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DECORATING TIPS

HOW TO MAKE A WEDDING SACHET

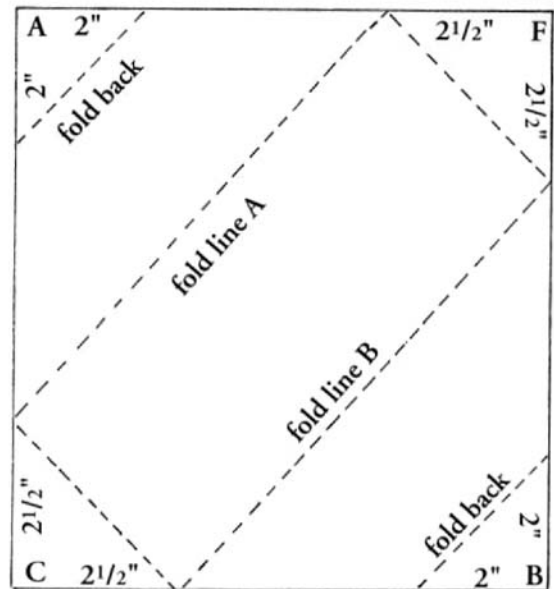
Much has been written about the language of flowers and the symbolism of herbs. One family has a tradition of loaning a bride a tiny, embroidered linen bag filled with a sachet of “wedding herbs” – rose petals, rosemary, violets, lavender, sage, and an ivy leaf-to pin inside her wedding dress. Worn by several generations of brides, this borrowed item ensures good luck and a long life to the bride and the groom.

To start a new tradition, fill a beautiful handkerchief with a net bag of fresh or dried herbs, tied with a blue ribbon, and present the sachet to the bride.

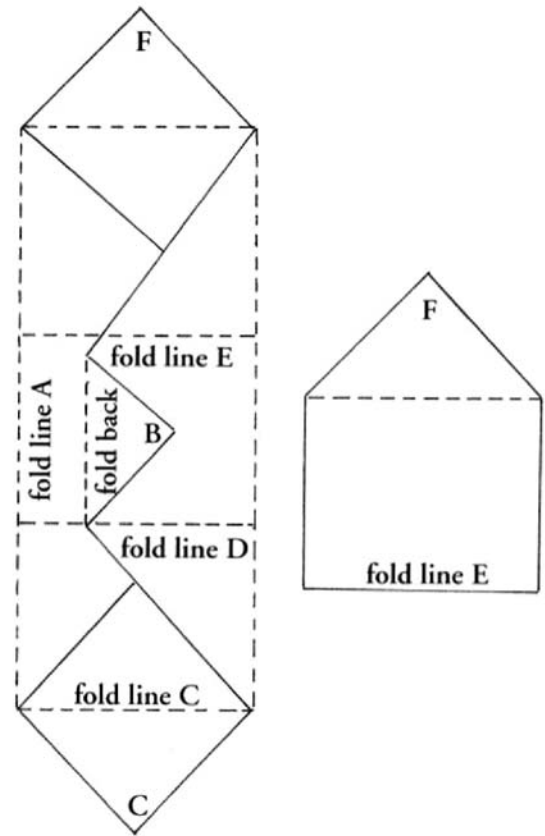
Supplies and materials needed: Handkerchief, needle, thread, scissors, blue embroidery thread, blue ribbon, 6-inch circle of net, and dried “wedding herbs.”

With the prettiest or most ornate corner of a new or heirloom 8 x 8 inch handkerchief at the upper right (corner F), measure about 2 1/2 inches from corners F and C. Fold the handkerchief at fold line A, then fold back corner A. Next fold the handkerchief at fold line B, then fold back corner B. Fold the rectangle at fold line C, then fold up to fold line D, then to fold line E. Corner F will be a pretty flap for the bag when turned down. Close the sides of the sachet with tiny stitches of matching thread on the back.

Make a small design on the flap with the blue embroidery thread and sew on the ribbon with a safety pin to attach the sachet inside the bride’s gown. Fill the netting with herbs, tie it with a piece of tiny



blue ribbon, and insert the herbs into the sachet.
NOTE: After the wedding, the bride can easily unstitch the handkerchief and use it for special occasions.



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