

NEXT WEEKEND at The Attic . . .

. . . we welcome **Diane Clements** for a two-day workshop featuring her beautiful **Acorn Etui**. The classes will be held in our classroom at the shop. Saturday and Sunday's sessions will run from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. each day, with an hour for lunch, included with your workshop fee. Payment of all workshop fees are due on or before Tuesday, May 1. Please call if you have any questions or need any of the supplies listed in the instruction book. Some are optional, some many of you have, and any others we will have in stock with sufficient notice. Diane will have available during the weekend several of her other designs for purchase.



April's Sampler of the Month

There's still a few days remaining in April to purchase this charming project at the Sampler-of-the-Month 15% discount. ***The Prairie Sampler's*** Hornbook chartpack, \$24, which includes the little wooden hornbook. Our model uses 29c hand-dyed Muffin Glenshee (\$4) and Crescent Colours' Rose of Sharon (\$5.50). The five Belle Soie colors for the non-monochromatic style are pictured as well. And coming soon, another very charming hornbook sampler from this same designer, Pam Schmidt, featuring a Quaker design.



MAY'S SAMPLER OF THE MONTH

Since its publication in 2003 I've been captured by this beautiful *Blackbird Designs* tribute, "Mother's Honor Due," and so for May, with its very special holiday honoring mothers, I have chosen this as our Sampler of the Month. My model is stitched on 40c Vintage Sand Dune (sorry, I just can't seem to get the colors quite right in my photograph of the completed sampler). Shown next to it are the five *Crescent Colours* Belle Soie that I used and the 40c Lakeside fabric, a truer color representation. Some of you may already have this chart in your collection, aka "stash," so to take advantage of May's Sampler of the Month 15% discount, please order at a 15% savings any combination of the following: chart (\$7), Lakeside fabric in the count of your choice (\$10), and five Belle Soie silks, \$5.50 each. I love this piece, and I know my mother would as well. Her beautiful artistry with needle and thread and her sewing machine were an inspiration as she tried to teach me patience. I think she would be pleased.



MAY'S PSC Discounts

As a member of our PSC Club, receive a 15% discount during May on the following in-stock items:

- *Shepherd's Bush* kits
- *Au Ver A'Soie* products
- All hand-dyed fabrics (*Colorscapes*, *Crossed Wing*, *Glenshee*, *Lakeside*)

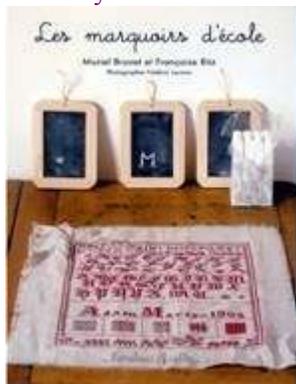
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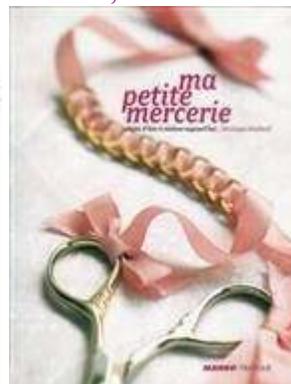
Mark your calendars for **Sunday, May 6, at 1:40 p.m.**, for the 2nd Annual Stitch 'n Pitch game, this year between our Arizona Diamondbacks and the New York Mets. Bring your family and your needlework and help us reach our goal of putting the Diamondbacks at the top of this joint effort between Major League Baseball and our trade association, TNNA, The National Needlearts Association. Thanks to the very cooperative effort of the Arizona Diamondbacks organization, tickets are available at a special price of \$15 each, with seating in the Infield Reserve section. In addition to enjoying the game while enjoying your most favorite pastime, each Stitch N' Pitch attendee will receive a tote bag stuffed full of goodies from participating needlework organizations/vendors. Call now to reserve your tickets. Tickets are available at the shop by reservation. You may also purchase tickets directly from the Diamondbacks online at www.dbacks.com/ticketspecials or by calling 602.514.8400.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE SHOP

Two French soft-cover books ~ shown below are images from the front and back covers of both. *Les marquoirs d'école* (\$18) by Muriel Brunet and Françoise Ritz features reproductions of a number of samplers stitched in red ~ and the second book, *ma petite mercerie* (\$31) by Veronique Maillard is filled with beautiful photographs of finished needlework accessory items with finishing diagrams and instructions included. Oh, how I wish I'd taken French many years ago.



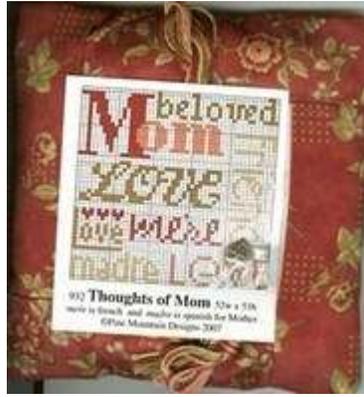
Les marquoirs d'école



"Seaside Silhouettes" (\$6) by *Imaginating*. ~ and pictured with Kay's choices, two overdyed silks on Lakeside's Vintage Fawn ~ she took it home and started it and came back the next day to get a third overdyed silk to use for the sand



Also from *Imaginating*, "Folk Art Sampler" (\$9), adaptable for any color preference but rich and splendid in red, for those of us who love red! ~ and a quick-to-stitch pillow kit from *Pine Mountain* complete with fabric and thread as well as the pillow for \$16 ~ and a limited edition, first in a series of "4 Spells," here's "Spring Spell" (\$21) from *Just*NaN* in its beautiful lavender-colored WhimZi frame adorned with a charming tulip charm.



