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SHAPE



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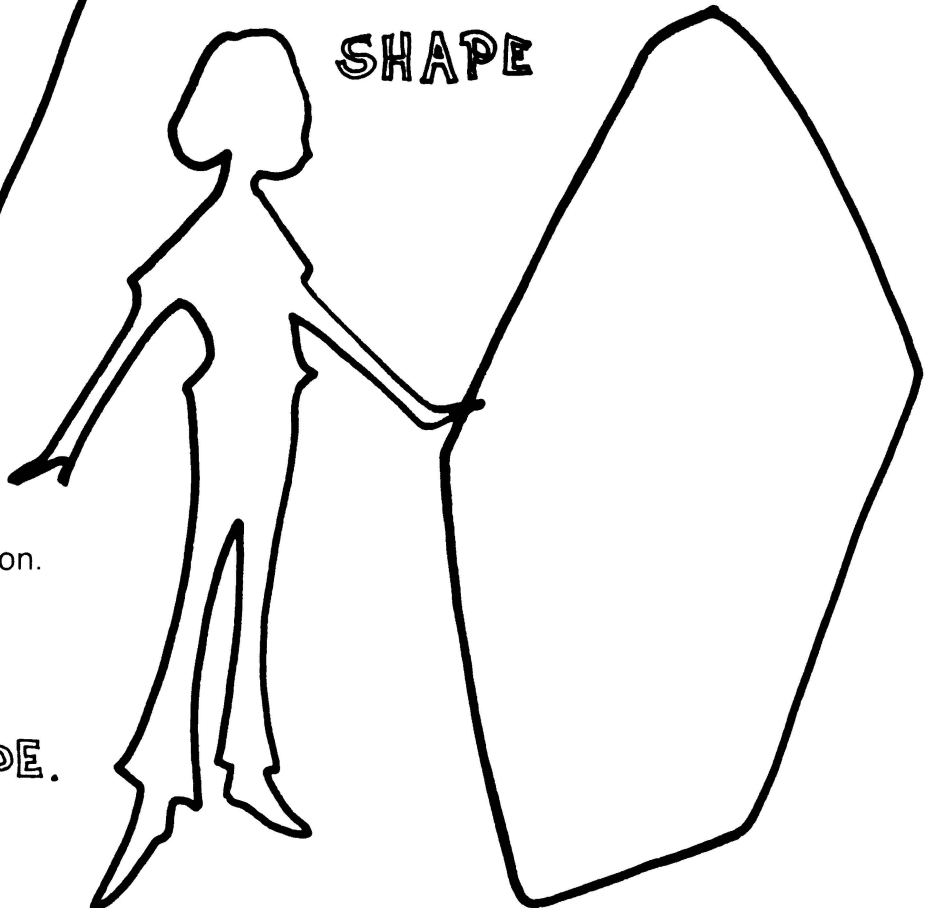
the SHAPE of things



WHAT'S IN A SHAPE?

When you draw a line
that meets itself around
any space you have a

SHAPE



Some shapes remind
us of real things,
like people.

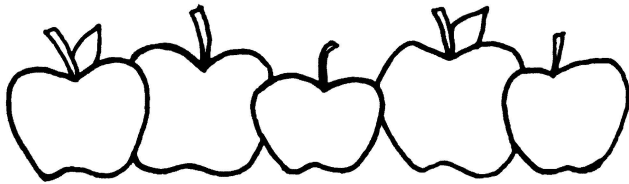
Other shapes are
created by our imagination.

When a shape contains
little or no detail
we can call it an

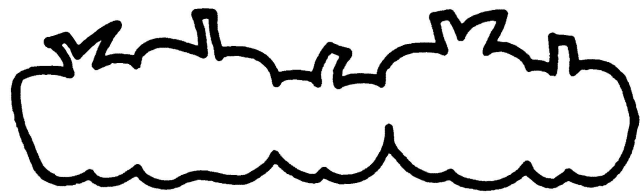
OUTLINE SHAPE.

