

FIBERWORKS - THE FLYING NEEDLE

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Love to Shop Hop Trail Coming Soon: April 24-27 is the next hop date. Pickup your passport at your first stop and after getting it stamped (with purchase) at each shop, turn it in for a six yard bundle of springy fabrics. If you

spend \$20 at one place, get \$5 hop cash to spend on a second \$20 purchase in May. Participating stores are Fiberworks Needlework Shop, Waverly, Prairie Rose Fabrics, Clarksville, Dralle's, Greene, Crazy to Quilt and LuliJune's, Cedar Falls, and Jen's Needlework in Aplington. (Sorry I forgot to list Dralle's in the last newsletter – this is their last hop with us.)

Market Bounty: Look in the purple crate on the counter for the items we brought back from Nashville. If some are gone already, we can certainly reorder for you. It was fun to meet new designers or reconnect with those who have been around awhile.



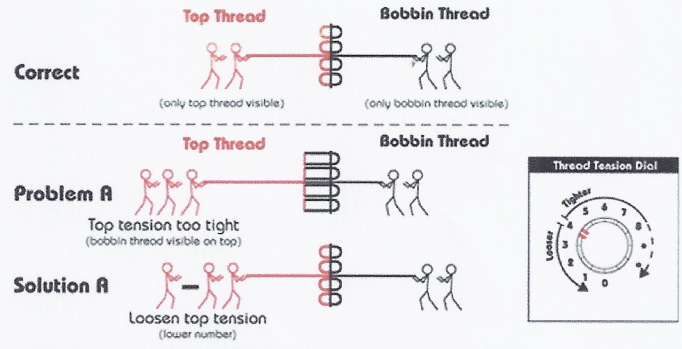
Monthly Bargains – May 14-18: 25% off all items with flowers on it – fabric, patterns, buttons, etc.



Monthly Bargains – June 11-15: 25% off all items with flags on them.



Remember the whole month of June is the **All Iowa Shop Hop** and we will be open on Mondays during this event from 10-5.



TECHNIQUE TIP: Sewing Machine Tension

One of the biggest hurdles for a quilter is tension. It affects the quality of your stitch and, therefore, the overall appearance of your project. Relying on the machine factory preset tension settings isn't enough, especially when working with different thread fibers and weights. Home machines usually require only top tension adjustments, while longarm machines often require both bobbin and top tension adjustments. Batting adds drag on the top thread. Depending on the loft and density, batting can put more stress on the thread during stitch formation. This results in an increase of stress applied to the top thread. Cotton batting tends to grab the thread more than polyester batting, adding more friction on the thread. The thickness and material of the top thread can affect stitch quality and stitch balance. If the top thread is a thick, 30 wt. polyester thread and the bobbin thread is a fine, 60 wt. cotton thread, the top tension will most likely need to be adjusted (loosened) to accommodate an even stitch. It is not a problem to mix fiber types, cotton thread on top and polyester thread in the bobbin, or thickness, 40 wt. thread on top and a 50 wt. thread in the bobbin. Some threads require very loose tension in order to achieve balanced stitches. Metallic thread, for example, is a beautiful decorative thread. However, it is not as strong as a 40 wt. polyester quilting thread and will need the top tension reduced to 1.0 (very loose). When the appropriate tension adjustments are made, you can use a mixture of threads and obtain balanced stitches. If you are sewing on a densely-woven fabric, such as batiks, duck cloth, or denim, the top thread will be exposed to a greater degree of friction. Fabrics that have a looser weave, such as quilting cotton and knits allow for the top thread to pass through the individual fibers in the fabric with less friction, and thus with less tension applied to the thread during stitch formation. With thanks to Superior Threads -

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WHAT'S NEW!

