

Handkerchief Sachets

COPYRIGHT 2007 BY MARGO LETOURNEAU FOR STITCHES FOR ALL SEASONS

My mother recently gave me a big bunch of beautiful old hankies that have been in our family for years. Most of them were trimmed with hand-crocheted lace or hand-tatted lace made by my grandmother and elderly aunts. I was the happy recipient of some of these little treasures, and since I can't possibly use them all, decided to make sachets with some of them. If you want to do the same, here's how.

You will need:

1 pretty square hanky

1 square piece of plain muslin, a bit smaller than the hanky

a square of plain white netting, cut to the same size as the hanky

a small handful of potpourri (dry, not oily)

about 12" of 1/4" ribbon

a rubber band

ribbon or paper roses

Basic directions:

Press the hanky and netting carefully. Lay the netting onto a flat surface, then lay the hanky on top of it. Lay the muslin on top of the hanky, then add a small amount of dry potpourri. Wrap the muslin around the potpourri, then pull up all four corners of the hanky and netting together. Slip three paper or ribbon roses between the hanky and netting, then secure the hanky and netting together with a rubber band, making a somewhat tight ball. Tie a pretty coordinating ribbon around the center to hide the rubber band.

