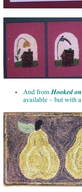
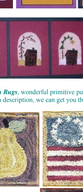
THIS WEEKEND at The Attic
There's still room in tomorrow's class with Linda to learn this very unique technique, and in Sunday afternoon's gathering . Call to register for either. We'd love to have you join us.

Reversible Cross Stitch **One 4-Hr. Class**
Instructor: Linda **Fee: $30**
Saturday, June 24, 1 - 5 p.m.
In this four-hour class you will learn 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. Below is a scan of the front and the back.

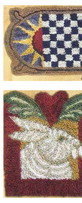
Sampler Sunday, 1 - 4 p.m., $10
Usually on the third Sunday of each month, this has been postponed a week because of Father's Day. Join us in the coolness of our classroom with other needleworkers and spend some time stitching on your sampler in progress and discussing happenings in our sampler world. Iced tea and dessert will be served.

NEW IN THE SHOP THIS WEEK
I told you last week that one of my favorites from the tradeshow was my class with **Teresa Layman,** learning how easy it was to make knots, and our order from Teresa arrived this week. Shown below are her newest designs, and a few previous ones that are so beautiful they deserve to be shown again. These chartpacks are quite complete, needing only thread and a hoop to complete, and in the case of the pendants, the chain is not included – priced from between $18 to $24. They are, in order of appearance, "Kitten Corners," "Bunny Run-Around," "Nuts For You," "Sheepish Grin," "Monogram Rose," "Bee & Thistle," "Daisies!," "Nutmeg & Ginger," "Sugar & Spice," "Bluebells & Bluebirds," "Sweet Harmony," and "Fairy Godmother." Some have said (like me, before my class) that these could be done with a No. 1 punchneedle – but it's the details that make these so special, and that, I'm afraid, would not be achievable with a punchneedle. Watch for a class very soon!

Speaking of punchneedle, here are some of our market finds:

- from *Crosse Stitchery*: "Believe ... Beclause," "Hagatha's Hat," "Coneflower," and "Shaker Seasons." We also received some adorable box kits that will have to wait till next week to be scanned.



- And from *Hooked on Rugs*, wonderful primitive punchneedle designs, too numerous to list this morning in the time I have available – but with a description, we can get you the one(s) you want, all stamped on the fabric, all priced at $15.

We also received the Loose Feathers #20, "Secret Garden," from *Blackbird Designs*, photographed on a paper mache boxtop. We love the boxes from *Olde Colonial* and, at Linda's suggestion for easily modifying the design slightly to make it a square 75 x 75 instead of the 75 x 91, we found that it will fit very nicely in a 4 x 4 box over 2 on 40c or, over one, in the exquisite 2 x 2 box pictured below. The strawberry will, of course, look adorable on 40c as well – a great seasons fob! The red thread used in the design (WDW Turkish Red) can be found in several other of our favorite lines, like Ruby Red Slippers from Crescent Colours or Poinsettia Luminescence from Gloriana, pictured below on Lakeside's 40c Vintage Palomino. But there are a number of the Lakeside vintage linens that would be gorgeous with this red – I just started stitching on the one closest to me as my next last night.

Three new soft-cover books arrived as well:

- "Miniature Punchneedle Embroidery," ($17.95), a comprehensive instruction book with excellent photographic as well as written instructions and ideas on finishing and displaying, including several patterns
- "Beginner's Guide to Miniature Embroidery," ($17.95), with photographic instruction on stitching on silk gauze, with a number of patterns also included
- "Gooseberry Patch Christmas Book 8," ($19.95), which on its cover tells you what you will find inside: "A holiday sampler of tasty treats, festive trimmings, and shiny-bright delights for your holiday home!" We at The Attic love the recipes best! Can't wait to try the Sweet Red Pepper Dip or the Raspberry Bars or the ... we've used prior years' books for recipes for our customer functions, and they've loved them!

"And A Forest Grew" arrived – and flew out the door – and more should be here today! We were notified of a correction to Section 6 after some already left the shop. You can find it on *Rosewood Manor*'s Web site in a PDF file at http://www.rosewoodstitch.bigstep.com/S-1135-section6.pdf or call the shop and we'll be happy to mail you one.

We also received our shipment of "True Wisdom " Charted for DMC, as well as a silk that's not carried in any retail shop to my knowledge, including ours, because its price point doesn't allow us keystone pricing, critical to any retail shop keeping its doors open, we had fun selecting from the beautiful silks that we have in the shop, including Dinky Dyes, Gloriana, and Gumnuts – shown above on Lakeside's 40c Vintage Meadow Rue.

This morning my time is short – I am to be at the shop in 45 minutes, so I will close for today – but want to enclose two more photos:

- Robin's beautiful "My Stitching Treasures" boxtop – see the robin charm attached on the right-hand side toward the middle! It's another exquisite adaptation of this *Jeannette Douglas* design that Rhonda inspired many of us to stitch
- and our in-shop model of "Quaker Values" by *Deborah/Midsummer Night Designs* on 40c Lakeside Vintage 7 stitched with a variety of silk threads, including Gloriana and Gumnut

Coming today or Monday on the brown truck, two new limited edition kits:

- 2006 "Dear Santa Kit" from *Prairie Schooler* – I LOVE the deer – and the trees – and the houses! Kit includes some of our favorite supplies, Zweigart linen and Crescent Colours hand-dyed floss ($26)
- "Halloween Fairy" from *Mirabilia* also includes Zweigart linen and Crescent Colours, as well as Mill Hill beads ($50)

Enjoy your week. Thanks for your interest in what we at *The Attic* find exciting in our needlework world!

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