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Almost time for Super Bowl Sunday Sale:

Make a PLAY for February 5th from 12:00 - 4:00 and TACKLE 15% off on all regular prices. Plus MOVE DOWN FIELD to find sticky notes placed throughout the store for more off on selected items. We'll have some HALF TIME goodies to eat as well! Don't PASS this one up.

Reminder bookmarks: Remember we are collecting stitched bookmarks to give to area libraries to use during their summer reading programs next year. We have fabric remnants for free if you need a remnant to stitch on. Bring in your bookmarks and I will finish the ends and edges for you. Encourage literacy - participate! See pattern idea on back.



Sale of the month for February: Anything with hearts or love themed will be 15% off Feb 14 - 18. Happy Valentine's Day! We love our customers. If you order on-line just put hearts in the comment section and we will apply the discount before sending.

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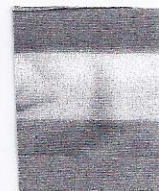
Sale of the month for March: From March 13 - 17 all quilting fabric will be 15% off. Check those patterns and make yourself a kit while the price is good.

Watch the next newsletter for details about the "Love To Shop Hop Trail" that will be in April. We've changed it just a tad to make it easier for you to participate.

Thimbleberries Quarterly Club: I have the spring hanging pieced for the first quarter. Come in and take a look at this lovely piece and sign up on automatic for it and the other three quarters. The focal fabrics in this line are really nice.

TECHNIQUE TIP: Hand-dyed Fabrics for Stitching.

Looking for an extra touch to accent your cross stitch designs? Try using a hand-dyed fabric. There are several popular dyes from which to choose. Many have web sites so you can get an idea of color before you decide. Remember that color monitors can vary from actual and you will want to see the piece of fabric in person. Also pieces can vary each time they are dyed because there are many factors that can affect the final results. The brand of base fabric and the count will make a difference in color even when using the same dye formula. Higher count fabrics will usually come out somewhat lighter. Expect to pay more for a hand-dyed fabric - 4 ½ to 7 ½ cents per square inch compared to 3 to 4 cents for most single color linen or even-weave. While the first fabrics dyed were linens, now even-weaves and aidas are also available in hand-dyed colors. We have pieces from Picture This Plus, Lakeside Linens, Stitches and Spice (Australian), Weeks Dye Works (dyed to match their floss colors), R & R Reproductions, Zweigart (uses what was formerly Silkweavers for many), DMC, Stoney Creek, Wichelt, Glenshee, JAR designs, Fabric Flair, Crossed Wing Collection and Enchanted Fabrics. Each company has its own style. Some are hand-dyed in a single color overlay and some have multiple colors or processes. Some have stamped designs on one side only while others are actually hand painted. Be sure to look at both sides of your fabric piece to decide which side you like better. While a hand-dyed is not for every design, if it adds to the overall feel of your piece and doesn't overpower it, try one. These are especially good when you want something to look "old" or antiqued. If you want to try your hand at dyeing yourself, a coffee or tea dye is probably the easiest. You can even dye the piece after it has been stitched if you want the threads to age as well. Just don't start a new company! ;)



WHAT'S NEW! -

Kits: Nordic Needle - Hardanger Bookmarks; Lizzie Kate - A Good Marriage and Faith Boxer; Bent Creek - Snow Globe Mantle part 2, Frames from East Side Moulding for several of their designs; Shepherd's Bush - Her Blessing, Pink and Blue Snowmen, Pin Cushions Creepy and Simple Joys, Tiny Garden Fob and Roll, Behold (Ewe), Box Tops Live Life, Hear Bells and Get Scared, Fa La La; MTV Designs - Spring Time Thread Keep; Mill Hill - Button & Beads Live Simply, Millinery Shop, Love 2 Shop, Stitch in Time, Luck of the Irish, Home Run, 6 more pin/ornament kits in Spring Bouquet. **Other Stuff:** Velour hand towels with a band for cross stitch in vibrant colors; DMC - project keeper that rolls up; Jigsaw Puzzles - Quilting Bee, Can You See What I See and Measuring Up (cats in a sewing basket) for the times you want a break from stitching. Beadsmith - Sticky Bead Mat XL - 2 sided; Martelli - Ergonomic left handed rotary cutter; New colors of wool roving for felting; Preciosa - Twin beads (has two holes) and 8/0 rocailles in strands; Miyuki - Tila beads more colors; **Fabric:** Studio E - Retro Boho; Avlyn - Cutest Critters; Timeless Treasures - Blossoms; RJR Thimbleberries - Pattern Party 1st quarter.