Kits: Mill Hill – Blooms & Blossoms Debbie Mumm kits: Tulips, Pansies, Floral Bouquet., Tulips & Daisies; Laurel Burch Flying Colors series kits: Dragonfly and Butterfly in three colors each – Capri, Lime and Fushia, Praiseworthy Stitches – counted cross stitch kits Just Chillin', Boo! Humbug!, Percy Penguin, Bewitched, Angel Blessings; Heart In Hand: 2019 Collector's Heart kit; Shepherd's Bush: Tis A Gift, Snow Queen, Happy Life Pincushion, Forever in My Heart, Spring Peeps Box, Lucky Treasure Box, From Sea to Sea, Rejoice Pin, Home of the Brave, Boo Hallow, Happy Halloween kits. **Other stuff:** Just Nan – needle slide March Hare; Weeks Dye Works – new floss colors Glacial Melt, Carolina Cecil, Broom Tree, Oil Cloth; Gentle Art Sampler floss – Grape Fizz, Adzuki, Something Blue, Tortoise Shell and wool colors Green Tea Leaf, Nutmeg and Fisherman's Wharf; The Primitive Hare – 30 count hand dyed linen in Old Salem; Zappy Dots – needle magnets from all your favorite designers, needle slide boxes: **Batting:** Quilter's Dream – Poly Select midloft – various prepackaged sizes.

CROSS STITCH: **Just Nan:** Spring Mouse Scissor Roll, Heart of Spring; **Kathy Barrik:** Mother Nature, Exceedingly Fine Tea; **Little House Needlework:** Jack Frost's Tree Farm part 1 and 2; **Abby Rose Designs:** Bunnies & Tulips, Spring Time; **Country Cottage Needleworks:** Glitter Houses 4, 5, 6; **Jeannette Douglas Designs:** Letters From Mom 10-13, Learning Stitches, Love to Stitch; **Blackbird Designs:** Ooh La La, Our Lasting Friendship, The Bells on Christmas Day; **Heart in Hand:** Spring and Summer Whirligigs, Square Dance Jan/Feb/Mar, Throwback Checkerbird, Stitching Bird, Spread Kindness, Flower on a Hill; **Rosewood Manor:** Flowers of the Season, Grayfriar's Sampler, By the Numbers; **Stoney Creek:** Winter Magazine 2019, Big Red, Green Acres, Persian Puller; **With Thy Needle & Thread:** To Quote Shakespeare, Holiday Hoopla Easter, Spring Fling, Where Liberty Dwells, Prairie House Sampler; **Mani di Donna:** Like a Butterfly music sewing set, Summer Time Basket, Blue Pot Pillow, Zio Sam Pincushion, America & 4th of July; **Jardin Prive:** Vivement Noel, Au Fils des Mois; **Tiny Modernist:** Santa's House 1-6, Easter Bunny House parts 1-3; **Hands On Designs:** Meow and Woof pincushions, Winter Wonderland Farm; **Heartstring Samplery:** F is for Friend; **Imaginating:** Let's Bloom, Frosty Friends; **The Bee Company:** Vintage Blue and Cream Boats, 3 Mini Christmas Designs and frames, Christmas Tree frame with sheep, Bird Houses Light, Joy, Peace, Love, Passion; **Praiseworthy Stitches:** Simple Gifts – Kindness, Halloween Hop Drum, Winter at Sugar Hill; **Shepherd's Bush:** Stitching Notes; **Cherished Stitches:** Mary Ann's Etui Chart and finishing kit; **Long Dog:** Krozwyrd, Wishing Tree, Cardinal Points; **Northern Expressions:** Resting Life; **Novaris:** A Home is not Complete without a Cat/Dog, Beach, Thanks, Noel, Freedom, Witch, Farm; **Xs and Oohs:** Nativity Ornaments; **Pepperberry Designs:** Bunny Basket, Bonnet Chick, Bow Tie Bunny, Bunny Lamb; **Amy Bruecken Designs:** Holly Jolly Santas – one for each month, I Like to Party, Cross Stitch Party, Self-Medicating, Be Kind.

