

**This Newsletters Date is: 31-Dec-11**

Hi, stitching friends!

Happy New Year to you and your families from all of us at House of Stitches! We wish you good health, good relationships, good finances AND good stitching! A great place to start is on our newly updated What's New page: <http://houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. I am constantly amazed at all of the wonderful projects the designers produce for us. I hope I can find more time to stitch them in 2013. We are planning some fun things for you in the next 12 months; stay tuned! Your continued business is appreciated and we feel privileged to continue to serve your stitching needs.

Happy New Year &  
Happy stitching,  
Linda  
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**This Newsletters Date is: 17-Dec-11**

Hi stitching friends,

I think I have previously mentioned that I enjoy stitching projects "in season" whether they are finished for the current year or next year does not matter to me. As I look at our latest What's New page at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>, it looks like many designers like to design "in season"! There are a few projects that could still be stitched for this year, but many more will give you a head start on next year. The main thing is to enjoy what you are creating and let it fill you with holiday cheer.

I am happy to report that I have finished 7 of the 8 stockings that I need to adorn our fireplace. My stocking is going to wait until next year. On Wednesday Grace asked me about it and I told her I ran out of time so I will use my old stocking. She gave me a puzzled look and said, "You have eleven days!" I told her I appreciate her confidence in my stitching speed but I have many other things to accomplish in those eleven days! Now we are down to about a week and I am not sure I am any closer to being ready!

As you view the new designs, I am sure you will find some to add to your collection. C Street Samplerworks has two new reproduction samplers, Shepherd's Bush has four new kits and a leaflet that uses a darling little stocking button and Heart in Hand's Percy is Nancy's favorite. The one I keep going back to is Lizzie Kate's Flora McSample 2011 Ornaments. All of the designs in the Flora McSample series are cute as can be. I hope this will be the first annual Flora ornament leaflet! (Don't start any rumors, I'm just hoping!)

Thank you so much for your patronage in 2011! We appreciate your support and depend on it for our continued existence. All of us at House of Stitches wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We hope your holidays will be filled with the love of family and friends, the peace and joy of the Christmas season and, of course, a bit of time to stitch!

Happy stitching,  
Linda

**This Newsletters Date is: 02-Dec-11**

Hi stitching friends,

Can you believe we are in the month of December? Neither can I! Very soon I need to get serious about my Christmas shopping. My granddaughter, Grace, gave me her Christmas list and I do not know what most of the things are! I need to spend some time with the list and Google or else go to the store and find a child to guide me to the right toys! It should be fun!

And, speaking of fun; we have an updated What's New page for your viewing pleasure. You can see it at <http://houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. We have received Part 2 of the Margaret Cottam Sampler by La-D-Da, 2 new Nora Corbett (Mirabilia) designs and 2 new designs from Little House Needleworks. We have a cute little Sewing Case from Dinky Dyes that would make a great gift for someone who travels, a college student or even yourself! These are just a few of the latest arrivals. Make your list, check it twice and we will not ask if you have been naughty or nice!

I hope your all of your holiday projects are going well. If you are stitching ornaments, an easy way to finish them is with the finishing forms, <http://www.houseofstitches.com/detail.cfm?ID=25187>. I am almost finished with three more Shepherd's Bush stockings. (That makes seven of the eight that I eventually want to hang on our fireplace.) The last step is making and attaching the twisted cording. That is my plan for this weekend, but will things go as planned?!

As you plan your shopping, remember that we will be closed on December 24 & 25 and January 1. Thank you for your continued interest and patronage! We truly appreciate your business.

Happy stitching,  
Linda  
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**This Newsletters Date is: 18-Nov-11**

Hi stitching friends,

New charts and accessories continue to fill our shop with hours of promised stitching fun! You can see the latest here: <http://houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. There are charts, new kits from JBW and Pine Mountain, fun Cat scissors for Tacony and 5 colors of Chenille Trim from Crescent Colours. The chenille trims are a fun way to finish ornaments and other projects. If you missed getting this year's copy of the Just Cross Stitch Ornament magazine, we still have some. It is not too late to make a few heirloom ornaments for those you love.

