### FIBERWORKS - THE FLYING NEEDLE

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**Football Sunday Sale:** Join us from 12:00-4:00 on Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> and enjoy 25% off all regular priced in-stock items and be home in time to watch the big game. Check around for other specials marked in the store and the sale table while you are here.

**Upcoming events:** March 13-17 = buy one get one ½ off of yarn. April 18-21 Love to Shop Hop Trail – visit all 6 shops, get your passport stamped with purchase, turn it in at the last one and get a bundle of fabric. Everyone wins instantly!

Block of the month: We have just a couple sets of the block of the month left. Only \$8.00 per month (12) will get you the pattern and fabric for the front of a throw that finishes at 57" x 69" called Color Me Happy designed by Pat Speth. If you'd rather start now, call me to reserve yours now. We can also mail these to you adding cost of actual postage. There are 12



different block designs all made from 5" squares (these are already cut for you). It is a study in how you can use many fabrics that are not necessarily "matchy-matchy" and still have a pleasing project result. For coloration – think civil war colors as the base. Stop in to see the quilt model up close and personal.



**New DMC floss colors:** While we have the newest 35 colors (numbered 1-35) in stock, the collector tin including one of each plus pattern using them, should be in by the end of January. Call and reserve yours now.

Remember we have sewing machines. If you need a reasonably priced machine, we have three models of Ever Sewn for you to try. Two have several computerized stitches and one is just a mechanical model. Stop in to see the Sparrow of your choice. These make great machines to take along to retreats or sew-ins.

Postage goes up again: While a letter stamp just went up a penny, the first four ounces of parcel rate went up 50 cents. A couple of rates ago, everything went by weight. I could mail a package of beads or a ball of pearl cotton for a stamp plus the non machineable charge of 20 cents

because it wasn't very heavy. Now there is restriction on thickness, uniformity and flexibility so things are bumped up into large envelope or parcel categories. Anything heavier than 13 oz. is usually cheapest in a flat rate priority envelope, such as quilting fabric, at \$6.70, up a nickel from the previous rate. We will continue to send things to you at the lowest cost possible, but you might want to look to see if there are other items you might need if you are ordering light weight things that are not flat to make the best possible use of the postage costs.



#### **TECHNIQUE TIP: Beading Correction tips**

It is important not to split your beading thread. If you have multiple passes through the same bead, try to hold the first thread to one side of the center and stitch toward the other side. If you have to go backwards and take out work, remove your needle. I know - I hate to rethread my needle too, but people, they do make threaders that work with those small eyed needles;) If you split the thread, it makes a weak spot. You don't want your piece to fall apart unexpectedly, like having many little seed beads "tink" on the wood floor during the prayer in church when a grandchild is examining grandma's necklace. Waxing or using a thread conditioner helps keep it together but it is too easy to sew threw it when ripping.

Knots are another headache and who hasn't had those? They are somewhat easier to get out when using Fireline or Wildfire than a nylon like Nymo or Silamide. Insert a beading needle or awl into the center of the knot and wiggle it until you feel it begin to loosen. Continue to work the knot loose with the needle or awl again being careful not to split your thread. DO NOT YANK on the thread when you find a knot as it will just make it harder to get out. If you can't get it out, back up and end the thread and start a new one. I know, you hate to stop and start a thread, me too, but with all your time spent in making a project you want it to last.

What if you have the wrong color bead in your work? You have the option of tearing out back to the mistake, If you have an extra bead and need to get rid of it, you can use a pair of pliers to break it. When you break a bead put the pliers on the top and bottom outside edges and squeeze gently. This position helps to keep from cutting the thread with the bead parts. If you try to squish it around the center, it may injure the thread. Another option or if the offending bead is too far back, leave it and call it a Spirit Bead in the Native American tradition of having reminder not to compete with God for perfection.

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#### WHAT'S NEW!

Kits: Mill Hill – Ornaments Mosaic and Medallion Eggs, Curly Girl Designs with witty sayings; Lizzie Kate Boxer – The Things That We Love; Other stuff: Just Nan – Mini snowman tin; Fabric: Quilting Treasures – Farmall Show (tractors), Mustang Sunset (western/horses), Carnivale (very colorful), The Quilted Cottage, Jungle Buddies (cute wild animals); Henry Glass – My Back Porch by One Sister Designs. (As we do inventory, I will be marking down new sale fabrics, so be sure to check under the front table and on the back wall.) I will be making a few kits of the model we made for our last shop hop as I found some more of the fabrics we gave out.

<u>QUILTING</u>: **Lazy Girl Designs:** Candace Bag; **Pine Tree Country Quilts:** Bellissima, Harrison Park; **Plum Tree Quilts:** Stepping Up; The Whole Country Caboodle: .