QUILTING: **SamSarah:** Can't See the Forest, Poppy Paparazzi, Mister Bennett's Neighbors; **Thimbleberries:** Pattern Party; **Mochi Mochi Fiber Art:** Iris Waterfall, Lotus Life, Hello Moon; **Something Sew Fine:** Take Four, Placemat Panache.

CROSS STITCH: **Cat's Cradle:** Chatelaine Specs, Pins n' Needles & Snips; **Glendon Place:** Spirit of Christmas, Flakes; **Homespun Elegance:** All Hearts Come Home for Christmas, Rounds a Plenty, Merry Birdies; **Heart In Hand:** Snow Woes, Percy; **Lizzie Kate:** Flora McSample 2011 Ornaments; **Blackbird Designs:** Loose Feathers Winter, Christmas Garden, Crowning the Tree; **Bent Creek:** Once Upon a Stitch, Santa's Cocoa, The Toy Room, Holly Quaker Stocking; **Imaginating:** Let's Sew, Snow, Snow, Snow, Starfish Wedding, Little Things 2, Jolly Santa, Song of Christmas, Heaven and Nature; **Erica Michaels:** Love Generously, Love True; **Victoria Sampler:** Biscornuments, Mistletoe Stocking, Gingerbread Church, Pumpkin Patch Farm, Noel Biscornu, Christmas Crackers, Woodland Babies, Button Up Birdies 6; **Little House Needleworks:** Elizabeth Hannah Sampler, Ornaments Good Tidings & Winter Forest, New England Winter Sampler; **Shepherd's Bush:** Christmas Joys; **Ink Circles:** The Bramble and the Rose, Woodland Vines; **SamSarah:** Farmer's Market Okra & Onion; **Waxing Moon:** Primitive Greetings; **Val's Stuff:** Baby It's Cold Outside, Not a Creature Was Stirring; **The Drawn Thread:** I Love Christmas, 12 Houses, Three Friends; **Primitive Needleworks:** Noel Sampler; **Vickery Collection:** Year of the Cross; **Praiseworthy Stitches:** Pumpkins, Christmas Biscornu; **Trilogy:** Domes of Yule - Christmas Time, Holiday Helpers, Chimney Cheer, Gifts Galore; **Twisted Oaks:** Halloween Stocking; **Silver Lining:** Laurie; **Cross Eyed Cricket:** Sugar Cookies, Christmas; **CherryWood:** Love Letter Ribbons; **Elizabeth's Designs:** Love, Child's Laughter.

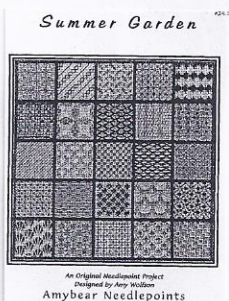
OTHER: **Canvas:** Amybear Needlepoints - Summer Garden; **From Nancy's Needle** - Summer Flowers and Apple Trees; **Laura J Perin** - Turning Leaves, Holiday Ornaments #2; **Brenda Kocher** - Tootsiebubbles: Rachel's Ribbons; **Hardanger:** Roz Watnemo - Colorado Carol. **Beading:** **Sherry Serafinis** - Sensational Bead Embroidery; **Lark Jewelry** - Bead Riffs, Beaded Opulence; **Deb Moffett-Hall** - Birthstone Bracelets (for each month).

Happy Stitching!

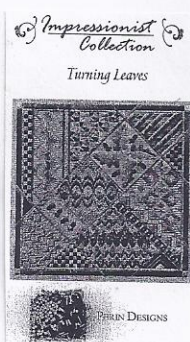
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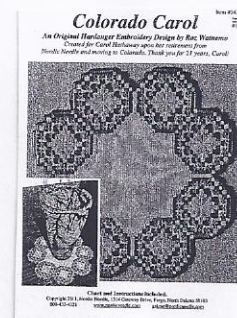
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An Original Needlepoint Project
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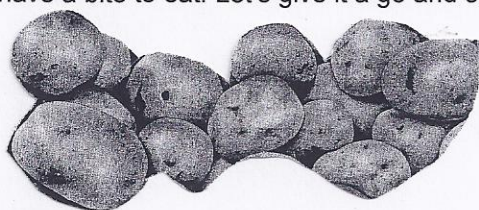
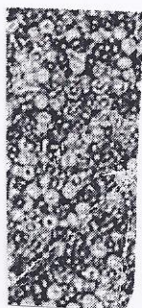
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CLASSES: If you would like to learn some specific technique or work on a specific project, let me know. We will schedule a custom class at your time choice and expertise level.