Here is a reminder of our holiday schedule:

November 24 closed  
November 25 10-5:30  
December 24 closed

Enjoy browsing and let us know which things you want to add to your collection!

Happy stitching,  
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**This Newsletters Date is: 04-Nov-11**

Hi stitching friends,

If you have visited our website this week, you may have noticed that our What's New page <http://houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm> has been updated. We are pleased to report that Lizzie Kate has completed two series; the 6 Fat Men Flip-Its (snowmen) and the Seasonal Alphabet series (Winter Alphabet). Click on over to see the latest from Bent Creek, Country Cottage Needleworks, The Drawn Thread, Little House Needleworks, Sweetheart Tree and Mill Hill. Today we received part one of the three part La-D-Da Mystery Sampler; Margaret Cottam, Age 9. It arrived too late to be listed with the other new things but you can let us know if you are interested and we will add it to your order. As you browse, I think you will be inspired to stitch faster so you can start some of these wonderful new projects.

Many of you have asked about Nancy's newest grandchildren. In the last newsletter I told you about Reese Alison who was born on October 10. Then just over two weeks later, Benjamin Peter arrived on October 26. Both babies are doing well, growing like weeds and charming the family but Nana Nancy is exhausted! I think she's coming back to work to rest. Ha, ha!

We are seeing Christmas projects come in for framing. If you have things you want framed for Christmas, plan to bring them in by Thanksgiving weekend. We will be closed on Thanksgiving Day but will be open regular hours on Friday and Saturday November 25 and 26. While we are talking about holiday hours, please note that we will be closed on December 24 and 25. It is shocking to realize how very close we are to the end of the year holidays! I am just getting used to writing 2011 and it will soon be time to change!

Enjoy looking at the new projects that are waiting for you. We are thankful for your continued interest and business!

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**This Newsletters Date is: 19-Oct-11**

Hi, stitching friends!

It is a cold (42 F, 6 C), windy, rainy day here in northern Indiana. It is a perfect day to curl up and stitch...or nap! I just rocked 2 year old "Jon-Jon" to sleep and it took all of the self discipline I could muster to resist a nap for grandma, too! A self-bribe of peanut butter pretzels and steaming hot coffee helped lure me to stay awake! I thought you would be anxious to know that we have updated our What's New page at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. There are new things from Just Nan, Shepherd's Bush and Heart in Hand. Kelmscott has fun new accessories (or toys as we like to call them), Mill Hill has a wonderful monogram book and Sunflower Seed has cute little (about 3" x 4") designs for seven different holidays! I am fairly certain you will find something to add to your stash. I certainly did!

We have good news from Nancy! She has a new granddaughter born on October 10. Reese Alison weighed in at 7 pounds, 9 ounces and 20 inches long. Her 2 year old brother Tyler is in love with her as is the rest of the family! After much worrying that the other expected grandchild would arrive too soon, he/she is now making everyone wait to get acquainted! We will keep you posted. They thank you for your continued thoughts and prayers!

Have fun browsing through the new things. We appreciate your business and thank you for your continued interest!

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**This Newsletters Date is: 05-Oct-11**

Hi, stitching friends!

As I scrolled through our latest What's New page at <http://houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm> I wanted to stop typing and just start stitching! There are so many fun fall designs and wonderful Christmas designs to tempting me to start them. I like to stitch designs that go with the current season and whether or not they get done this year does not matter. The seasons and holidays all repeat again next year and I am ready early! Some of you have told me that you feel the same way so look for a new fall design for your stitching bag. Amy Bruecken's new chart titled "We've Been Waiting for You" is speaking loudly to Nancy. She is expecting not one but two new grandchildren in the next week or so. Her daughters were originally told that their due dates were two weeks apart but now they are both being told that it could be any time! The logistics could get tricky as the expectant mothers live three hours apart! I know they all (especially Nana Nancy!) would appreciate your thoughts and prayers. Enjoy looking at the new things. As always, we look forward to hearing which ones you like best. We enjoy serving your cross stitch needs!

