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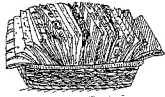
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**Love to Shop Hop Trail:** It is almost time to drive the trail. April 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> (Wed-Sat) each of the seven stores will be open from 10-5 for hoppers. Get your hop card at your first stop and have it stamped at all the stores. When you turn your completed card in you will receive a 14 piece fat

quarter bundle of Moda spring solids. Rather than have a door prize drawing as we have in the past, everybody wins this way. See what projects stores have worked up with the bundle on your journey. Dralle's, Greene; Prairie Rose, Clarksville; Moose Patch, Waverly; Crazy To Quilt and Lulijune's. Cedar Falls; and Jen's Needleworks in Aplington besides Fiberworks are the participating shops.

**Trunk Shows:** The Threedles Canvas designs will only be here for another week. Don't miss seeing these beautiful models! Then we will have four quilt models from Nancy Mahoney's book Simple Circles and Quick Curves on display through April. If you love the look of curved piecing but not the pinning and matching required for it, you need the know-how in this book. The next show on the schedule is from Erica Michaels Needleart Design May 20 - June 28. Many of these are from her silk gauze collection.



**Weeks Dye Works has announced a price increase for their threads as of March 15<sup>th</sup>.**

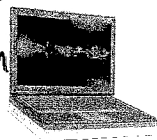


**Quilt Block of the Month is READY:** I have finally gotten all the fabrics in for Celtic Crystals so we can begin. It will run for 12 months starting now. I have several of the blocks on display and will be working to get them put together soon. It will be a lovely quilt measuring

84" x 84" when finished done in jewel tone batiks. Each block is named after a semi-precious stone and the "qualities" of each one is printed on your pattern. The cost will be a monthly \$21.00 and will include all of the fabrics for the front and binding of the quilt. You have a choice of two fabrics for the border and can let me know which of them you like best when you pick up your first block. I can also send you a scan from which to choose if you would like to have your blocks mailed to you each month. Join us on a Thursday night if you'd like help putting it together.

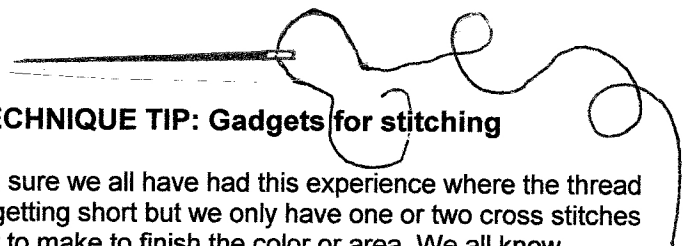
**On-Line Needlework Show:** This will open for your viewing pleasure on April 17<sup>th</sup> with approx 75 stitching related vendors. While you cannot order things yourself, we can get those you need, want, gotta have... Please have any lists to me by Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> so I have time to compile and order.

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**Patterns:** Thanks to Laura J Perin, Erica Michaels and Rhonda Jean for sharing free graphs this month.



## TECHNIQUE TIP: Gadgets for stitching

I'm sure we all have had this experience where the thread is getting short but we only have one or two cross stitches left to make to finish the color or area. We all know embroidery thread is not that expensive but the time and fuss of ending the old thread, securing and then starting a new one can seem a hassle. You can take one stitch and then rethread your needle several times as you work up and down through the fabric, but then what do you do with the end? There is a tool you can have in your bag to help make this easier to end off. The Fiber Hider and Do-la-lee have two pieces, one with a long loop and the other with a hook. You can run the loop under completed stitches on the back and then use the hook to catch the short end of the thread to pull it through the loop. Then slide the loop back out from under the stitches bringing the end with you and securing it easily. I love mine. A snag repair tool or Knit Picker is another tool you can use to keep a thread contained while you manipulate it to where you want it to go. It has a tiny hook with a pivoting arm that closes the opening in the hook as you pull it back through the fabric. A metal needle threader is indispensable. One from LoRan or Susan Bates has a different size hook or loop on each end so you can use it with large or small eyed needles. My Big Toe has made these with lovely beads attached to the middle to dress up the threader and make it easier to keep track of and handle. If you drop a needle in the carpet or on the sofa/chair you are stitching on, someone else could find it for you in an unpleasant way. An expandable magnetic wand can help find it first before it gets stepped or sat on. A Needle Nanny or Minder can help prevent wayward needles. They have a magnet attached with another one that can be put on the backside of work or even worn like a brooch to keep needles in place when not being used. If you have a favorite notion/tool, let me know and I will include it in our next newsletter with the next round of gadgets.