SHAPE is SURPRISING

When several small simple shapes



touch or overlap they turn into



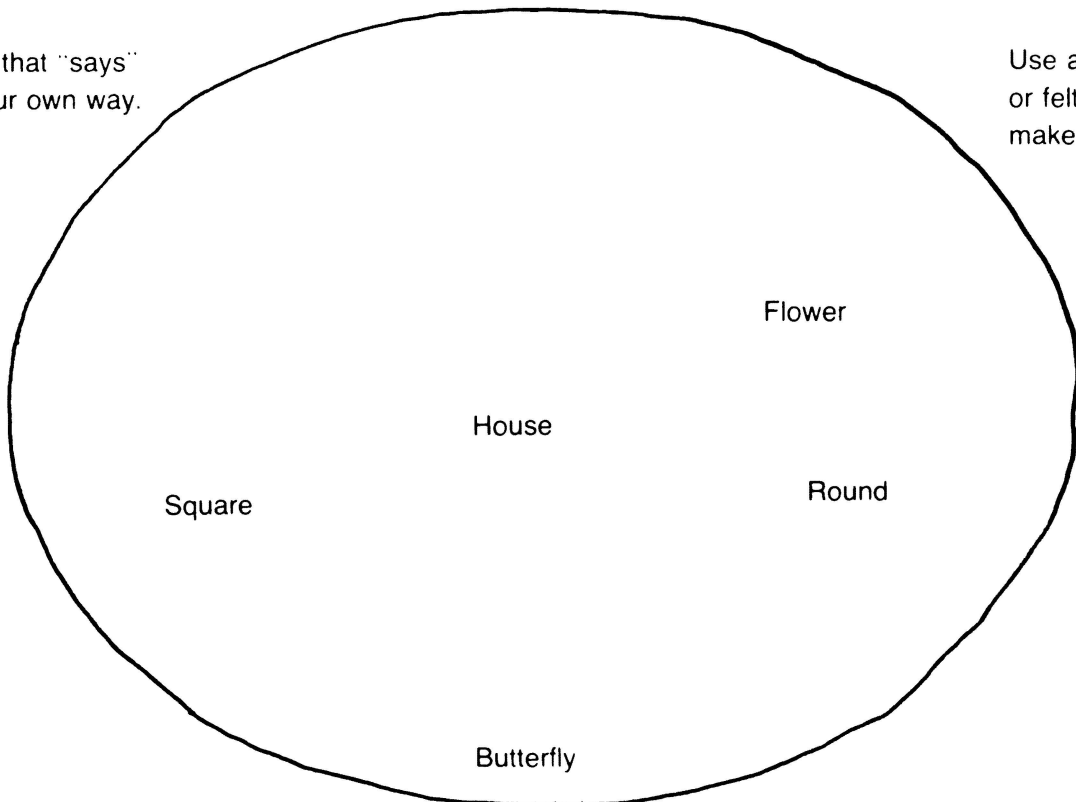
one complicated shape.

SHAPE in DESIGN

In design, shape can express an idea without words. Sometimes the idea is meant to "speak" to everyone and shapes are used that everyone understands.

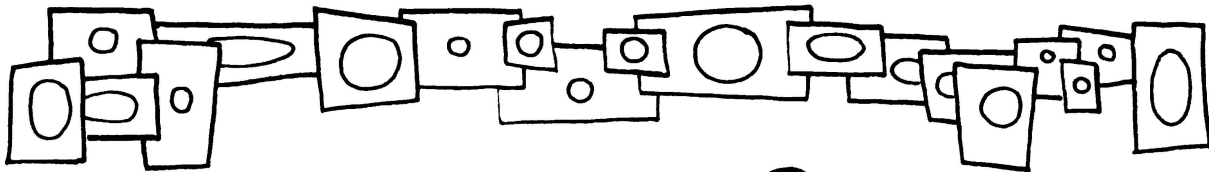
Make a shape that "says" the word in your own way.

Use a pencil or felt tip pen to make outline shapes.



TO DO EVERYDAY-EVERYWHERE!

- Look with interest at objects in the world around you, especially familiar things.
- Decide if something is mostly round, or mostly square, or mostly in-between.
- In your mind make a large shape from groups of small shapes. Create new shapes from old.



WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH SHAPE?