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**This Newsletters Date is: 21-Sep-11**

Hi, stitching friends!

We have more new things posted for you on our What's New page <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. There are many great fall and Halloween designs.

Several series are continued and the Drawn Thread monthly Calendar Cover series is complete. Instructions are given if you would like to stitch them all together in one picture. Very nice! Have fun shopping. As always, we look forward to seeing which ones you choose!

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**This Newsletters Date is: 13-Sep-11**

Dear stitching friends,

We enjoyed a perfect summer day here in northern Indiana. But a look at our What's New page at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm> will quickly put you in an autumn mood. You will also find new Christmas and everyday designs. One item that did not get listed is the 2011 Just Cross Stitch Ornament Magazine. It has arrived and it is packed with 76 ornaments as well as finishing ideas and wonderful holiday recipes! It is \$7.99 and due to the weight of the magazine, US postage is \$5.00. (If you combine it with other purchases the postage will also be combined.) If you would like a copy, put a note in the customer comments area of the order form and ask us to include it. Be sure to see the latest from Elizabeth's Designs, Just Nan, SamSarah and Sue Hillis. If you are a nutcracker collector, Turquoise Graphics has a chart for you. I love the name: Nutty Parade! Needlework Press has a great gift for your stitching friends. It is the Sampler Enthusiast's Book of Days for 2012, an engagement calendar with wonderful needlework photos, quotes and a couple of charts.

Have fun shopping! I hope you are as inspired as I was when I scrolled through our new offerings. And I hope you are able to find time to refresh and renew your spirits while stitching. Until next time...

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**This Newsletters Date is: 25-Aug-11**

Hi, stitching friends!

We have an extraordinary What's New page for you this time! Over 80 items have been added to our online Catalog. Click here to see them: <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. The much anticipated Schoolgirl's Work from Blackbird designs and the Halloween Collection from Just Cross Stitch are finally here. Lizzie Kate's 2011 Santa has arrived along with the start of a new snowman series called Six Fat Men. We have the first three snowmen and you can download the border design from the Lizzie Kate website if you want to stitch them in one large design. Other designers that you will not want to miss include Shepherd's Bush, Rosewood Manor, Prairie Moon, JBW, Erica Michaels, Blue Ribbon Designs, Carriage House and Blackbird Designs. Prairie Schooler has made their very collectible little cards available in three collections of 12 cards each. These were previously only available for a short time when new designs were introduced. They make great little projects to tuck in your purse and like I said before, they are very collectible! Also be sure to see the cute little Angel and Polka Dot scissors from Tacony. They are a great price and cut very well. The main problem is trying to choose which color you like best!

Our Midwest Stash Exchange and Block Party for Riley Children's Hospital was a big success and so much fun! I hope to have pictures online for you soon. (I really must take the time to learn how to show you pictures!) In the meantime I am relying on my faithful techies (thanks Ruth Ann and Hal!!) to bring you pictures of all our new things. But I digress! Money is still coming in for Riley Hospital but I hope to have it all tallied by the end of the month. At this point we have a little over \$2200.00! We thank you for all of your help and generous donations!

I will leave you now so you can have fun discovering our latest treasures. Send us your list and we will put your package in the mail!

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**This Newsletters Date is: 11-Aug-11**

Hi stitching friends,

Only two days until the 5th Annual Midwest Stash Exchange and Block Party for Riley Children's Hospital! I hope many of you are planning to join us. Many booths have been reserved and many stitching items have been donated. The scissor sharpener will be joining us so be sure to bring your scissors of all sizes, even pinking shears! Besides the Stash Exchange we have food (pizza, popcorn, ice cream) kid's games (Bozo buckets, duck pond, ring toss, bean bag toss, over the rainbow game, tic tac toe, face painting), Pickadilly the Clown, magician Billy Buchanan, music (Don't miss the steel drum at 11:30!), drawings for gift baskets and a 50/50 drawing and much more. We can still use volunteers if you are able to give an hour or two for a really good cause. AND, it IS happening rain or shine! We have our order in for perfect weather but an empty store in our shopping center is available so we will be able to provide shelter if it is needed. I hope you can join us at 1700 Lincolnway Place from 10-2 Central time on Saturday, August 13.