Canvaswork: Needle Delights Originals – St. Patrick's Day, Aurora, Amethyst Gardens, Christmas Rounds; Textured Treasures – Forward Alphabet, Dawn to Dusk, Chained, Na-Dzah.

Beading: Deb Moffet-Hall – Ornament of the Month for February (heart), March (Shamrock) and April (egg),

Happy Stitching!

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SIT AND STITCH – COME AND JOIN US!

Upcoming "Sit and Stitch" will "officially" be on May 23rd, June 20th, July 18th.

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: The Praiseworthy Stitches for the complimentary pattern

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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Web Site Reminder: When our web catalog was migrated to the new platform, everything automatically showed as in stock – probably not true. If there is an actual number showing in stock, I have physically counted how many I have in the shop. Reminder - I will send an invoice to you by email when you order items after I have figured the shipping cost. You have the option to use a credit card or bank account to pay the bill through Paypal. It is not necessary to have a Paypal account set up to pay through them. You may pay as a guest. If you choose not to go through Paypal, after you place your order, give us a call and we can take your card number over the phone and run it manually when your order is ready to mail.

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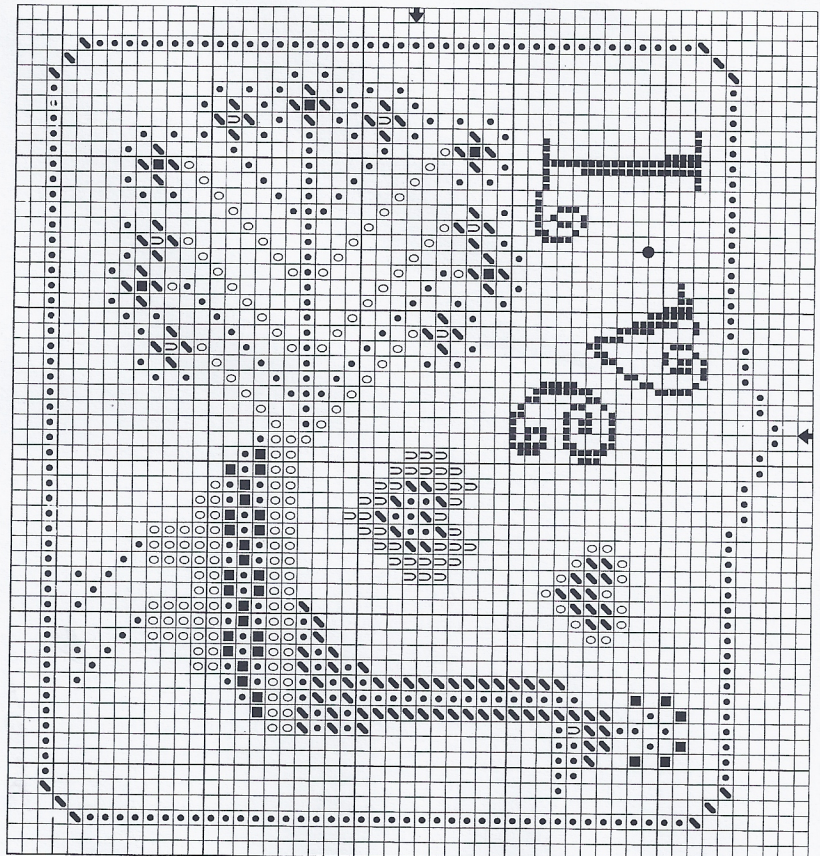
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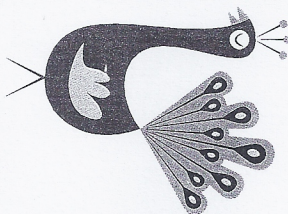
Heart charm used for the "o" in love is Jupiter #95052.

Design size: 52w X 29h stitches.
Stitched on 28 ct. Charolly Green from Lakeside Linens.

A FREE design not to be sold.



Peacock Love



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