From *Lizzie Kate*, the next editions in this year's *Flip-It Bits*, June and July (\$4.50 each) ~ and "Summer Crazy" (\$7)



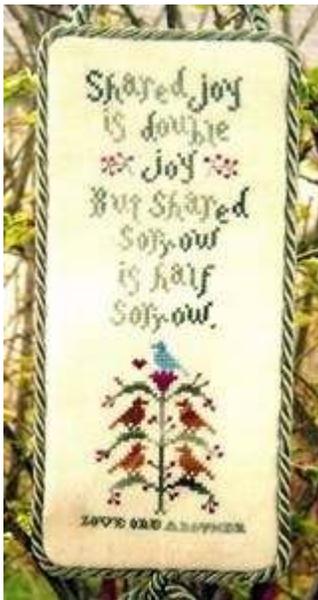
Punch needle from *Lizzie Kate*, "Peas Please" and "Tutti Frutti" (each \$12, with preprinted fabric included) ~ and two new Snippets, "Just Married" (\$4) and . . .



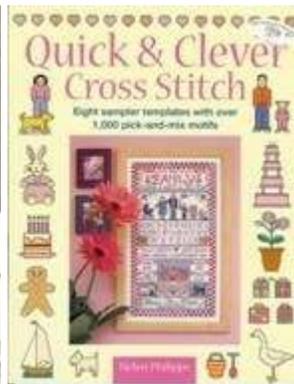
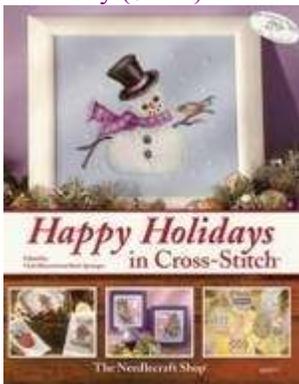
. . . "Welcome Baby" ((\$4) ~ and from *The Trilogy*, "Happy Mom Day" and "Happy Dad Day," (\$13) each with its own Sterling silver charm.



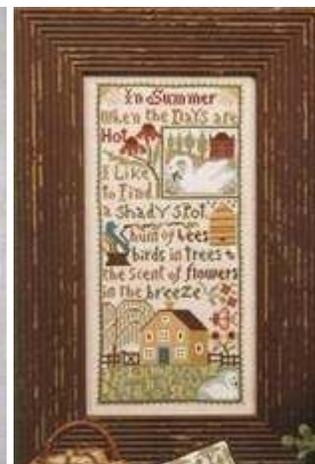
From *Plum Street Samplers*, "A Swiss Proverb" (\$6) ~ and "Quaker Calendar III" (\$5)



With a design for every holiday, including birthdays, a soft-cover publication from *The Needlecraft Shop* (\$23.95) and another soft-cover book with eight sampler templates and over 1,000 pick-and-mix motifs, "Quick & Clever Cross Stitch" (\$19.95) ~ and a pocket guide for a number of embroidery stitches that's very portable as a fold-out and laminated for durability (\$4.95).



And a sneak peek at several beautiful stitched pieces fresh from being stitched: two of Linda's that she's finished this past week: *Blackbird Designs'* "Their Song" (\$8) shown stitched on Bunny's hand-dyed 40c fabric, The Crow's Secret, and "Wisdom" in *Little House Needleworks+Crescent Colours'* Scripture Series Threadpacks (\$12) ~ and Sandy's sweet little "Summer Breeze" from *The Prairie Schooler* (\$8) stitched **over one** on 28c Vintage Green Cashel with *Caron Collection Waterlilies* ~ the quarter is there to provide some scale ~ you can see she substituted the crow square for the swan square on the upper right.



From Bunny's needle, "Minnie Allen" from *Primitive Things*, framed and on display in the shop, and "Grand Old Flag" from *Blackbird Designs*.



ONLINE NEEDLEWORK SHOW

The online needlework show now has moved to its own server and is up and running through Monday night, April 30. I've placed a number of orders already and will be showing you the new things in the forthcoming weeks, but please visit the various vendors and e-mail me by Sunday evening with any of your special requests. If I haven't already ordered it, I can do so through Monday evening. Go to www.needleworkshow.com/ ~ some wonderful new samplers and other things shown. At *Dessins DHC* there's a gorgeous new black and white letter sampler ~ it reminded me of this beautiful combination that we currently have in stock: 40c Vintage Silver Fir from *Lakeside Linens* with Noir from *Crescent Colours' Belle Soie* collection. And that reminds me that there's only another month before the Columbus tradeshow when 25+ new colors in Belle Soie will be introduced! I can hardly wait.



With warm regards from all of us at The Attic,

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