Our What's New page has been updated with 60 new charts, kits and accessories! I will let them speak for themselves; I know you will find some of your favorite designers represented. My list of things to do for Saturday is growing moment by moment so I should get started. Enjoy all of the fun new things and send us your order. If you are coming on Saturday, just ask us to hold it for pickup! Hope to see you then.

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**This Newsletters Date is: 27-Jul-11**

Hi stitching friends,

The much anticipated 2011 Prairie Schooler Santa has arrived! This year he is carrying snowshoes and has a backpack filled with snowballs. A cardinal is perched on his walking stick to cheer him on his way. We also have four new leaflets from Prairie Schooler; two with autumn themes and two with Christmas themes. Leisure Arts has published a compilation of six La-D-Da designs all in one book for just \$9.95! If you are like us and love everything Lori Markovik designs, don't miss it! Heart's Content has two beautiful new kits, Homespun Elegance has three new ornaments and two August Pillow kits have arrived from Pine Mountain Designs. Hardanger lovers will want to see the latest from Satin Stitches. The best idea is for you to click on <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm> to see everything for yourself and let us know which ones to send you!

Preparations are well underway for our Fifth Annual Midwest Stash Exchange and Block Party for Riley Children's Hospital. In addition to the booths with stitchers swapping, selling and trading their excess stash there will be kids' games, music and food. There will be drawings for gift baskets and a 50/50 drawing. I don't have a definite confirmation yet, but we hope to have a scissor sharpener on site also! I hope you can be there: the date is Saturday, August 13 from 10-2 Central Time. The goal in all of this is to have fun AND raise a large sum of money to send to Riley Children's Hospital Foundation. Riley is near and dear to our hearts and we want to help them help other children and families like they helped ours!

Until next time....

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**This Newsletters Date is: 15-Jun-11**

Hi stitching friends,

I decided to write to you tonight because I will have two grandchildren to play with tomorrow. School is out for the summer so while Jonathan naps Grace and I can have some girly fun. Last week we painted a wooden picture frame. I hope this week I can get her to help me put a few stitches in her mother's Christmas stocking. It is Jillian's Stocking from Shepherd's Bush with the addition of French knot hair. I am making the Shepherd's Bush stockings for the whole family. One of these days I will show you pictures of the completed set.

The What's New page on our website has been updated with the latest arrivals. Click here to see them: <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm><http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. The newest limited edition Gingher Designer Scissors are now in stock; don't wait to get yours! We have all of the latest Mill Hill kits for Christmas. They are especially nice this year and I love the beaded ornaments and the Magi Trilogy with their beautiful jewel tones. Leisure Arts, Trilogy and Sue Hillis all have new baby designs and Nora Corbet has a new fairy in her Muse Collection. Sue Hillis also has a 4th of July design. You might not get it done for the holiday this year but you will have a long head start on next year! Be sure to see the two new silk gauze kits from Erica Michaels and the Little Bitty Kitty Quilt Club designs from Val's Stuff.

If you are traveling this summer, we are just a short hop from Interstate 94 or the 80/90 toll road. There is a small park nearby where the kids can stretch their legs and a great museum with antique cars and a world-class gun collection (and many other things, too) for the non-stitchers in your group. We hope to see you soon whether in person or on the web!

Happy stitching,  
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P.S Remember the 5th Annual Midwest Stash Exchange is August 13 in our back parking lot!

