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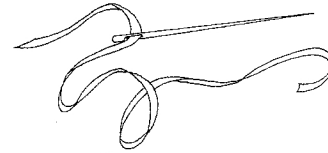
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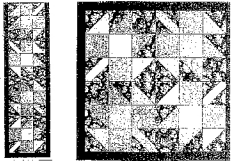
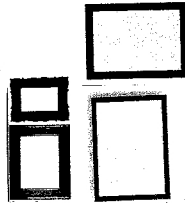
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Holiday Open House: Sunday, Nov 23rd will be our holiday open house from 12-4. We will have 25% off all regular priced quilting fabric and an extra 10% off the sale fabrics. There are other sale items marked around the store including a box of pattern books that are only \$1.00. Help me clean out the sale stuff!



Frames 15% Off: November 18-22 we will offer a discount on all regular priced frames that we have in stock. Get those projects out from under the bed or out of the drawer that you have finished stitching but are not yet displayable. Stop to see if we have a frame the right size.



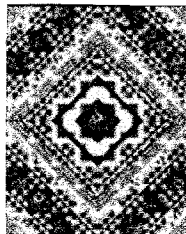
Fall Foliage Fabric Tour: It is time for tour which runs Oct. 22nd through 25th. Each person who visits all seven participating shops and gets their passport stamped (with purchase) will

receive six fat quarters of fall fabric. Plus you'll get 7 free patterns to use with the bundle - one from each of the shops along the way. This is a change from the way we have conducted the fall hop in previous years so please take note.

Fern Ridge Trunk Show - Not: Although I booked this show a year ago at the St. Charles market, they evidently didn't write it down or changed without letting me know. So we will not have their models for you to see.

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Next Block of the Month: I have chosen a quilt called All That Jazz by Grizzly Gulch for our next project series. It has a focal fabric of a lovely poppy print with greens, lavenders, black and white tonals to make a queen sized quilt. The cost will be \$30.00 a month for 6 months. This will include all the fabric for the front. Sign up now!



TECHNIQUE TIP: Fabric Grain

You may have noted that some quilt patterns have you sew two squares or a square and a rectangle, like flying geese, together on a diagonal line and then cut off the corner leaving a 1/4" seam allowance. This results in two half square triangles sewn together. Why? It wastes more fabric than sewing two triangles together.

When fabric is woven, long threads are stretched across a loom to form the warp to create the lengthwise grain of the fabric. The threads woven back and forth across these are called the weft threads creating the crosswise grain. The selvage edge is created on either side as the weft threads turn around to go back the other direction. The warp threads are the stabilizers in your fabric and there are usually more warp threads than weft in a square inch of cotton material.

If you take a small piece and stretch it by holding on to (or parallel to) the selvage edges it will not have much give. If you try the same thing holding on to the crosswise grain, it will give a little more but not distort itself. If you pull on a 45 degree angle, the true bias, you will see that a lot of stretching occurs. Any cut of fabric not on the straight of grain loses stability and must be handled with care so that it is not pulled out of shape when sewn.

Squares and rectangles with their 90 degree corners fit naturally into the weave of the threads. Triangles, however, will have a least one edge on the bias. If you can sew this edge to a straight grain edge you will have less "wavy" seams. Once fabric is stretched in a seam, no amount of pressing will get rid of the puckers. When you sew two squares together and then cut them to triangles before you open the fabric, you are not sewing two bias cut edges together and so will give you a nicer join.

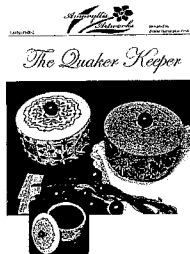
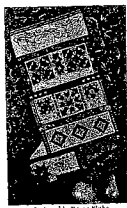
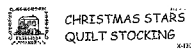
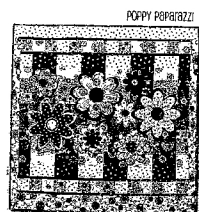
The stretchiness of bias can be used to its advantage when cutting strips for binding or applique pieces because curving around edges of a quilt or a curvy design is easier. Lengthwise grain strips are a good choice for outer borders of a quilt if you need to add stability.