“CHAIN-A-SHAPE”

A Tambour EMBROIDERY PROJECT

Some crafts are used to decorate the surface of objects. Embroidery or stitchery is one way to decorate fabric. *Tambour* is a craft

that uses just one stitch called a chain stitch. These directions are for a placemat,

but you can use *Tambour* to decorate any fabric with a loose open weave.

You will need:

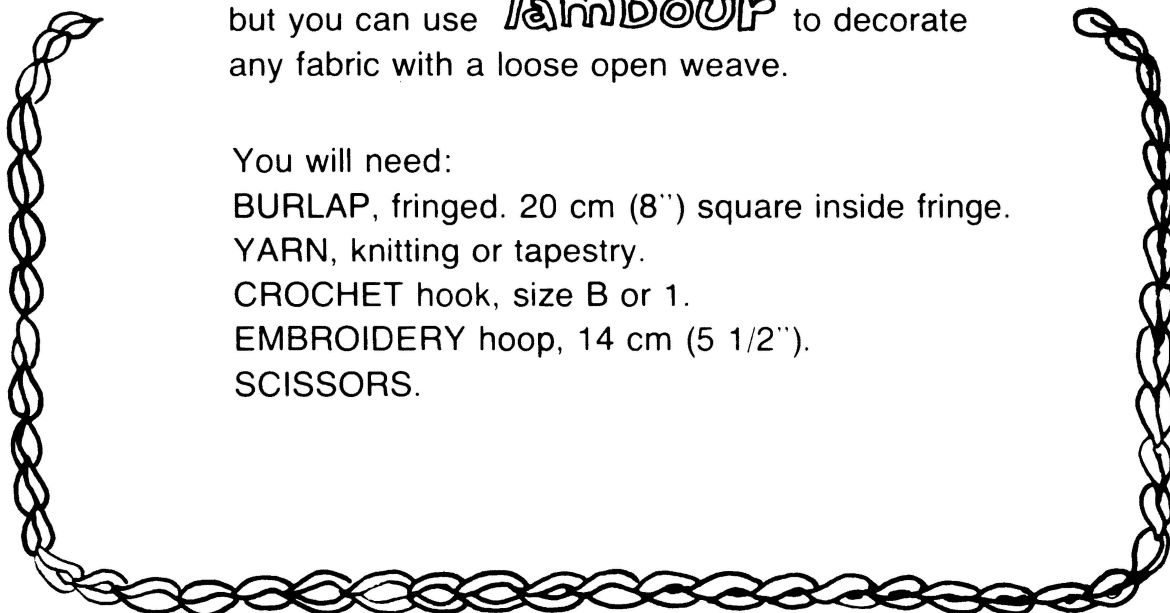
BURLAP, fringed. 20 cm (8”) square inside fringe.

YARN, knitting or tapestry.

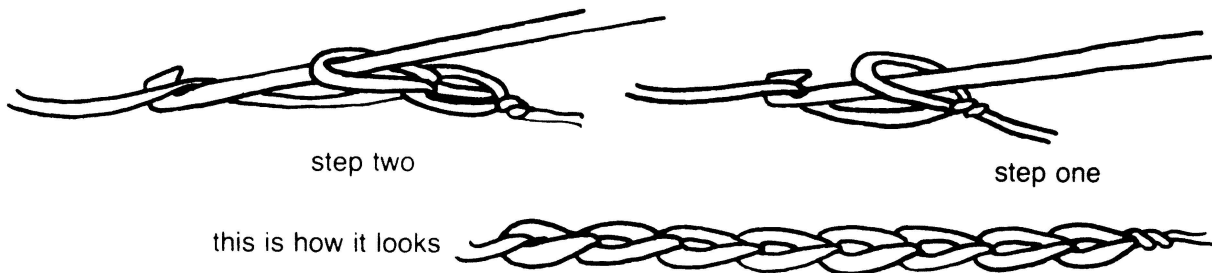
CROCHET hook, size B or 1.

EMBROIDERY hoop, 14 cm (5 1/2”).