**This Newsletters Date is: 01-Jun-11**

Hi stitching friends,

Happy June! Can you believe we are in the sixth month of 2011? Time is flying by; make sure to make time for fun; especially stitching fun! Our What's New page has been updated: <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. It is chock full of treats for you. We have new Mill Hill bead kits, 3 new Calendar Covers from The Drawn Thread, a new cottage in the Snow Globe Village series by Nora Corbett and the latest from Bent Creek. New pillow kits have arrived from Pine Mountain. They are great take-along projects; just grab and go! If you like to plan ahead; there are wonderful new designs and kits for Christmas. I am sure you will find things that you want to give a good home.

I suppose I should go back to my day off chores. While the 2 year old sleeps I need to make good progress on the laundry. I managed to put in a few stitches while he rode his tricycle this morning. Hooray for nice weather-finally! I hope you can make time to stitch, too. We appreciate your continued interest and business!

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**This Newsletters Date is: 18-May-11**

Hi stitching friends,

Are you ready for a fun little diversion? Just click on over to our What's New page at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm> and browse through our newest products. We have the latest from Victoria Sampler and Shepherd's Bush as well as the 2011 Hummingbird from Crossed Wing Collection and some nifty little treasure boxes. The boxes have either a round or rectangular opening and are a wonderful way to display your needlework (or photos or painting...).

From now until May 31, we are having a sale on designs from The Drawn Thread! All in stock designs will be 25% off! The sale price will not show on your order but we will deduct the 25% before we charge your credit card. We will do our best to keep the website updated so watch for the OUT OF STOCK notation as you browse through the designs. Drawn Thread is one of our favorite designers and it is not very often that all of the designs are on sale!

Mark your calendars for our Fifth Annual Midwest Stash Exchange! It will be August 13 from 10-3 in our back parking lot. If you have needlework supplies that you can bear to part with, you can rent a space for \$20.00 and sell, trade or give away your excess stash. The booth rental will go to the Riley Children's Hospital Foundation. (Riley is near and dear to our hearts since our granddaughter spent time there 2 years ago.) You can also just come and shop at the Stash Exchange. You might find that out of print chart that you have been looking for or a magazine to complete your collection. There will also be raffles, games for kids, music and just plain FUN! Stitchers share a special camaraderie that is a true delight. I hope you can join us. We hope to send Riley Children's Hospital Foundation a big FAT check!

Remember to go to our catalog <http://www.houseofstitches.com/search.cfm>, choose Drawn Thread in the manufacturer box, and order your favorites before they are gone at the sale price.

Happy stitching,  
Linda  
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**This Newsletters Date is: 04-May-11**

Hi, stitching friends!

It is time for another update of the latest stitching designs and accessories! You can see them at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. There is a wonderful selection this time with the final installment of Blackbird Designs Anniversaries of the Heart, a new set of four seasons designs from Whispered by the Wind, a new fairy from Mirabilia and the latest designs from Country Cottage Needleworks and Little House Needleworks. There are many more good things for you to discover as you browse. Whether you are having a good, bad or unremarkable day, ordering some new charts and supplies will make it a little (or maybe a lot!) better.

Our Serial Stitcher Sale is continuing. (See the last newsletter for details; just click the newsletter button on our homepage.) We are out of the Twelve Days of Christmas by Marking Sampler but at this writing we still have a few of the other collections. Deals like this do not happen often so do not delay!

I hope all of your projects are going well. I hope to do some stitching after grandson Jonathan and I take a walk on this beautiful spring day. With the trees and flowers blooming against a blue sky I will not complain about the need for a jacket! I appreciate your continued interest and patronage. YOU are the reason House of Stitches is still in business!