Learn the characteristics of a material's grain to aid your cutting decisions and improve the look of your finished project.



WHAT'S NEW! -

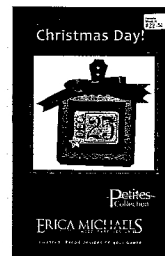
Kits: Mill Hill - Jim Shore Reindeer, Santa, Snowmen, Tree, Debbie Mumm Snowbells Jingle, Jangle, Freezy, Flurry, Frank; Lizzie Kate - Dear Rudolph, Snow Dudes, Boxer - I Cannot Count My Day Complete; Sweetheart Tree - Teenie Tiny Tulips, House on Pumpkin Hill, Today is a Good Day, Wishes #3 Friendship, #4 Health; Shepherd's Bush - Harvest of Plenty, Goodness & Grace; Milady's Needle - In the Garden (with box to finish), Milady's Sampler and Quaker Pendants I and II, Acorn Box, Travel Ort Box, 1817 Needle Book; Purple Thread - Back to Spool, Stitcher's Christmas Ornament, Old Hobson Meadow; Scarlett House - Hannah's Brownstone; Tapis Tree - Crewel embroidery design kits for pillows or framing; Amy Bruecken Designs - Fridge Art Magnets - Yes Please, Happy Hour, Harvest, Tommy (turkey), Eek, Boots, Jack, Be Happy, Chilly Willy, Snow Moe, Wicked Women Unite; Foxwood Crossings - Tiny Twilight Santa, Safely Gathered pin cushion, Autumn Sheep, Autumn Box; Blackbird Designs - My Garden Faire (with threads). **Quilt kit:** New Snap Sacks. **Other Stuff:** Adam Originals - Black/white polka dot pillow covers; Doodlin' Around - wooden boxes and divided trays; Lee - leather Ipad and reader covers with area for stitched insert, leather ornament frames; Pro-cross-tinate (with the definition) shirts and coffee mugs; Ackfeld - wire calendar holder and tags; Ultra thin LED book light. **Fabric:** Springs - Disney Frozen characters; Blank - Gramercy (black, white, red); Henry Glass - Why; Quilting Treasures - A Dog's Life, A Cat's Life; Benartex - This N That/More; RJR - Dan Morris's Happy Homestead, Sue Marsh's Welcome to My World (ufos). Most of these series have free pattern suggestions with fabric purchase or downloadable from the companies' web sites.



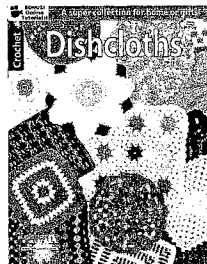
QUILTING: Little Bit More: Tall Trim the Tree; The Teacher's Pet: - Hot Potato, Corn Cocoon; SamSarah: How Many Days, Fun All Year, Perpetually Fun; Ricky Tims: Kool Kaleidoscope Quilts; 3 Jars Full - Rainbow Toddler's Quilt.

