every yard three-quarters of an ounce of black, and half an ounce of white; Penelope needle, No. 2. The crochet should be worked loosely.

This description of trimming is very fashionable, being used for the newest Parisian mantles and dresses; 3 cord sewing silk is generally used, or the second best quality of netting silk will answer for the purpose, and, if purchased by the ounce, will make an inexpensive and at the same time most elegant trimming. Directions are given for two colors, but it can be made with one, if preferred.

The following direction will make a trimming nine inches deep, the usual width for a mantle, but, if required for a dress, the fringe should not be more than three or four inches deep, and will, therefore, use less silk. When finished, the crochet heading should be applied to the silk or whatever material is used.

1st VANDYKE.—**1st TREFOIL.**—Commence with the black silk, work 15 chain, turn, miss 3, 1 single in the 4th stitch, turn back, leaving 11 chain; and in the round loop, work (9 chain and 1 plain, 3 times), turn back, and, in the 9 chain, work 1 plain, 3 treble; join to the 5th stitch of the 11 chain; then, in the same 9 chain, work 8 treble and 1 plain; miss 1, *, and, in the next 9 chain, work (1 plain, 11 treble and 1 plain); miss 1, and, in the next 9 chain, 1 plain, 6 treble; and before finishing this trefoil, make the

2nd TREFOIL.—Work 10 chain, turn, miss 3, 1 single, turn back, and, in the round loop, work (9 chain and 1 plain, 3 times), turn back, and, in the 1st 9 chain, work (1 plain, 5 treble, join to the 9th treble stitch of the 2nd division of the 1st trefoil; then 6 treble, 1 plain in the same 9 chain), (miss one, and, in the next 9 chain, work 1 plain, 11 treble and one plain, twice), 1 single in the round loop, 6 plain down the stem, and, to finish the 1st trefoil, 1 single on the last treble stitch of the 1st trefoil, 5 treble, 1 plain in the same 9 chain, 1 single in the round loop, 1 plain on the stem, then 5 chain, join to the 9th treble stitch of the last division of the 1st trefoil; and for the

3rd TREFOIL.—Work 15 chain, turn, miss 3, 1 single in the 4th stitch, leaving 11 chain, turn back, and, in the round loop, work (9 chain and 1 plain, 3 times), turn back, miss 1, and, in the 9 chain, work (1 plain, 3 treble, join to the 6th stitch of the 11th chain, then 3 treble in the 9 chain, join to the 6th plain stitch of the stem of the 2nd trefoil; then work 5 treble and 1 plain in the same 9 chain), miss 1, (1 plain, 3 treble in the next 9 chain, join to the 6th treble stitch of the last division of the 2nd trefoil; then 8 treble and 1 plain in the same 9 chain), (miss 1, 1 plain, 11 treble and 1 plain in the next 9 chain), 1 single in the round loop, 1 plain on the stem, 5 chain, join to the 9th treble stitch of the division last worked; and for the

2nd VANDYKE.—**1st TREFOIL.**—15 chain, turn, miss 3, 1 single in the 4th stitch, leaving 11 chain, turn back, and, in the round loop, work (9 chain and 1 plain, 3 times), turn back, and, in the 9 chain, work (1 plain, 3¹/₂ treble, join to the 5th stitch of the 11 chain; then 3 treble in the 9 chain, join to the 5th treble stitch of the last division of the 3rd trefoil of the 1st vandyke; then 5 treble, 1 plain in the same 9 chain); and repeat from * in the 1st vandyke until the length required is worked, ending with the 5 chain in italic; then work for

THE EDGE.—With the white silk, commence on the 7th treble stitch of the 1st vandyke, 2 chain, miss 1 and 1 plain. Repeat all round the edge of the vandykes.

FOUNDATION ROWS FOR THE FRINGE.—**1st row.**—Commence with the black silk and work 6 treble in the last 5 chain of the last vandyke; then 6 treble in the next 5 chain, 5 treble in the 4 chain; repeat to the end and fasten off.

2nd row.—With the white silk, work 1 plain on the 1st treble of the last row, * 4 chain, miss 2 and 1 plain; repeat from * to the end; fasten off.

THE FRINGE.—Cut some of the black silk into lengths of 14 inches, take 4 of the cut lengths, put the crochet needle into one of the loops of the 4 chain, double the 4 pieces of silk on the needle and bring them through the 4 chain, then bring all the ends through the loop now on the needle; repeat in every 4 chain, which finishes the trimming; should the silk used for the fringe not hang well, it will only require damping before cutting the ends even.