Happy stitching,  
Linda  
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**This Newsletters Date is: 20-Apr-11**

Hi stitching friends,

I hope you are finding time to stitch and time to plan new projects! We have a few possibilities for you. Look them over at <http://houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. Lizzie Kate has completed the Halloween Rules series and also sends us Summer Alphabet (second in the series), Land That I Love Now and

Then and Flora McSample's Strawberry Sampler. The Mill Hill Autumn kits have arrived! I know, we do not even have a real spring yet but these are very cute and it is a good time to start autumn and holiday projects. If turtles are your thing, be sure to look at Just Nan's latest offerings. Nora Corbett (Mirabilia) brings us the second in her Snow Globe Village series: Little Snowy Green Cottage. It sparkles with beads, treasures and Kreinik Braid.

### **We are having a special "Serial Stitcher" Sale!**

If you love to stitch projects that come in a series, this sale is for you! Below is a list and a special search code for the things on sale. To see pictures of each series just go to our catalog, <http://houseofstitches.com/search.cfm> and type in the code listed after each series. When you order, the cost for the whole series will appear on the order form. We will manually subtract the free ones and email you the new total when we ship your package. If you have any questions you can call us at 1-800-455-8517.

Pine Mountain Designs: Blocks (Punchneedle) buy 10 get 2 free pmd1

Pine Mountain Designs: Tie One On Expressions buy 10 get 2 free pmd2

Val's Stuff: Kitty Calendar buy 10 get 2 free vskk

Country Cottage Needleworks: Spring Social Series buy 4 get 1 free ccspring

Country Cottage Needleworks: Summer Seascape Series buy 4 get 1 free ccsummer

Country Cottage Needleworks: Fall festivals buy 4 get 1 free ccfall

Little House Needleworks: Sampler Months Series buy 5 get 1 free lhnmonths

The Marking Sampler: Twelve Days of Christmas buy 10 get 2 free ms12

I hope you enjoy the sale. It is a great opportunity to collect a complete set of designs at a special price! Keep thinking warm thoughts and maybe spring will arrive soon. For those of you in the southern hemisphere, I hope you have a lovely autumn!

Happy stitching,

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### **This Newsletters Date is: 06-Apr-11**

Hi stitching friends,

We have an updated What's New page for you! It can be viewed at

<http://houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. I know you are just itching to plan new projects for spring!

Our new offerings include samplers, projects for spring and even a couple of Christmas ornaments.

I want to give you a little advance notice of a fun, new Mystery Sampler. Brenda Gervais of Country Stitches/With Thy Needle Thread has designed the sampler. It will be in 3 parts which will be released on May 10, June 10 and July 10. (I think each of the charts will be \$7.00.) Brenda used 35 count Weeks Dye Works linen (but it is also available in 30 and 40 count) and Weeks Dye Works floss. She tells a little about the sampler on her blog: <http://withthyneedleandthread.blogspot.com/>. You have to scroll down to the March 25, 2011 post. Let us know if you want to join the adventure!

I'm off to the post office to mail some of you packages of goodies! Place your new orders tonight and we will send packages to you tomorrow or at least very soon! We appreciate your continued interest and business!

Happy stitching,

Linda

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**This Newsletters Date is: 23-Mar-11**

Hi stitching friends,

It is officially spring but there is snow in our forecast for tonight! Just for that, I think we all need to indulge in a new spring project. We will not let a little frozen precipitation bring us down! The new Pine Mountain pillow kits are perfect to adjust our attitudes. Each one has a yummy pastel palette that is sure to lift your spirits and would be a quick project to take on a spring break trip. They work up so fast that you might want more than one! Stoney Creek has a new book with nostalgic rural scenes as well as a baby book and towel book. For those of you collecting the Button Up Birdies from Victoria Sampler, number three is here. Also new from Victoria Sampler is a wonderful Garden Wedding Sampler and Linda's Ort bag. Scissor collectors will want to see the two new pairs from Dinky Dyes. No two are exactly alike and they are sure to brighten any day that you use them. Have you always wanted to stitch your family tree? Willow Hill has one that just might fit your needs. There are many more new things but I will let you discover them for yourselves. The laundry keeps beeping at me and wanting attention. Do I know how to have fun on my day off or what?!

We look forward to hearing from you! Keep those orders coming!

