

This Newsletters Date is: 23-Dec-09

Merry Christmas!

We're hoping the new year brings wonderful things to all! This year has brought many changes, good and not so good to all of us at House of Stitches. Linda and I both were blessed with wonderful new grandsons. We both stitched their Christmas stockings that are all ready for Santa to fill. As many of you know, Linda had heart surgery and is healing and ready for a healthy happy 2010! Her sweet granddaughter, Grace has had her health troubles but all is going well and she just starred at her church's Christmas pageant as the "real Mary". What a doll! Watch out Broadway!! Have you planned your year in stitches for 2010? You can go to our website and see all the new charts and kits that the designers have sent to us lately. Sheperd's Bush has a new kit "Seek and Ye Shall Find" that is selling like hotcakes. Take a break from your large projects and stitch up a quick one like this on a larger count fabric. The feeling of accomplishment is a wonderful boost for your stitching ego. Bent Creek has "new installments for their" "On the Branch" series and the Big Round Zipper. Nora Corbett has two new ones for the Spring Party Collection for Pixie Couture.

"I Sigh Not for Beauty" is a new reproduction sampler designed by our own Ruth Ann Russell from C Street Samplerworks. Look at our site to admire its' beauty or you can stop by to see it in person. We'd love to see you. Be sure and visit our link for ON SALE items. There are new things posted almost daily. We want to get weeded out to make room for the new 2010 designs. Also note that we still have P.Buckly Moss ornaments on sale in many of the designs.

I best let you get on with your holiday merriment. Enjoy your families and friends and remember the reason for the season. Thank you all for your continued business and friendships. We appreciated you so very much.

Yours in stitches,
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This Newsletters Date is: 11-Dec-09

Dear stitching friends,

How are your holiday plans progressing? The month is flying by at a record pace! Hopefully your projects are progressing nicely and you have your packages wrapped and your cookies baked.

We have an updated What's new page for you to view: <http://houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. As usual there are many great new designs! We have also added many things to our sale area. Just go to http://www.houseofstitches.com/on_sale.cfm and choose your favorites. Quantities are limited so shop early. We have to make room for all of the new things that will be arriving in 2010.

I'll let you get right to the browsing. If I don't have a chance before the 25th, have a wonderful Christmas! And we wish you the happiest of New Years!

Happy stitching,
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This Newsletters Date is: 28-Nov-09

Dear stitching friends,

I am going to make this short and sweet; I am supposed to be working! Our What's New page has been updated with about 60 items. You can see them at <http://houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. There are many holiday designs and new scissors

from Kelmscott. I won't start describing thing because I would not be able to stop!

We have a few of Just Nan's Over the Top Tins left if you have been looking for any of them. (We originally sold them by subscription.) The ones we have are: Spooky, Snow, Grow and Glow- \$37.00 each. You can see them here: <http://justnan.com/ott.html> . And the Harmony Monogram Tin-\$21.50 <http://justnan.com/jn202.html> . If you would like any of them just add them to your order in the customer comments area.

I hope you had a nice Thanksgiving! We had a lovely time at our gathering. With a 4 year old and a 9 month old to entertain us we did not have a dull moment. Grace had a good time sampling holiday foods and then proclaiming, "I like it!" Jonathan is almost ready to walk on his own so he had fun walking while holding hands or pushing a toy. We have much for which to give thanks!

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing which of the new designs are your favorites. Remember to shop for your favorite stitcher!

Happy stitching,
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This Newsletters Date is: 15-Nov-09

Dear stitching friends,

We are having unseasonably warm weather here so it makes it a bit hard to think seriously about Christmas and the end of the year holidays. But, think about them we must! And we just happen to have some new ideas for you at <http://houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. Besides the Christmas things there are a few Halloween designs so you can get a head start on next year's projects. Several companies are continuing their series designs: Country Cottage, Little House Needleworks, Raise the Roof and Waxing Moon. If you are planning to do any traveling you have to take along the Fiber and Fabric Mania Travel Guide. It includes all types of needlework shops. We all know that the best way to travel is from needlework shop to needlework shop! If you have always wanted to try hardanger but were afraid of the cutting, you might want to try the new ornaments from The Victoria Samper. They are great for beginners and feature both a no-cut and a cut version! Nora Corbett's (Mirabilia) 2009 Christmas Tree kit is here. It is elegant and unusual; not the stereotypical Christmas tree.

