



## Acorn Etui

**Class Description:** Thirteen colors of silk and ecru cotton combine to create this colorful, multi-technique sampler in a sewing case format. The exterior of the case is a band sampler divided into three panels separated by two spines. Counted patterns, some original, some adaptations of traditional designs, fill the embroidered sections. A variety of crossed stitches, queen stitch, chain, eyelet, outline, satin, and blackwork add texture and interest. An original reticello-punto in aria design adorns the front cover. The lace acorns have trellis caps and cloth stitch bodies. They are held in place with branched and double buttonhole bars. Of course there are Venetian picots to further embellish the lace design. A mattress pincushion, needle book, and scissors fob complement the case. Construction techniques will be discussed, and all finishing materials will be provided. **Eight hours of pre-work are required.** This consists of basting, completing the padded edge and four-sided stitches on a practice square, and cutting away the surrounded fabric. The advanced/adventurous students may set up the lace panel on the case as pre-work also. We will cover the lace in detail during class and briefly review the counted patterns.

**Kit Contents:** Zweigart 32-count antique ivory Belfast linen, 9" x 27" for case and smalls, 6" x 9" for lace practice square; #50 DMC ecru Cordonnet Special, one ball; Needlepoint, Inc. silk, 13 colors; beads for birds' eyes; Needles: #24 & #26 tapestry, #7 embroidery, #9 and #10 quilting; pattern pages and clear Contact, two each; muslin pat; comprehensive instruction manual. Finishing Supplies: China silk underlining, wool batting, Skirtex, fusible interfacing, cotton lining, Mother of Pearl acorn button.

**Student's Supplies:** Measuring tape; scroll frame with tensioners for sides; 6" x 9" stretcher bars and tacks; basting thread, sewing thread to match linen and lining; Coats Extra Fine thread #116 (cream) for couching; small, thin-bladed scissors; thimble; 8 straight pins with heads; LoRan 12" x 18" Soft Ivory Big Board and magnetic strips; tweezers; colored pencils; paper scissors; light and magnification; pencil and paper for note taking. *Option but very useful items:* needle grabber; twisted cord maker. Blocking/Finishing Supplies: dishpan and detergent; scissors to cut fabric; iron and pressing cloth; two white terry towels; stainless steel pins; spray water bottle; #14 Yarn Darner Needle. [Bring underlined items to class.]

**Workshop Dates and Times:** Saturday and Sunday, May 5 and 6, 9:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m., with an hour for lunch and a morning and afternoon break.

**Workshop Fees:** \$250, with a deposit of \$125 required at the time the pre-work is issued, and the balance of \$125 due on or before May 1. Lunch, water, soft drinks, and snacks are included.

**Miscellaneous Information:** Registration is limited to 22 students, and students must be present to participate in this workshop. Depending on the number registered, the workshop may be held off-site. Information regarding that will be provided in the future. Pre-work materials and instructions will be available in mid-March, approximately six weeks prior to the workshop. For any students coming from out of town, here are the Web sites for some hotels in the area:

Phoenix Marriott Mesa <http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/phxmm> (5 minutes away, 2.5 miles from the shop and/or class location)  
 Marriott's Courtyard Phoenix Mesa <http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/PHXME> (12 minutes away, 5.4 miles)  
 Fairfield Inn Phoenix Mesa <http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/PHXFM> (15 minutes)  
 Residence Inn Phoenix Mesa <http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/PHXRM> (15 minutes away)  
 Hilton Phoenix East/Mesa <http://www.hiltonphoenixeast.com/> (15 minutes away)  
 Best Western Dobson Ranch Inn <http://www.dobsonranchinn.com/> (15 minutes away)  
 La Quinta Inn and Suites Phoenix Mesa West (15 minutes away)  
[http://www.lq.com/lq/properties/propertyProfile.do?ident=LQ973&propId=973&savedSearchQuery=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.lq.com%2F%2FproxySearchRes.do%3FsearchType%3DGEO%26searchCity%3DMesa%26searchState%3DAZ%26promocorp%3D%26availability.palsra\\_OTD\\_Y%3D%26availability.palsra\\_NRM%3D1%26availability.palsra\\_IND\\_Y%3D%26availability.palsra\\_IND\\_M%3D%26availability.palsra\\_OTD\\_M%3D%26availability.palsra\\_OTD\\_D%3D%26availability.palsra\\_IND\\_D%3D](http://www.lq.com/lq/properties/propertyProfile.do?ident=LQ973&propId=973&savedSearchQuery=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.lq.com%2F%2FproxySearchRes.do%3FsearchType%3DGEO%26searchCity%3DMesa%26searchState%3DAZ%26promocorp%3D%26availability.palsra_OTD_Y%3D%26availability.palsra_NRM%3D1%26availability.palsra_IND_Y%3D%26availability.palsra_IND_M%3D%26availability.palsra_OTD_M%3D%26availability.palsra_OTD_D%3D%26availability.palsra_IND_D%3D)

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