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SYHO Designer Encyclopedia:

Starting this month on the First Friday of every month, a new design will be released by a leading designer for the next twelve months. After stitching all twelve designs, learn how to assemble them into a stitched designer encyclopedia with free instructions you will receive. The first design out is by Glendon Place. For more details, check out <http://stitchyourheartout-lts.blogspot.com>



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Market Fever!

Yep, it's that time again. The needlework designers are in a frenzy, putting last minute touches on their latest designs. They're busy with stitching, printing and packaging, all in preparation for the Winter Needlework Market. This February 20 and 21 we'll be shopping at a new location in Franklin, Tennessee. All the same design companies will be there and they are so excited to show off their new products. Everyone has been fairly hush-hush so I'm sure there will be nice surprises in store for all of you!! I will hit all the favorite booths to see what Market exclusives I can scoop up.

Lizzie*Kate New Arrivals

A new collection of designs and chartpaks are available in the shop. "Cat Lessons for People" is similar to ABC kits and has a bunch of cat-ty attributes that people will love, too!

Green Flips, shown pictured, are a series of 6 Flip-it designs with

Inspired Needle will host a Market Mania event on Friday, February 26, from 3pm to 9pm. Come out if you're local to see all the wonderful

goodies that I brought back with me! Be the first to see the latest and greatest ~ the new charts, fabrics, flosses from Weeks Dyes Works, The Gentle Art, Crescent Colours, Dinky Dyes and ThreadworX, not to mention new fabric colors available from Wichelt, Norden Crafts, Spices & Spice and Picture This Plus.

Needlework Markets are always lots of fun since we get to hang with other

shop owners, exchange ideas for new classes and shop activities. It's always

refreshing to renew friendships and start new relationships. As with any type of needlework event, the camaraderie is the best part. It certainly adds the "personal" element, something that can't be found if you don't participate. So, catch the Fever and mark your calendar for February 26. We'll be waiting for you!!



"kind to the earth" sayings on each one. Stitch them separately or together with the free border chart. The saying in the border is, "Be well, live peaceably with the Earth".

The new Giggle Boxer kit says, "We're Not Gossiping-We're Networking". Stitch this

up for your favorite, chatty friend. Lastly, for Spring, is the new Sampling Easter Quick-it. A quick stitch for sure, it comes with a walking bunny charm.

New Offerings from The Victoria Sampler

Thea Dueck of The Victoria Sampler has just released several new designs. First is "Birds of a Feather". This lovely design, shown finished as a bellpull, commemorates those special relationships we strike up whenever we are around others that share our stitching passion. The phrase stitched on the design is, "Birds of a feather stitch together". Personalize this piece with names of friends you regularly stitch with and remember those special



Birds of a Feather—a keepsake piece to remember those special stitching friends!

times whenever you look at this hanging in your home! Stitch the matching biscornu included with the design. The Accessory Pack is also available which includes all the overdyed silk

threads, beads, heart chart and biscornu buttons.

Next is Bumblebee Lace which can be finished as a sampler or mounted into a box top. Such an elegant show of beautiful whitework stitches which are quite easy to do. A fuzzy,

turkey knot bumblebee looks authentic, flitting about a spray of silk ribbon roses. A bit of Hardanger blanket stitches, some pulled work and you will be awed with this amazing work of art.

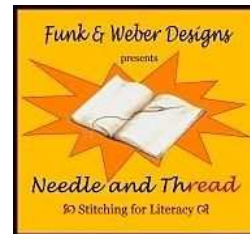
Cathy Jean Designs latest contains a quote, "All the windows of my heart...I open to the day". A warm, rosy heart is bursting with flowered vines with the window panes flung open to the world. We should live our lives to the fullest, looking forward to all life has to offer!

Needle and ThREAD: Stitching for Literacy

My needlework friends, Inspired Needle will be participating in the "Needle and ThREAD: Stitching for Literacy Bookmark Challenge. This is a nationwide program celebrating needlework and literacy.

What you need to do to participate: stitch a bookmark to be donated to a local library. These bookmarks will be

collected at the shop from March 20 to May 8 and donated during Children's Book Week, May 12-18. It is our hope these bookmarks will be given to children to encourage them to read or as a reward for reading accomplishments. This is a wonderful way to encourage reading throughout the community and promote the needlearts. Inspired Needle will be holding stitch-ins at the shop and



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the library to create enthusiasm for this program. There will be reading marathons, read-and-stitch get-togethers and prizes for participation. We

will be sending details as soon as they are finalized. In the meantime, please stitch a bookmark for literacy!