CROSS STITCH: Just Nan: Frosty Winter Mouse in a House (Limited Edition); Shepherd's Bush: I'm Dreaming, Thankful Notes; Blackbird Designs: Sing a Song of Seasons (Loose Feathers); Little House Needlework: Molly Pitcher Early American series; Abby Rose Designs: Friends Gather Here; Heartstrings Samplery: Festive Little Fobs 1 – Valentine, V is for Valentine; Lizzie Kate: Winter Smalls; Homespun Elegance: Avery's Cycling Santa; CM Designs: Winter Snow Gnomes, Swingin Snowflakes; Mani Di Donna: Halloween Days Sewing Basket; Needle Bling Designs: Wee Welcome January Snowman Hat, February Hearts and March Shamrock, Mirabilia Designs: Royal Games II; Plum Street Samplers: Hello Winter, Sampler Houses V & VI; Stoney Creek; Muscle Cars of the 70's, Halloween & Christmas Villages Collectors Series Afghans; Stacy Nash Primitives: Sleigh Bells Pinkeep & Ornament, Winter Tidings Pinkeep; Kit & Bixby: Remember Me; With Thy Needle & Thread: Jingle All the Way, Snowbirds, Merry Christmas, O Tannenbaum; Pineberry Lane: Merry Little Stitches, Spig of Holly, Fanny Griswold Antique Reproduction; Scissor Tail Designs: Snow Days: Blackberry Lane Designs: Carrots for Ewe, Count Your Blessings Stitch By Stitch: Bobbie G Designs: Summer Sampler, Sea Breezes; Cross Eyed Cricket: Barn Quilts; Erica Michaels: Ebenezer's Blessing, Jingle Berry; Imaginating: Computer Cat. OTHER: Beading - Carolyn Cave: Beautiful Designs With Super Duos and Twin Beads.

Canvas - From Nancy's Needle: Ice Crystal Tree

There should be lots of new items after the cross stitch market the first part of March.

Happy Stitching! Korol

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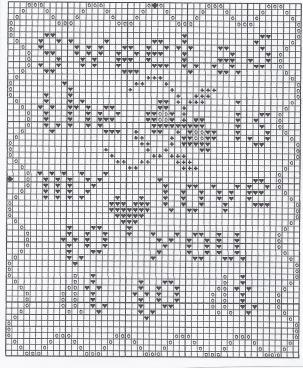
Upcoming "Sit and Stitch" will "officially "be on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, March 22<sup>nd</sup>and April 26<sup>th</sup>. During this time you can come to the shop and work on whatever project needs the most attention. If you need any assistance or have questions how to do things, I can help you with those as well.

**Thank you** to Kreinik, Trail Creek Farm and midsummer Night Designs for the complimentary patterns.

CLASSES: If you would like to learn some specific technique or work on a specific project, let me know. We will schedule a custom class at your time choice and expertise level.

These are some of the classes we have offered before: counted cross-stitch, beyond cross-stitch which would include adding specialty stitches, stamped cross-stitch/embroidery, canvaswork - needlepoint, hardanger, pulled thread, drawn thread, bargello, petite point on silk gauze, knotted work, smocking, temari balls, knitting, crochet, duplicate stitch, myreshka drawn work, tatting, bridge stitching (darning stitch), beadwork (peyote, herringbone, right angle weave, square stitch, brick stitch), huck embroidery (Swedish weaving), Brazilian embroidery, silk ribbon embroidery, punch needle, locker hook, stumpwork, blackwork, beginning piecing for quilting, paper piecing for quilting, fusible applique, crazy quilts, bargello quilts, felt applique, free lace for scarves/shawls, framing and mounting tips, finishing pillows, finishing standups, finishing in a box shape, tassels, etuis, stitch notebooks. Just let me know your pleasure.

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Fabric: 32 ct, Sand

49w X 59h Stitches Size: 3w X 3-5/8h in

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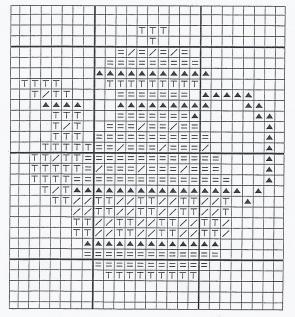


# Time for Tea

designed by Ursula Michael using a new Kreinik Gemstone color of Braid

## Chart of the month

from your local needlework shop



oross stitch this design on your favorite fabric. Use Kreinik Braid as a single strand, straight from the reel. Use two strands of floss.

DESIGN SIZE: 34H X 24W

Color Key:

- / Kreinik Very Fine (#4) Braid 3221 Heliodor
- <sup>™</sup> DMC 3843 or Anchor 1089 Bright Blue
- ▲ DMC 906 or Anchor 256 Med. Parrot Green
- = DMC 519 or Anchor 1038 Sky Blue

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