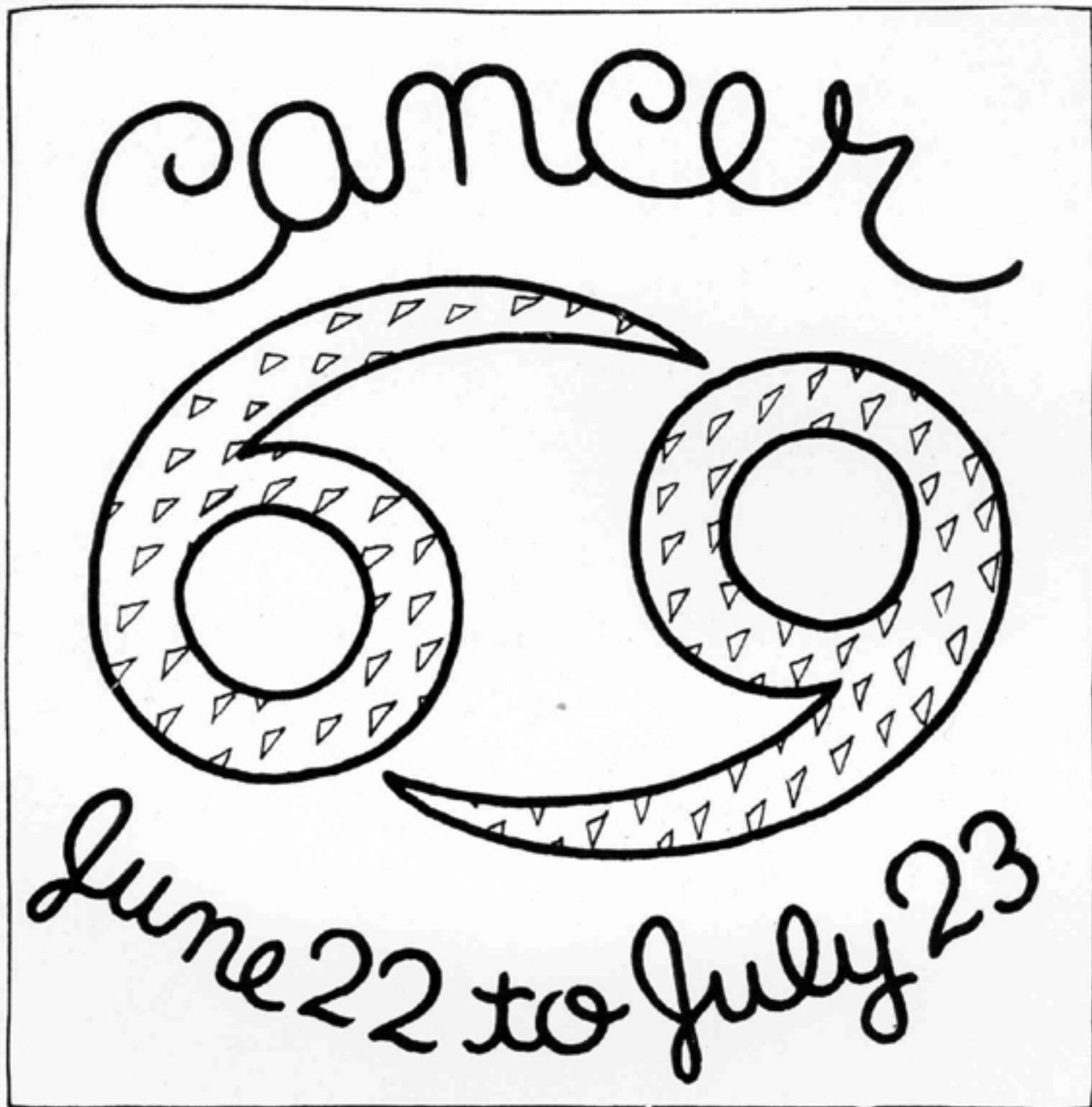


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HOROSCOPE QUILT—PATTERN NO. 8.



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IT must have been great imagination which made the ancients see a figure which looked like a crab in the starry heavens. At any rate, as they sat before their camp fire or lay wakeful under the stars through the long night they decided that the arrangement of stars which shone brightest through the weeks of June 22 to July 23 looked like a huge crab.

Their name for it was something like "cancer" and so the folks who drew the zodiac signs which are found in the old almanac used the crab of this conventionalized sign to represent cancer—the starry constellation.

As they drew the human figure and then assigned various parts of it to the stars and the months they

put the cancer sign ruling the breast and stomach.

MANY GOOD QUALITIES.

Fortunately the people who are born while the crab constellation is riding high in the heavens have many excellent qualities. I'll tell you about them next week. But I want to give you a proverb or saying that fits one quality of these people. They are prone to do too much worrying. I remember a sign I saw over a fireplace in an old inn, and it is good to think of it if one gets to worrying too much. This was it—"I am an old man and I've had many troubles in my life but most of them never happened." Isn't that a good saying?

Green is the favorite color of the Cancer people, so try to find a fine pattern print with quite a bit of this color in it for the design.

No allowance has been made for turning edges under, so be sure to

allow one-quarter of an inch on all sides when cutting material. Turn edges back, baste and press. Applique in place on the blue square. Use fine invisible hemming or back stitch.

Outline the word "Cancer" and the dates in white as on the other squares. Either an outline or chain stitch may be used for this.

Press. Seam the four white strips, six and one-half by three and one-half inches on the four sides of the square. Seam the four corner squares in place. Each one of those is appliqued with a blue star.

DON'T JOIN BLOCKS.

Do not start to sew your blocks together yet, for week after next there will be a chart to show you how this is done. This will include all the other stars which were mentioned at first.

Scores of suggestions on how to group furniture and build up attractive beauty spots in the home can be found by reading the "Beauty in the Home" column every day in The Detroit News, THE HOME NEWSPAPER.