CROSS STITCH: Shepherd's Bush: Halloween Trifles, Pumpkin Harvest; Blackbird Designs: Without a Mouse, Strawberry Fields Forever, Long and Winding Road, Eleanor Rigby, Blackbird, Cats on Parade; Erica Michaels: Witches Go Riding, Dear Santa, O Christmas Tree, Abundance, Ebenezer's Christmas; Rosewood Manor: Peacocks & Posies, Quaker Village, Round & Round, Porch Welcome, Advent Box; T. A. Smith: My Love, My Forest, Mini Motifs; Hands On Designs: Indigo Star, Everyday Sampler; Stoney Creek: Believe Snowfriends Banner, Teddy's Alphabet Train, Wit & Whimsy, Snowflake Dreams, Christmas in the Woods; Long Dog Samplers: Count Your Blessings, Mots d'Amour; Jeannette Douglas Designs: Happy Acorn Fall Accessories, Happy Acorn Harvest, Be Merry & Bright Sampler; Imaginating: Let's Be Wicked, Let's Leap into Fall, Let's Love Autumn, Let's Be Thankful; Bobbie G Designs: Winter Wonderland; Lizzie Kate: Reindeer Stocking, Flora McSample's 2014 Stockings; Heart in Hand: Santa 2014, A Merry Christmas; Abby Rose Designs: Bless This House; Foxwood Crossings: Stitcher/Quilter in Residence, Snow Folk, Santa Folk, Snow Grateful, Twilight Santa Sled, Freezing Season; Just Cross Stitch: 2014 Ornament issue; Workbakest: Quaker Holidays; Amy Bruecken Designs: I Am the Witch, Frank and Sally Skull; Plum Street Samplers: Autumn Posy, Harvest Keeper, Gathering Honey; Hinzeit: Stacked - Halloween Owl, American Eagle, Snowman, Christmas Tree, Turkey; Art To Heart: Gardeners Paint; The Trilogy: Happy Whoo Whoo Day; Sweetheart Tree: Shades of Halloween, Honest Santa I Didn't Do It, Snowman and Friend; Northern Expressions Needlework: Shades of Blue; Stacey Nash Primitives: Thistles and Spells Pinkeep; Homespun Elegance: Olde Saint Nicholas, Merry Christmas Wishes, Snowmen Everywhere, Pumpkin Gatherer, Sampler Witch; Wiehenburg: Carnation Quaker; Milady's Needle: Thistle Patch Sewing Box; Needle Bling Designs: Santa Stop Here, Stitching Comforts; Country Cottage Needlework: Dear Santa, Angels; Marnic: Attitude...; Glendon Place: Autumn Ala Round; Sue Hillis Designs: Stocking Santa; Just Nan: Miss Witchy Mouse, Flight School, October Eve, Batty Boris.

OTHER: Canvas: DebBee's Designs - Radiance; Needle Delights Originals - Yule Logs, Ripple Rotation 1, Copper & Turquoise, Color Delights - Orchid. **Knitting:** Leisure Arts - Knit Dishcloths.



Sherwood Garden



Happy Stitching!

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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!

"Sit and Stitch" will "officially" be on October 23rd, November 20th and December 18th from 5 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. This is a great time to finish up any holiday gifts for your favorite people. If you need any assistance or have questions how to do things, 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.

Thank you to From the Heart and Frony Ritter Designs (through Wichelt Imports) for sharing their free designs for the newsletter.

FABRIC SALE: The whole month of December all bolted quilting fabric will be 15% off the regular price and sale fabric will be an extra 10% off (1 yard minimum cut on sale fabrics).

2015 Calendars: These wall calendars will be ready to pick soon!



From The Heart
Needleart by Wendy

Art Deco Sampler Free Chart

Stitch count: 57 w by 84 h. 4" by 6" on 28 count fabric over 2 threads.

Stitch this fun little sampler with your favorite thread on your favorite fabric.
Use two ply of floss when stitching on 28 count linen.