As you gather supplies for your new projects, you may want to plan on being flexible with the fabric you choose. For whatever reason, some fabrics have been backordered for many months. Others have been unceremoniously discontinued with no warning. It is frustrating but there is no point getting our blood pressure up over it! There are so many fabrics available that we can usually find a very acceptable substitute. Sometimes we like it better than the original suggested fabric!

This week I finished stitching my grandson's Christmas stocking, including attaching all of the embellishments. Now all I have to do is find a nice block of time to sew it into a stocking! (I have a knack for making this step take longer than it should.) I hope you are able to finish some projects, too. It is a great feeling and it justifies buying more supplies for your next projects! Have a good weekend! Take some time to click on the link above and plan your new projects. Only click on the link below if you wish to be removed from our newsletter list. If you accidentally click on that one, just go to the website and put your address in again. You can handle a new email address the same way.

Happy stitching,
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This Newsletters Date is: 29-Oct-09

Dear stitching friends,

Are you ready to line up your projects for fall and winter stitching? We have some new suggestions on our updated What's New page: <http://houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm> . There are projects for Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Bent Creek has another installment in their Big Zipper Round project and they have started a new series called The Christmas Branch. Both Imaginating and Little House Needleworks really focused on Christmas while Primitive Needle has one new sampler and three Halloween designs. Shepherd's Bush has a design for each of the three upcoming holidays: We Will Go A Haunting is a cute kit that comes in a rustic Halloween box. Thankful Heart is stitched on checked fabric and the newest Christmas stocking is Jeffry's Stocking. It has a shepherd watching over his flock. Mirabilia's new designs are Day Nymph and Night Nymph. They use the new colorfast Valdani over-dyed threads as well as Kreinik braids and Mill Hill beads. Even though they are not listed on our website yet, we also have the new Country Cottage Needleworks designs: Sugar Plum Fairy (\$6.00) and Hark! The Hearald Angels Sing (\$8.00). If you would like them, just put a note in the customer comments area of the order form. Their pictures will be on the next update.

I hope all of your projects are going well! This is a great time of year to be stitching. I finally finished stitching baby Jonathan's Christmas stocking. Now all I have to do is find time to sit down and sew it together!

If you celebrate Halloween, I wish you a happy one! One with many more treats than tricks! In fact, you can give yourself treats at www.houseofstitches.com. And you can be assured that our treats are low calorie, high fun!

Happy stitching,
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This Newsletters Date is: 30-Sep-09

Hi stitching friends,

This is just a quick note to let you know that we are back from the St. Charles Needlework Market with loads of great new things for you! The fastest way for you to start seeing them is to go to our catalog, <http://www.houseofstitches.com/search.cfm> and in the key word box type stch09a. There will be more new things added later in the week with the key word of stch09b. And, some things will be arriving in the coming weeks, so stay tuned!

I'll try to be more newsy next time. I am a bit jet-lagged even though we drove and didn't change time zones. Have fun exploring the new things. I can hardly wait to see which ones you choose!

Happy stitching,
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This Newsletters Date is: 24-Sep-09

Dear stitching friends,

It is time for another needlework market! My bags are packed and we will be going to St. Charles, Missouri in the morning. Judging by the designers previews it promises to be a great market. Some of our automatic shipments have already arrived and you can see them on the latest What's New page at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. It includes the Letters from Nora, S, T and U, the last three Monthly Birthstone Samplers from Sweetheart Tree, new Christmas trees and Country French designs from JBW, six charts from My Big Toe and the much anticipated and long awaited Just Cross Stitch 2009 Christmas Ornament Magazine! It is in stock and ready for your stitching pleasure. And you do not want to miss the latest from Bent Creek, Rosewood Manor, Dutch Touch...you get the idea!

I will let you look for yourself and I will get some sleep so I can stay awake to stitch while we travel. That Christmas stocking that I mentioned last time is STILL not finished. I am determined to finish it this week! It is for baby Jonathan who will be 7 months old on Monday. He just started crawling this week and we are having so much fun with him! Gracie is doing well, too. She is in preschool and you would never know that she has been sick. I wish I had some of her energy!

I hope your projects are going smoothly and you can reward yourself with some new ones! Keep checking the What's New page. We will be adding many more new things soon!