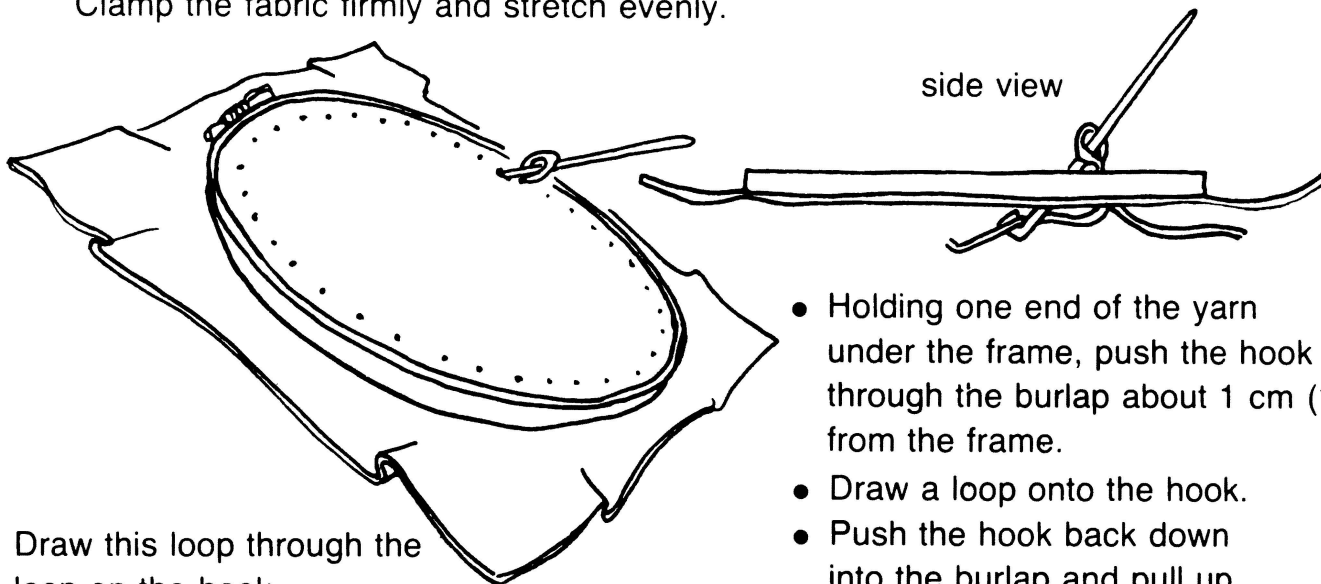
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Practice making a crocheted chain like this



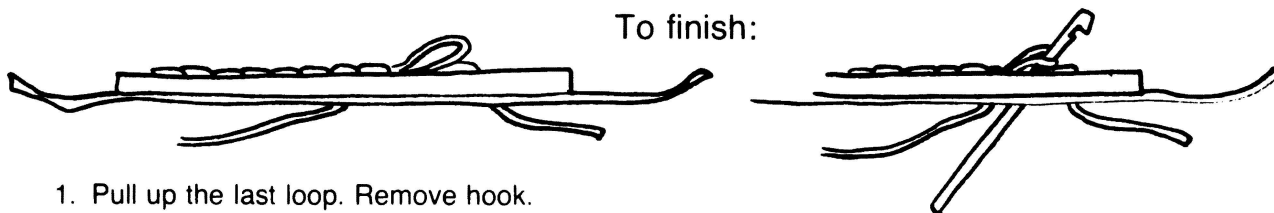
For your project:
Center the hoop over the center of the fabric.
Clamp the fabric firmly and stretch evenly.



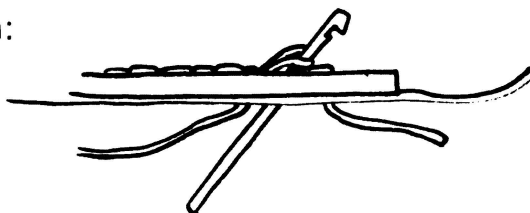
- Draw this loop through the loop on the hook.
- Repeat until a circle of tambour is made inside the hoop.

- Holding one end of the yarn under the frame, push the hook through the burlap about 1 cm (1/2") from the frame.
- Draw a loop onto the hook.
- Push the hook back down into the burlap and pull up another loop.

To finish:



1. Pull up the last loop. Remove hook.



2. Push hook up from bottom through first stitch and last loop.

3. Draw last loop to back. Allow enough to pull end through loop and cut. Pull tightly.

