

Inspired Needle News

Christmas In July

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Enjoy cool savings through the end of July with 25% off in-stock Christmas-themed charts, kits, accessories and frames. You will be getting a head start on your Christmas stitching and gifting and will be helping us out in the process. The Christmas cabinet was looking a little stuffed and we need to slim things down a bit to make way for all those wonderful Market goodies coming out in September. Take advantage of the savings and pick up some goodies for grab bags you will need, Secret Stitcher gifts, stocking stuffers for that special stitching

buddy or maybe a “just because” gift for yourself. Hey, why not wrap it up and tuck it away in the closet and come December, you will have a “real” gift for yourself since you probably won’t remember what you purchased and wrapped!

Browse the website to see all the items on special or better yet, stop in the shop and walk to the back table. All Christmas In July things are on display. If you do come across something that you think should qualify for a Christmas item but the website does not reflect the sale price,

please send an email, call or ask someone at the shop. Chances are, it might have been missed. Recently released



items are excluded from the sale. Reward points are not earned on Christmas in July purchases.

So, beat the heat, don your favorite knit sweater and come on inside where December 25 will be at 315 East Illinois all month long!

Favorite Shop Accessory

How do you make a popular stitching accessory even better? Add handles to it!! New to the shop are your favorite mesh bags now equipped with handles!



These bags hold your stitching project, protecting it from dirt, spills and other harmful items. They come with a zippered pocket on the outside and

the familiar see-thru bag lets you know at a glance exactly which project is inside. The handled bags now come in 4 sizes, 10 x 13, 12 x 16, 20 x 26 and the whopper 23 x 31.

Winter Wonderland by Country Cottage Needleworks

The newest release from Country Cottage Needleworks is a 5-part series. These charts come complete with Crescent Colours Belle Soie silks. The colors are soft, shimmery and have a “frosty” feel to them; perfect for a cold weather scene. The model as pictured in this article is shown stitched on 28-count Light Exemplar linen from Lakeside Linens and the frame is from The Family Tree. Stitch all 5 designs on one piece of fabric as



Winter Wonderland Series by Country Cottage Needleworks

shown or stitch and frame them individually. Be particularly creative like Pam from the shop. She’s choosing 4 of the 5 designs and stitching a 4-sided box. Each of the 4 panels will have one of the Winter Wonderland designs minus the stitched “bow” at the top. Instead, Pam will add a box top, sew it on and then attach a beautiful organza ribbon. What other creative ways can you stitch this design? How about an accordion-style needle-

book? Each panel can be stitched and sewn together, forming the backside of a tool-filled needlebook. You can make pockets for threaders, rulers, laying tools and add felt for a needlepage. Add some thin cording and you have a nice closure for your book. I’d love to hear your ideas for this new series!

We expect the first stitched model, Frosty Blue House, to arrive any day. Inspired Needle is lucky to display this piece until mid-August. Stop by to have a peek for yourself!

Bent Creek new Snapper Series

Have you had a chance to see the latest Bent Creek Snappers? This series gets us in touch with nature. Imagine a tree branch filled with nature’s creatures....the first part in the series is “The Owl”. This chart includes the border design and the wise owl surveying his world from his perch in the tree. The verse

reads, “We can learn a lot from trees. They are always grounded and always reaching heavenward”. The second part is “The Bees”. The buzzy little guys are flitting

around their bee hive, busy at work.

The remaining 3 critters are unidentified at this time but they’re sure to be equally as cute! We’ll keep you posted as soon as they arrive!

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Project-Linus

My friends over at Project-Linus were bowled over with the generosity of your yarn donations! Many thanks to those of you that were able to bring in yarn skeins, whether full skeins



or tiny scrap pieces. Any and all yarn will be appreciated. The volunteers over at Project-Linus knit and crochet blankets to give to critically ill children and their families. These blankets bring these children com-

fort and many times, that is all a grieving mother has left to cling to after her child passes from a terminal illness. There is no deadline for the yarn donations, so if you have some to give away, it will be highly appreciated! Drop off during normal business hours.