## WHAT'S NEW!

**Kits:** Bent Creek – Good News Snowglobe, Heart of Hearts and Clover of Clovers zipper kits; Lizzie Kate – Boxer If We Pray, limited edition pillow kits Song of Spring and Do Your Best, A Little Beach; Sweetheart Tree – My Little Tooth Fairy pillow, Pine Cones in the Winter Biscornu Pincushion, Grapes on the Vine; Just Another Button Co – Pet Friendly Pincushion (wool work). **Other Stuff:** Laurel Burch – 3 piece set accessory bags – blue cats and rust horses. **Fabric Fabri Quilt** – pre-quilted, double sided Venetian Glass (works great for tote bags or purses), Sleepy Time Stripe flannels; SPX – Bear Hugs; Elizabeth's Studio – Hoo's Tree(owls). Quilt kits ready to go for Dino World, Starry Night, Urbanista, Cats, Bats and Bones Door Banner – models of these are hanging so you can see what they look like.



**QUILTING:** That Patchwork Place: Simple Circles and Quick Curves; **Leisure Arts**: T-Shirt Quilts; **C & T Publishing**: Calendar Runners by Kim Schaefer; **Landauer Publishing**: First Time Quiltmaking, Square-agonals 12 Easy Pieces; **Martingale**: Fast and Fun Baby Quilts.

**CROSS STITCH:** Imaginating: Let's Marry, Let's Cross Stitch; **Homespun Elegance**: Snowman Extraordinaire, Spring Frolic, Spring Eggs IV, Delivering Yummy Goodness; **Blackbird Designs**: My Friend's House, Rosy Morning, Vintage Inspiration; **Jeannette Douglas**: The Common Thread, Stitcher's Needlebook (thread packets available for both); **Just Nan**: It's Snowing Men, Oh Deer, Little Princess Snow (limited edition ornament); **Little House Needleworks**: Hands to Work; **Abby Rose**: Patience, Kindness, Joy; **Northern Expressions Needlework**: Celtic Valentine, Celtic Snow; **Lizzie Kate**: Be Who You Are, Winter Seasons, Autumn Seasons; **Heart in Hand**: Be Mine; **Shepherd's Bush**: Home Sweet Home; **Dutch Treat Designs**: Emma Sandford 1867; **Amy Bruecken Designs**: Ewe's Fluffy; **Sweetheart Tree**: Keep Calm and Freak Out Fob, Itty Bitty Kitty Irish Pot of Gold, Pinecones in Winter Fob, Wine Bottle Grapes Fob; **Freda's Fancy Stitching**: Inside the Box; **Erica Michaels**: Four Seasons Spring, Standard of Grace; **Drawn Thread**: Winter Jumble; **White Willow Stitching**: It's a Boy/Girl, Tribal Clef; **Alessandra Adelaide Needleworks**: Love; **Glendon Place**: Fudgy Mint Mousse, Red Velvet Cake, Rainbow Parfait; **Hands On Design**: Love My Stitching; **La-D-Da**: A Sister's Garden, My Country, Spring Hare; **Mirabilia**: Cassiopeia; **Plum Street Sampler**: Welcome all Hearts Home, A Friend Loveth, Count Twice; **Trilogy**: The Snow is Coming Down; **Praiseworthy Stitches**: Simple Gifts Peace, Carols on the Square; **Rosewood Manor**: Autumn Quakers, Green on Green; **Stitchy Kitty**: Toady Nerdy; **A Needle's Notion**: AlphaBetsy's House.

**CANVAS:** DebBee's Designs: Lovey Dovey; From Nancy's Needle: Diamonds & Squares, Bouquets & Bows; Needle Delights Originals: Color Delights – Lemon, Stained Glass Stars,

Happy Stitching!

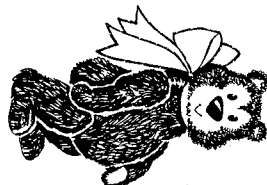
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All crosses stitch was done using 2 plys of floss. Remember when using your Silk n Colors to cross each X as you go. This will give you a nice variegated look. All back stitching was done using 2 plys of #340. If you choose you may use your favorite color of Silk n Colors.

