

## February's Samplers of the Month



Two fabulous February Sampler(s) of the Month. These exquisite designs by *Sampler Cove/Diane Jourdan* stitched in glorious shades of red silk would be equally lovely in the new Belle Soie lavenders or greens or ??? Make it yours by stitching in your very favorite shades in lovely silk threads.

- The framed model, "Rhapsody in Red Ribbon Sampler," (\$20) is stitched on 40c Newcastle cream linen (341 x 341) with *Gloriana's* Cranberry and Crimson. I've scanned two similar *Belle Soie* silks (Cranberry and Rose of Sharon) on 40c Vintage Chantilly Creme from *Lakeside Linens*. The chart's suggested amount of each color is 6 skeins.
- "Rhapsody in Red Part Two" (\$28) begins a series of accessories in three charts ending with a surprise at the end, something in which to carry the accessories! The projected publication dates for the remaining parts in this series: Part 3 in March, Part 4 in May, and the surprise, sometime in late summer. Part Two includes the stitching instructions and VERY detailed and clearly photographed finishing instructions (even I could do the finishing with these wonderful instructions) for the biscornu, huswif, pincushion, AND the thread winders! Aren't those the cutest things you've ever seen for your favorite sewing basket?! How very clever indeed! Included as well is a linen layout on a stitcher's quarter of 36c *Lakeside Linens* Magnolia ~ or the color of your choice! During the month of February you can save 15% on the charts, fabrics, and silks for these wonderful projects.

## February's Attic Addict Specials

As an Attic Addict, save 15% during February on the following items:

- Charts by *Sampler Cove* ~ go to

<http://www.samplercovedesigns.com/designs.html> to view all of Diane's designs

- Custom cuts of *Lakeside Linens*
- *Needlepoint, Inc.* Silk

• Additionally, as an **Attic Addict** you may purchase one Nashville Market item of your choice at a 15% discount. (except "No Discount" items) **FebruaryClasses at The Attic**



Punchneedle ~ One 2-Hr. Class ~ Saturday, February 23, 10 - 12 p.m.

Instructor: Christy Fee: \$60 (includes text + all materials)

We're changing things up a bit this year, at Christy's excellent suggestion, and using this Charlotte Dudney text as part of this class. Charlotte is almost solely responsible for the recent resurgence of this centuries-old technique, and this book is most comprehensive. Christy's finished two different hearts shown above as options for your class project. Your fee also includes everything you need to get started: #3 Punchneedle, special locking hoop, a piece of weaver's cloth, and the necessary threads. Christy will show you this very easy technique and a number of her beautifully finished models featuring a variety of finishing techniques. You will also receive a 10% discount on all supplies ~ patterns, thread, etc. ~ for your next punchneedle project(s).



Reversible Cross Stitch

One 4-Hr. Class

Instructor: Linda

Fee: \$30

Tomorrow, Saturday, February 23, 1 - 5 p.m.

In this four-hour class Linda will teach you four reversible cross-stitch methods: the marking stitch, the Italian reversible, and two other methods. You can do this on either linen, evenweave, or aida; give us your choice when you register. Above is a scan of both the front and the back of Linda's exemplar.

## MarchClasses at The Attic

We Learn Together Workshop

Workshop Facilitator: Jean

Saturday March 1, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

3-Hr. Class ???

Fee: \$15

Choose a needlebox from one of two designs (\$9 each) currently in stock from *Charted Imagery* that include all precut matboard and easy-to-follow instructions. You provide your own fabric. No sewing involved! Shown below are the Prism Needlebox (uses approximately 6" x 45" of fabric + lining fabric) and the Double Pyramid (uses 7" x 45" of two fabrics). DeAnne and Dorothy will be visiting from out of town that weekend; both asked what classes were scheduled, so we hope they like the class/project we've chosen.



Here are two Moda fabrics designed by none other than *Barb+Alma/Blackbird Designs* that would be wonderful, I think, for this project. If you wish, I can order these for you for your project ~ or visit your favorite quilt shop and select your own.



### Not To Be Missed in March

22nd Biennial Phoenix Needlework Show ~ March 1 - 21, Shemer Art Center & Museum, 5005 East Camelback Road, Phoenix.

### New in the Shop!

A few of the Market Day shoppers waiting for the doors to open ~ and the tables full of treasures that awaited them:



They did leave behind a few things, and here's a bit of what's left:

From *Cathy Campbell/Primitive Traditions*, several that you will want to own:

Pictured below, the new series, *Quaker Pocket Needfuls*, which includes "A Checkbook Keeper," "A Card Purse" and "A Spectacles Pocket" (each \$12)



"Abigail Colby's Work Basket" ~ this is an amazing set of needlework smalls ~ the finishing instructions were still being written, and so the charts are on their way to us now. The set includes the Nantucket basket ~ \$119



"Sarah Elliott's Sewing Chest" (\$185) includes the chest, already painted, the charts for the top, the insides of the chest, the biscornu, sewing roll, and scissors pocket, as well as the Rusk bookmark and a brass ruler. The model was stitched on 36c Mourning Dove from *Lakeside Linens* ~ a stitcher's half is required to complete the set.



