

# Bon Voyage Gift

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None of my friends weave so I find that hand woven gifts are always most acceptable. I've made dozens of guest towels, knitting bags, luncheon doilies, tray cloths and now I wanted something different. One of my friends runs a circulating library and often carries books to read on the bus trip home, so I hit upon the idea of making her a book cover-carrier.

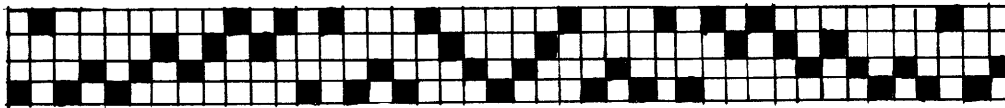
On my loom was a short warp threaded in miniature Maltese Cross design, left after making guest towels. It was of 40/3 linen threaded twenty-four to the inch and twelve inches wide. I selected a large average size book for pattern and found that it required about twenty-seven inches of material nine and one half inches wide, so I cut the warp narrower to conform to those measurements.

After looking through odds and ends of thread (of which I have many) I found part of a skein of a rough brown novelty yarn, which I used for pattern with some gold color perle number 20 mercerized cotton for tabby. This made a most interesting fabric. Any of the minia-

ture patterns or honeysuckle or a small diamond would make a satisfactory design.

Now for making up the carrier. Stich, then cut two strips 2 inches by 9½ inches. Turn both edges under to meet at center. Cover this joining with brown silk binding ribbon, stitch along both edges of these handles on your sewing machine to make a firm tailored edge. With binding tapeface back both edges of remaining material. My book was 9" x 6" x 1½" thick so I allowed 4" on each end to turn inside the cover of the book. Next stitch handles to edges of this flap that turns in. Turn the flaps so that the right side faces right side of cover material. Stich very close to edge at top and bottom, carrying a piece of binding tape all across top and bottom of the cover. Turn right side out and hem binding silk to cover by hand. Stich close to two right hand edges of cover from which handles protrude. Press, and your carrier is complete. This makes a very acceptable bon voyage gift.

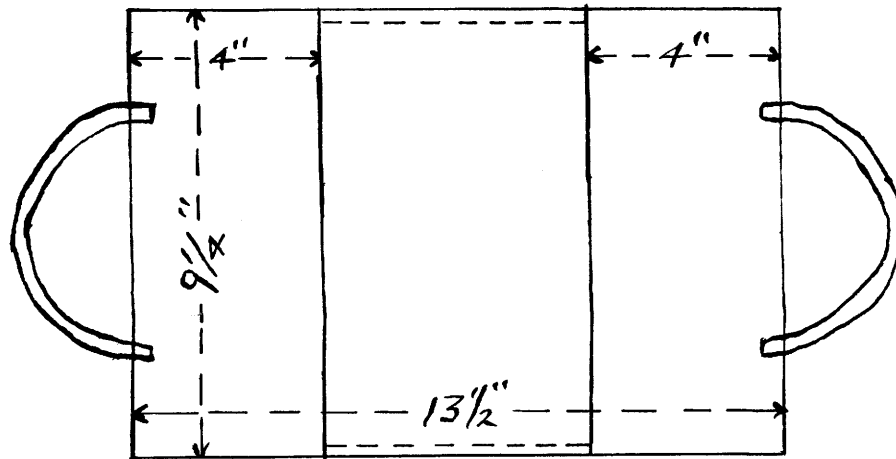
## BON VOYAGE BOOK COVER-CARRIER



*Miniature Maltese Cross Pattern*

### Treading Pattern

2-3	2	times	1-4	1	times
1-2	3	"	3-4	1	"
1-4	3	"	2-3	1	"
3-4	3	"	1-2	2	"
2-3	3	"	2-3	3	"
1-2	2	"	3-4	3	"
2-3	1	"	1-4	3	"
3-4	1	"	1-2	3	"
1-4	1	"	2-3	2	"
1-2	2	"	1-2	2	"



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