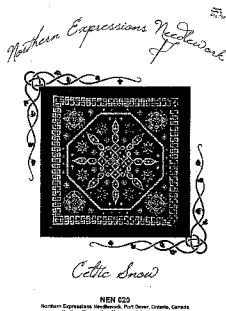
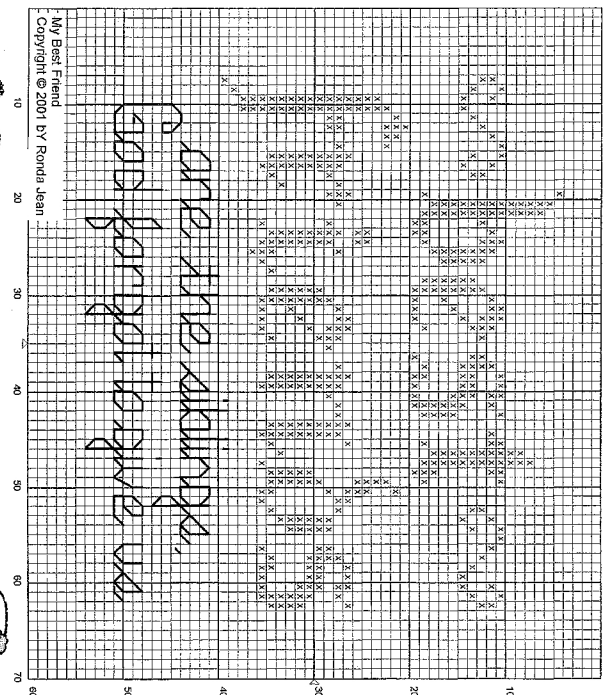
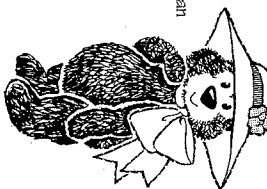


x - Forget-Me-Not - Silk n Colors  
by The Thread Catcher  
DMC #340

Supplies

Model was stitched on 28 count White Jobelan  
Stitch count 56 X 46

My Best Friend  
by Ronda Jean

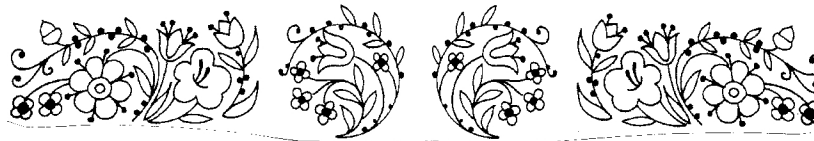


**CLASSES:** If you would like to learn some specific technique or work on a specific project, let me know. We will schedule a custom class at your time choice and expertise level.

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!

**"Sit and Stitch" will "officially" be on April 24<sup>th</sup>, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, June 26<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 8. During this time you can come to the shop and work on whatever needs the most attention. If you need any assistance or have questions how to do things on your projects, I can help you with those as well. We have some friends that want to stitch together more than once a month and often come in on other Thursdays of the month that they are free. All are welcome.**



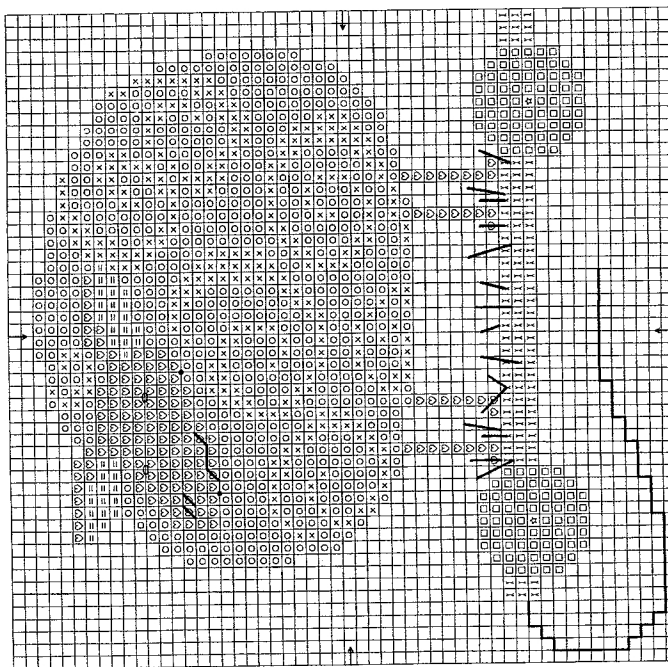
Stitchers Surprise Series  
April "Swirly Sheep" by Erica Michaels  
exclusively for *Rainbow Gallery*

**Material List** (Design Size: 52 wide x 51 high; 7 1/2" x 7 1/2")  
14" x 14"—7 c. Klosterm (Larkspur) from R&R Reproductions **OR** 7 c. Klosterm (Pewter) from Michelt  
1 card each: Splendor® S808-Pale Pink, S808-Med. Purple; Faux Fur® FF1-White; Fyre Werks® F10-White Pearl;  
Neon Rays® N12-Pink; Grandeur® G801- Black; Alpaca AL62-Dark Gray; Arctic Rays AR11-Grass Green  
2. 100 Beek Bayle Buttons: 4—Jelly Bean Buttons (your color choice) from Just Another Button Co.