Kreinik Metallics Untwisted

Did you ever wonder what the difference is between Kreinik braid and braid with the letter "C" following the number? Take for example, corded braid, 003C, red. The core fiber is Kreinik Cord which is a single-strand thread that has a metallic covering tightly wrapped over



a core. This cord is then used to make Kreinik corded braids and ribbons. This produces a nubby, real-metal appearance which many times are used in place of real metal threads due to the close resemblance and lower cost.

Use these braids to add texture to your designs, either couching onto the fabric or simply stitching with it, using careful, slow stitches. Try using braid and braided cord in the same color in your design to achieve two different textures. It will open up new, exciting possibilities to you in your stitching projects!

Class Schedule

Saturday, February 13 from 11a-1p Are you ready to try something other than counted cross stitch? Try your hand at counted canvas. Worked on 18 count White mono canvas with Caron Watercolours, DMC Perle Cotton and Silk Lame Braid, Carol will guide you in the execution of some specialty stitches. Skill level: Beginner to Intermediate. Class fee \$45 which includes chart, canvas & threads.



Rose Quartz by Needle Delights Originals

Needle Felting, date TBA Have you ever admired needle-felting but wasn't sure how it was accomplished? Debbie, our resident needle-felting instructor, will take you through the basics to construct a simple, felted design. If interested, please send an email so we can be sure to let you know when class dates become finalized.

Coming Up ~

Ornament Finishing Classes

Stand-up Boxes with Bows

Triangle Shapes

Stitching Easel

Information regarding these classes will be emailed as soon as dates are scheduled. If you would like to attend a class on a technique not listed, please email cathy@inspiredneedle.com and let her know!

Class Schedule (continued)

Saturday, February 27 from 11a-1p Did you ever wonder what is a laying tool? Cord Maker & Fringe Twister? Star De-Tailor? Learn what these and other gadget-y items are that are found in your local needlework shop. Discover stitching shortcuts and tips by utilizing these different stitching tools. Class Fee \$5

Saturday, March 6 from 11a-1p Beginning Hardanger.....it's not as scary as it looks! Carol will take you through step-by-step so you too can take the "hard" out of Hardanger! Class fee approx \$20-25 depending on supplies chosen.

Classes are always available for beginning stitchers or refresher courses. Please call Cathy to schedule a *free* lesson today! Do you have a young daughter or granddaughter that would like to learn? Pass on your love of needlework and schedule an appointment today!

Market Anticipation.....

As mentioned earlier, there has not been much talk about new designs to be released in a few weeks at Market. I really like the anticipation, because the excitement builds and builds as the days get closer. But be on the lookout for a new Quilt Series from Ink Circles, starting with "Quaker Quilts: Monkey Wrench".

A special friendship design, featuring round mandalas is on the horizon from Jeannette Douglas Designs.

Shepherd's Bush has a new Patriotic Quaker motif sampler due out called



A new design from Alessandra

"My Land" and a cushion that looks like it's from an old-fashioned sewing basket called "Liberty Pincushion".

Alessandra Adelaide's latest are wispy, delicate and must haves! You have to see "Snow Tree", "Romantico" and "Wonderful Home".

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What's New At the Shop

Just Nan Winter Hearts 2010 Humbug

Beehive Needleworks Blue Tulip Sampler

The Sampler Girl On Any Shore With You, Persuasion Pillow, Jane Austen & Me (The Emma Project), Valentine Booklet

Lizzie*Kate Sampling Easter Quick-it, We're Not Gossiping Giggle Boxer, Cat Lessons For People, Plant A Tree Flip-it

Bent Creek Uber Valentine, Photobooth Love Happens, ROWmance, Bliss



Liberty Lane by Country Cottage Needleworks

Pine Mountain Designs February Expressions Tie One On

The Victoria Sampler Birds of a Feather, Bumblebee Lace

SamSarah Designs P is for Pear, January Buzz from A Dozen Buzzins Series

Cathy Jean Designs Windows of My Heart

Little House Needleworks He's A Flake (monthly ornament), Rose Hill Plantation, Battle Hymn of the Republic

Country Cottage Needleworks Liberty Lane, Little Bo Peep, Little



Penn-Dutch Towel by The Sampler House

Boy Blue

Country Stitches~With Thy Needle Love & Be Loved, Cupid's Heart

By The Bay Needleart The Tidal River #3, Old Brick House

Homespun Elegance Love Always, Necessary Room, Love Simplified

Notforgotten Farm A Merry Heart

The Sampler House Pennsylvania Dutch Show Towel, Quaker Sampler

Heartstring Samplery Tokens of Affection

Lavender Wings Entwined Hearts