BOOKMARK WITH HALF STITCH FANS WITH A CLOTH & TWIST EDGE AND CLOTH STITCH DIAMONDS

Materials
14 linked pairs 50 or 60 crochet cotton or 50/2 or 60/2 linen

Figure 2 Bookmark no. 3, pricking
Adjust the size until there are 10 squares per 2.5 cm (1 inch)
The pricking for this bookmark has two diagonal rows of pinholes extending from the top pinhole, pinholes along the inner and outer boundaries of the fans and the two diagonal rows of pinholes extending along the outer boundaries of the last area of ground as for Bookmark No. 1. Each area of torchon ground within these has had the four pinholes in the centre removed and an indicator line added showing the direction of work for the cloth stitch diamond.

Setting in
Set in along the two diagonals extending from the top pinhole as for Bookmark No. 1.

Clothwork diamond
Starting at the top of the diamond shape within the torchon ground start by making a cloth stitch with the central two pairs, set up the top pin, A, (figure 3) of the diamond and twist the right pair once, these will be the workers. Now work towards the left through the other pair from the previous stitch and the next pair on the left. Set up pin B under the workers and twist the workers once. Work back across the row, adding another pair at the end of the row and set up pin C. Continue working rows from side to side adding another pair at the end of each row until pins D and E have been set up. Now each row across the diamond will become shorter, a pair being left out from the end of the previous row, until pin F is set up. Then the workers are twisted and a cloth stitch worked to cover the pin. Now twist all the pairs from the diamond once to match the twists that were on the pairs when the entered the diamond, in this case one twist.

Half stitch fan with cloth and twist edge
When half stitch is worked along the edge of a piece of lace it is very weak and the threads will not stay in position. Therefore the edge must be strengthened, in this case by making a cloth and twist edge. For each fan add two new pairs as for Bookmark no. 1. After setting up the pin at the edge and twisting the edge pair twice work cloth and twist with the first passive pair, i.e. make a cloth stitch and twist both pairs once. (Feels like making two half stitches.) Now change to half stitch for the rest of the row, for this row through two pairs, and set up a pin at the end of the row. It is not necessary to add another twist at the end of the row when working in half stitch. Work back across the row in half stitch but work cloth and twist with the edge pair of passives and pin. Make another twist with the workers so that they have two twists as they pass round the pin. Continue following the same routine as for cloth stitch fans except work the rows in half stitch with the edge passives working a cloth and twist.

After completing both fans work another diamond. Since half stitch leaves the pairs twisted there is no need to add another twist before starting the next cloth stitch diamond at pin G. When the last diamond has been completed finish with a tassel as for Bookmark No. 1.