Happy stitching,
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This Newsletters Date is: 13-Sep-09

Hi stitching friends!

We have a jam-packed What's New Page for you: <http://houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>! As I scrolled down the list I saw a definite autumn theme; many Halloween and fall designs have arrived. There are also a good number of new Christmas designs and it is not too early to get going on them! Cricket Collection, Heinzit, Just Nan, Drawn Thread, Victoria Sampler and Workbasket are just some of the companies that are represented in our new selections. You will just have to look them over for yourself and decide which ones are destined for your stitching stash. My personal picks are going to include some from Blue Ribbon, Cricket Collection, Workbasket, Drawn Thread, Blackbird Designs...you get the picture! Too many projects and not enough time. On Saturday I collected the supplies for one of the little stockings in Sweet August by Blackbird Designs. Then, in a fit of virtue, I left it all at the shop so I would work on my grandson's Christmas stocking. But I know it is all there waiting for me!

So many of you have inquired about my granddaughter Gracie and expressed your thoughts and prayers for her. I can't tell you how much that means to all of us! She is feeling great and to watch her run and play you would never know there have been four hospital stays since July 8! She is having a stent removed tomorrow (Monday) morning at 5:00 AM Central Time. The hope is that the recurring infection will cease once it is removed. She will need a kidney function test in the future to assess whether there has been any kidney damage and if the test has a good result that SHOULD be the end of it. She will need six month and then yearly check-ups but that will be easy compared to what she has been through. Thank you again for your concerns!

Well, I should balance my checkbook but I think I will go work on that Christmas stocking for Jonathan! I hope you can make time to stitch something fun, too.

Happy stitching,
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This Newsletters Date is: 27-Aug-09

Dear stitching friends,

I hope this finds you well and stitching every chance you get! One of the things that The National Needlework Association (TNNA) is promoting is stitching in public. It raises awareness of needlework and creates interest among people who may not be exposed to the joys of needlework by any other means. You can stitch while you wait for an appointment, take public transportation, wait to pick up a child, you get the idea!

We have new things arriving almost daily at House of Stitches. You can see many of the latest here: <http://houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm> . One of the most anticipated books is from Blackbird Designs. Tis Hallowe'en contains designs for 13 little fall and Halloween stockings as well as a pinkeep, necklace and needle minders. We also have the latest from Lizzie Kate, Bent Creek and Mirabilia and more.

The newest Just Nan designs arrived too late to make this update. (They will be in the next one!) If you would like to see them you can go to Just Nan's website: <http://justnan.com/newsletter.htm> . We have just 3 of the limited edition Spooky Tins available. If you would like one, do not hesitate as they will not last long.

Today I spent a wonderful, normal day with 4 year old granddaughter Grace and her 6 month old brother, Jonathan. We read stories, made muffins, ate corn on the cob and laughed a lot. What a delight to have the hospital and most of the recovery behind us. Who knew an ordinary day could be so special? I wish you wonderful, ordinary days, too! And, days filled with stitching!

Have fun looking at the new things; we look forward to hearing from you.

Happy stitching,
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This Newsletters Date is: 13-Aug-09

Happy August, fellow stitchers,

Take a look at What's New at House of Stitches. Prairie Schooler Santa 2009 has arrived. Santa is carrying skates and hockey stick with pucks. The 2009 limited Edition Santa Kit is also here. The PS charts are spooky and festive. Boo to You and Holly Days are ornament cuties that would be a fun quick stitch. Christmas Eve is a darling new Santa scene along with four ornaments. Fall Fields are great autumn ornaments of the animals of fall. Also in for Fall is the 2009 Halloween Issue of Just CrossStitch. It has 13 Spooky designs to get you in the mood. Also included is a great design by Primitive Needle called Halloween Revelry. Have you seen the Winter Wonderland Series by Country Cottage Needleworks? We have the latest installment which came in today and is not yet on our site. I am thinking they would make great ornament done over one.

Remember next month will bring the 2009 Christmas Ornament Magazine by Just Cross Stitch . We are taking reservations so give us a call so that you will get your copy. I love to study all the charts marking each that I HAVE to do and the recipes I HAVE to try. So much to do. Hope to see you all on the 29th for our Annual Stash Exchange. Stop by after and show us what

finds you collected there. Any questions, please give us a call or stop by. We love to see your smiling faces. Happy Stitching to all! Nancy