"Let's Dance by the Light of the Moon" (\$12) is stitched on 40c Silver Fir from *Lakeside* but would be equally lovely on your favorite linen count.



From *JBW Designs*, all in Judy's very popular French Country series, each \$4 ~ "Dog" ~ "Baby Sampler" ~ "Amour" ~ "Belle Fleurs" ~ "Lark" ~ there are pillows for the first two, a prefinished small bag for "Amour" ~ and beautiful pink toile/pink ticking pillow and apron for "Belle Fleurs" ~



Two new threadpacks from *Diane Williams/Little House Needleworks*: "Heart of America" includes not only 11 skeins of *Crescent Colours* hand-dyed floss but also 6 adorable *JABC* ~ now, for those of us wanting to stitch this on 40c, we have converted the larger buttons to teenie ones to accommodate the smaller design size. On 40c this design will measure 8 1/4 x 10. If any of you want the smaller buttons in your kit, we will be happy to change them out at no additional charge. This one is packed in my stitching bag for this weekend's retreat. Another adorable design that comes as a threadpack, "My Needle's Work," with *Crescent Colours*' hand-dyed floss. The wonderful frames for both of these are by The Family Tree branch of *Crescent Colours*.



*Cedar Hill* has the next three in their very popular series of monthly bouquets (\$7 each). Pictured below are May, June, and July ~ and also their "Wildflowers II" (\$7)



One of our favorite booths to visit at this tradeshow is *Cynthia Bradford/Little By Little* ~ everything beautifully displayed always with have-to-have projects for all of us. This year was no exception. Here's a few shots of the lovely display:



And here's some close-ups of the newest designs/kits: First, the magnificent "Christmas Box," available in three finishes: red, green or white, all with the message "Simple Gifts" ~ and tucked inside are charts for the "Humble Spirits" pin cushion and its stuffing, very fragrant loose balsam, and also the charts for the needlebook and scissors keep. This complete set of "simple gifts" is a limited edition at \$99 and is a no-discount item. Finishing instructions are included for all pieces, as well as the mat that covers the inside box bottom.



Also new from *Little by Little*, "Pocket Full of Posies" (\$8) ...



... and "Bell Flower Quaker Sampler" (\$8) and "Hot Cider" (\$8).



And I couldn't resist photographing some of Cindy's adorable ornaments as well: with close-ups of two of my very favorites, "Don't Peek" and "Winter Joy"



And from *The Stitching Parlor*, "My First Sewing Box and Scissor Fob" (\$6) ~ using a beautiful Whitman tin (\$9), available in green, pink, and yellow, with chocolates to eat before finishing ~ and a VERY limited availability, a Christmas tin (\$15) that measures 5 inches tall, and tucked inside is a piece of matching toile fabric used here as the mat for the design, the chart for which is also included inside. PHONE orders only, please (1.888.942.8842) on this item since it is so limited.



And, finally, from Tracy/Hands to Work ~ she's been very busy as of late quilting for and tending to her beautiful new granddaughter Lily, so her absence is certainly excusable ~ several new designs and reproductions: "Love, Me" (\$8) ~ "Blooms of Spring" (\$9) ~ "Ann Eliza Hastings" (\$8) ~ "Ellen Myerscough" (\$9) framed in a "Family Tree" frame ~ and "AlphaBat" (\$9), also framed in a "Family Tree" frame.



One of the market's most charming kits, "Miss Penny" in red or blue ~ printed on the packaging: "Welcome to the world of Miss Penny, a wooden replica of a jointed wooden doll dressed in a 19th century outfit handsewn by *Olde Colonial Designs*. These dolls were originally sold for a penny and were handcarved. Meet Miss Penny! I have designed an apron for your stitching pleasure. She holds a needlebook with a charm ~ or attach it to her apron. What a nice heirloom to pass down to that daughter or granddaughter or just keep for your own special stitching doll. We hope you enjoy Miss Penny and share her with someone close to your heart." The kit contains the dressed doll, prefinished apron, floss, needlebook linen, charm, needle, interfacing, chart and finishing instructions with hat template ~ available dressed in blue or red while supplies last (\$68).



Here are the ten new *Belle Soie* released at Nashville. Peacock, Petticoat Blue, Behama Breeze, Tortoise Shell, Lily Pad, Enchanted Forest, Spring Violets, Blue Heaven, Purple Paradise, and Angel Blush. Thank you, Sharon, for adding so much pleasure to our beloved pastime with these beautiful silks.



It's time to close for this week ~ it's off to the airport very shortly to drop Jerry and Nancy off as they return to the cold Wisconsin winter ~ and pick up Sandy while I'm there ~ and then we're off to the Junipine Resort in Oak Creek Canyon just north of Sedona for our annual retreat. Here are some photos of the Lost Dutchman Marathon from last Sunday, with Jerry and Nancy doing come carb loading the day before ~ scenes along the way in the very beautiful setting for this event that's growing in popularity each year.





Enjoy your week ~ much more to come ~ so many projects and so little time! As always, thank you for allowing us into your e-mail "In" box to share our needlework news.

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