Just Another Button Co., Just Pins

JABCo has released a new line of decorative pins called "Just Pins". These are straight pins topped with their classic buttons. You can adorn a favorite shirt, hat or pincushion. Or, utilize them as counting pins when starting a new needlework project or laying in basting threads.

There are 10 new collections in all. Pictured here are



Patriotic Pins , jpi05.us

"U.S. Patriotic" and "Halloween". Other sets are "Holiday", "Autumn", "Mixed Lemonade", "Orange Lemonade", "Pink Lemonade", "Yellow Lemonade", "Canadian Patriotic" and "Music".

Priced at \$14.50 per set, these will make great Secret Sticher gifts or Christmas grab



Halloween Pins, jpi03

bags. Also, to save yourself from getting poked, a pin clutch is available.

Photos of the pin sets are at the shop. Stop by to oogle them for yourself!

Take note...

Coming soon is the Christmas Ornament issue of Just Cross Stitch magazine. If you don't subscribe to this magazine and want to guarantee yourself a copy of this special edition issue, please call or



Just Cross Stitch 2009 Annual Ornament Issue

send an email to the shop.

Did you ever wish you knew how to properly lace your finished stitchery onto a piece of acid free foam board? Did you ever think it was "too hard" and that you had better leave it to the professionals? Stop

the stinkin' thinkin! You can mount a stitched design onto foam board and it's easier to do than you think! Join Cathy for a FREE workshop on Friday, August 14 from 6pm to 8pm. Call to reserve your spot as space is limited. You will want to have a small stitched piece ready to use as a working model for this workshop.

New Items in the Shop

The Heart's Content: Bird of Colour Sewing Clamp III, Splendor XIX, Mustard Gather All Box

Little House Needleworks: Joyful and Caring

Rosewood Manor: Fruit of the Vine

Sweetheart Tree: Holly & Hearts Sampler, Joy Christmas Ornament, Halloween Pump-

kins Biscornu, Spring Blossoms Biscornu, July/August/September Birthstone Samplers, Q is for Queen and Just For Fun #2, Merry Christmas

Shepherd's Bush: Flag Bag, Wave, Home, Scatter Kindness, Halloween Night. Mid July: Finch



The Sweetheart Tree "Holly & Hearts Sampler"

Song, Remember, Busy Bee, Thanks A Lot, My Pins, Feed My Sheep

Blue Ribbon Designs: Patriotic Patchwork, Americana Panorama, Blooming With Inspiration

Jeannette Douglas: Chapter 6 MSA Hungarian Harmony

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Educational Lineup!

Refresh your skills of stitching on linen with over-dyed threads. The class piece is your choice of Country Cottage Needleworks "Bumblebee", "Butterfly", "Dragonfly" or "Ladybug" Garden Party series designs. Carol will explain how to get started stitching on the fabric, the proper way to start and stop a thread, various ways to stitch with over-dyed threads to achieve different variations of color and loads of other tips and tricks.



Choose one of the garden insects above

The class will be held Saturday, August 22, 2009 from 11am to 1pm. The class fee is \$20 which includes your pattern, fabric, threads and needle. Please bring paper and pencil for note taking and a pair of sharp embroidery scissors.

Stitching Sisters, unite! Join Carol for a spectacularly, stunning session, stitching on a Sampler of sassy stitches, all starting with the letter "S". Sounds stupendous! Take the scariness out of specialty stitches as Carol gently guides you to execute



Victoria Sampler's Alphabet Series "S is for Stitcher"

Straight, Spot, Shadow, Satin, Spider's Web, Sham, Smyrna and other stitches. The earthy, yet vibrant color palette will be sure to please you as you feast your eyes upon the luscious over-dyed silks and beads. The fabric is a neutral 28 count Platinum Cashel linen. You may finish it hemstitched into a bellpull as shown, stitch a border around it or simply frame it.

The 1st session class will be Saturday, August 22, from 2pm to 4pm. The class fee which includes all supplies is approx \$70. Please call or email to reserve your spot! 2nd session is Saturday, Sept 12 from 2pm to 4pm.