1. Cross Stitch following Master Chart and color legend.
2. Backstitch string, mouth and nostrils with G801. Long stitch grass with AR11.
3. Attach a length of Neon Rays "necklace" at dots on Master Chart. Attach 3 jelly bean buttons using matching thread and anchor necklace in place at same time. Use black buttons for eyes. Attach jelly bean button at end of string.

**NOTE:** One card of Faux Fur and Fyre Werks were used—a second card may be needed depending on how you stitch.

FF1	○	
F10	×	
AL62	▽	
S805 (8 ply)	=	
AR11	λ	
S808 (8 ply)	□	
N12	☆	
Attach necklace	●	
Barbie Buttons	◉	



**Note:** Splendor is made with three bundles of four plies each. To separate into individual plies for stitching, pull out one bundle at a time and ply it.

*Come back for next month's design.*

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DESIGNS FOR COUNTED CROSS STITCH

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April 9-12 10-5:00

Online needlework Show

April 17-21

Sign up now for Celtic Crystals

Block of the Month

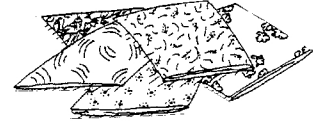
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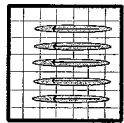
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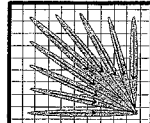
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Diagonal Satin Stitch



Straight Stitch



Fan Stitch

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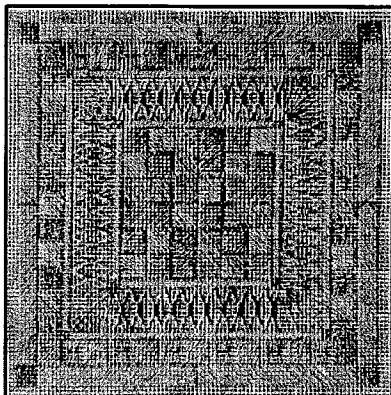
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Symbol	Materials
	Overture, V78 - 'Waterfall'
	Pebble, P61 - Orchid
	Rainbow Tweed, RT09 - Baby Green
	Nordic Gold, ND13 - Ice Blue
	Hi-light, H639 - Pale Violet
	#22 tapestry needle
8" x 8" 18 ct. mono canvas, light blue, or complementary color	
Design size on 18 ct. mono canvas: 5" x 5"	

DESIGN IDEAS: This design can be worked up as an ornament, or as a small pillow or box insert. It can also be turned 'on point' and a tassel added, for a fancy ornament.

Spring Fling



## INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Central Motif:** Beginning at the center of your canvas, work the four-patch blocks, with one strand P61, then one ply of Overture. Work the remaining rectangles with one strand of Hi-lights. Work narrow border with two ply of RT09; in each corner add a tiny mosaic square of one strand of metallic ND13.
- 2. Long Cross Border:** Lay one strand of Hi-lights first, then put long crosses on top with one ply Overture. On top of each long cross, tie down with three small stitches of two ply Hi-lights. In between each cross, add a straight stitch of one strand of metallic ND13.
- 3. Fan Corners:** Create fan corners with one strand of Hi-lights H639, placing stitches in every other hole, and going down into the same center hole.
- 4. Checker Border:** First, make squares with one ply of variegated Overture, going over six canvas threads. Between each square, put straight stitches of one strand of Hi-lights. Add straight stitch on top with ND13. In corners, make a square with one strand Pebble Perle.
- 5. Outer Border:** Stitch wide outer border with two ply of RT09, going over six canvas threads; change stitch direction at border centers. At corners make a square with one strand of metallic ND13.

NOTE: THIS GRAPH SHOWS ONLY A QUARTER OF THE WHOLE PATTERN. Stitch this section first, then rotate the pattern to stitch the other sections.

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