♥ From the Heart ♥

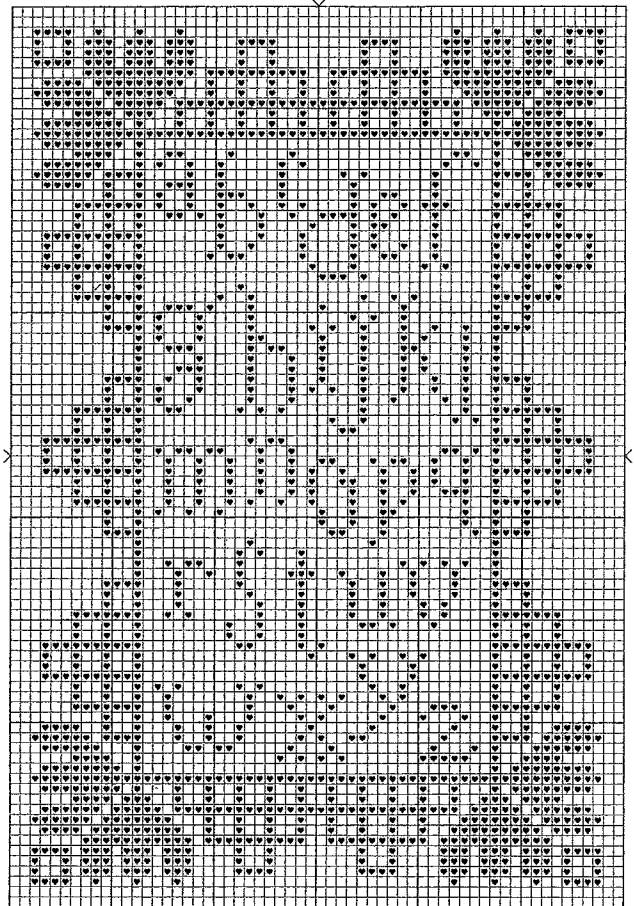
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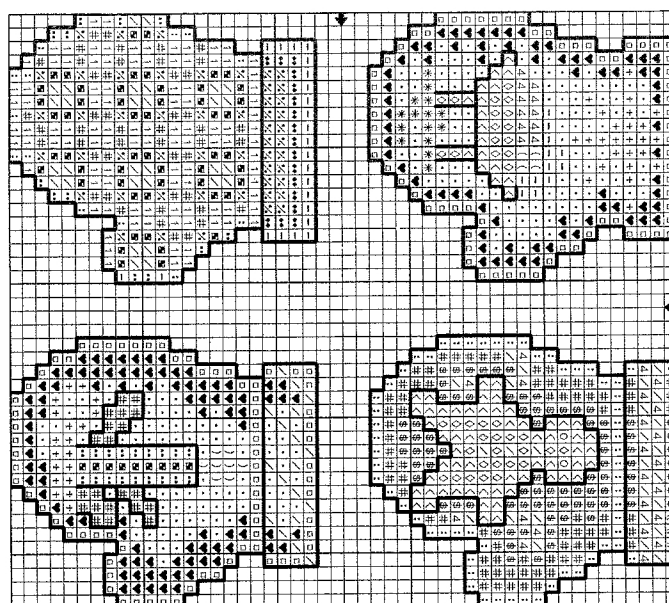


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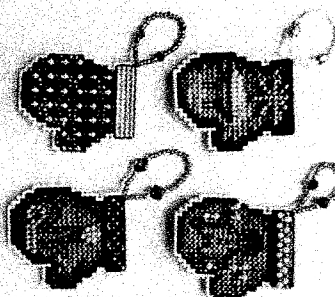
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FREE GRAPH



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mittens size: 1 3/4" h x 1 1/2" w
chart size: 3.14" w x 5.57" h

Mill Hill 14 count perforated paper - PPI white
(or your color choice)

Attach Mill Hill beads with a *half cross stitch*
using a size 10 beading needle with floss color
similar to bead color.

finishing: Cut out each mitten one square away
from the stitching using a small sharp pointed
scissors. Make hangers using *Mill Hill* beads and
4 mm *Mill Hill* crystal *rondele* treasures. Cover
back with white felt, using acid free tacky glue.

DMC Floss Cross Stitches

Symbol	Strands	Number	Color
..	2	321	Christmas Red
<	2	433	Brown-MD
>	2	435	Brown-VY LT
◇	2	666	Christmas Red-BRT
■	2	676	Green Old Gold-LT
*	2	699	Christmas Green
:	2	701	Christmas -LT
#	2	702	Kelly Green
\$	2	792	Cornflower Blue-DK
▼	2	796	Royal Blue-DK
□	2	799	Delft Blue-MD
•	2	928	Gray Green-VY LT
+	2	3747	Blue Violet-VY LT
-	2	BLANC	WHITE
%	2		

DMC Floss Back Stitches

Symbol	Strands	Number	Color
—	1	310	Black

Mill Hill Beads with Half Cross Stitches

Symbol	Strands	Number	Color
)	2	00128	Yellow
/	2	00165	Christmas Red
+	2	00479	White
4	2	00557	Old Gold
0	2	02014	Black
1	2	02054	Brilliant Shamrock
(2	62036	Frosted Pink Coral
Suggested rondle treasures			
13071 light sham (red), 13026 emerald, 13027 autumn gold			

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