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.

SIT AND STITCH – COME AND JOIN US!



We would like to establish a "Sit and Stitch" on the fourth Thursday of the month, except for November which would be Thanksgiving, from 6 to 8 or however late you want to stay. During this time you can come to the shop and work on whatever project needs the most attention. I will also have a learning project if you wish to do that instead. I will try to pick something that will cost no more than \$10.00, less if possible. I will choose the first couple of techniques to get us started and the attendees can help choose the rest. The first one will be February 23rd and will be a beading project. The next one will be March 22nd and will be a knitting project. If you wish to do the learning project, please give me a call by the week before so I can have enough supplies on hand. If you need any assistance or have questions how to do things on your own stitching pieces, I can help you with those as well. We can even try out some new recipes if you have some you'd like tried and have a bite to eat. Let's give it a go and see what develops!

Potato Baker Bags – finished size approx. 8" x 9 ½" (We have fabric with baking potatoes on it that would be just right for these). You'll need: 1 piece 100% cotton fabric, 1 piece 100% cotton muslin fabric, and 1 piece 100% cotton quilt batting all 9" x 21".

Step 1: Place 9" x 21" pieces of fabric right side together with batting on top. Pin the 9" edges together.

Step 2: Sew ¼" seam along both 9" sides (top and bottom) Then turn right side out and top stitch this seam.

Step 3: Place on table with the outside of bag facing up and fold top down 2" and fold bottom up 8 ½" – pin (only the muslin should show).

Step 4: Pin together along the sides and stitch them together. The 2" lip is inside when pinned. Zigzag or serge edges if you want.

Step 5: Turn bag right side out and turn the 2" lip over to the front side of the bag so it is right side out.

Here are instructions you can include if you make some to give away:

Baked Potato Bag

This simple bag creates a "just right" baked potato in your microwave. The inside is well done, yet moist, and the skin remains tender. The bag will cook from 1 -4 medium sized potatoes at once. Simply wash and dry your potatoes. DO NOT PRICK! Wrap the potatoes in a paper towel and place in bag. Microwave as usual. When serving, simply use a fork. Potatoes will be very fluffy. Let the bag air dry after use.

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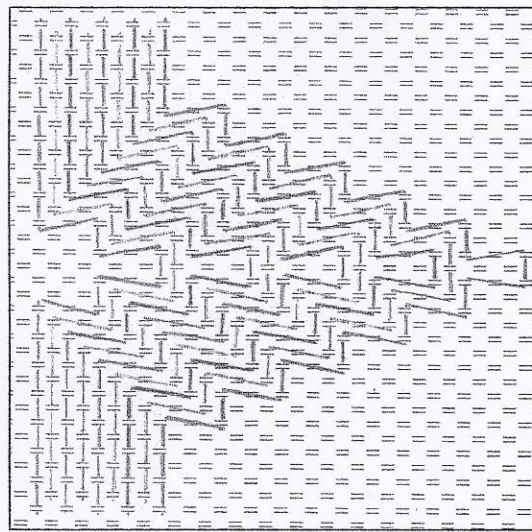


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357-20 Provence Lavender 14ct
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There are so many lovely floss shaded colors and overdyes, it is fun to see how they fall into place, creating the 'Reflection'. You will want to make several for friends and yourself. Book Marks make wonderful gifts for any occasion or 'just because.' An especially nice thing about Huck Weaving for the BOOK MARKS, the stitching only shows on one side of the Alda. There are no knots and thread ends on the back side.

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Reflection

by Threads in Bloom
BOOKMARK design in Huck Weaving

Fabric: 357-275 Tropical Orange Alda 14ct
from Michelt Imports

Thread: VA12V1 Orange Blossom or VA12M7 Fall Leaves
floss or 5VA505 Toffee Pearl Cotton Size
5 from Valiant and Michelt Imports
or Threadwork #1148 Romanian Forest

Mill Hill Treasure #12201 Autumn Maple Leaves

Cut fabric 3" X 7" Mark center.

Use 3 strands of floss or #5 Pearl Cotton,
using 36" lengths.
Begin 9 floats from center to the right, row 1, leaving
about 3-4" of thread.

Work rows back and forth.

Work end of floss under 3-4 floats.
Continue as needed with new piece of floss.
When finished with the 9 rows, repeat, with rows in the
opposite direction, creating the 'Reflection'. The 8 floats
on each side, are in the same floats for row 1.

After completing stitching, use Fray Check® or similar
product along edges when dry, trim to fit into clear
plastic BOOK MARK sleeve. Glue Mill Hill Treasure in