Happy stitching,  
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**This Newsletters Date is: 09-Mar-11**

Hi, stitching friends!

We continue to receive wonderful new things that we found at the Nashville Needlework Market! Here is a link to the latest additions to our website: <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. If you are a fan of Quaker style samplers, be sure to see Sampler for My Mother. You could stitch the whole sampler or use individual motifs for a variety of projects. Bent Creek is starting two new series. Flair is a series of small designs that can be stitched individually or grouped together with the border chart. Sweet Home Mantle 1 is the first part of a new series that is stitched over two on 18 count linen. This would be a good travel project since the larger stitches and pearl cotton are great for stitching while in motion or in low light situations. Ask to be put on our automatic shipping list if you want to stitch this project. Val's Stuff also has a new series called Kitty Quilt Club. Each chart includes two months. Ask to be on our automatic shipping list for this series, too! Are scissors your passion? We have two new ones from Kelmscott Designs. Fleur de Lys and Woven Scissors will look great when adorned with one of your scissor fobs. And speaking of fobs, the new chart Month by Month from Sunflower Seed has twelve designs that would be beautiful fobs when stitched over one.

Now that it is March, our weather is trying to improve. We have a warmer day and then relapse to cold and snow showers and then back to warm again. I think Gracie has spring fever. On the way to school this morning (in her winter coat and gloves) she was talking about wearing shorts and a tank top soon! Ah, the optimism of youth! We hope that with the better weather more of you will be able to visit in person. February brought us some lonely days! It just doesn't seem fair for us to have all of these great new things and not have lots of people to share them! We DO enjoy sharing with our online friends, too. It is fun to see which things you choose. When I am shopping at market, I often think of specific people when I see new designs or toys!

We are going to be carrying designs from The Scarlet Quince in the near future. Fine art interpreted in cross stitch is their specialty. (No backstitching, no partial stitches, but incredible detail!) They have a wonderful website [www.scarletquince.com](http://www.scarletquince.com). Just let us know if there's a design that you would like and we will get it ordered for you. But, be forewarned; these are not one night projects!

Well, it's back to laundry! Jonathan is taking a nap so I really should see just how much I can get done before he wake up. Thanks for listening to my ramblings! I look forward to hearing from you.

Happy stitching,  
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**This Newsletters Date is: 28-Feb-11**

Hi stitching friends,

The Nashville Market has come and gone and we brought back great things for your stitching pleasure! As you may have read other places online, it was a smaller market. (I have to face the facts: times are tough right now for many people.) But, nevertheless, there were great, new designers (Watch for All Through the Night, Kathy Schmitz and Trinity Designs) and that is very encouraging! And I found wonderful things from established designers, too. You can see many of my finds at [www.houseofstitches.com](http://www.houseofstitches.com). Just click on Catalog and type nash11 as the key word. At this point, there are 201 new things to tempt you. Some things had to be ordered and they will be added as they arrive. We will also be adding a "regular" What's New page for the things that were added right before market. It should be ready tonight or tomorrow. We do not want you to miss anything! Here at the shop we are very excited by the new Blackbird Designs book called A Stitcher's Journey as well as all six of the new Reward of Merit Pincushion designs. Other much anticipated designs are Hare's Autumn, Hare's Winter and The Flood, all from Plum Street Samplers. The latest things from Lizzie Kate are a breath of spring. Be sure to see the new doll from Old Colonial, Miss Caroline as well as their new sampler book, Vol. 1 Collection of New England Samplers.

I could go on and on about the treasure trove of stitching supplies that I brought back from market, but I think you will have more fun looking at things yourself. I am anxious to see which ones you like! Just let us know and we will send them to you!

I must hurry and finish my other chores for today. My grandson Jonathan is two years old and we are joining him for dinner to celebrate! He is growing up so fast! His sister Grace turned six two weeks ago. I am glad that I am not getting old as fast as they are! Thank you for your continued patronage!

Happy stitching,  
Linda  
House of Stitches

**This Newsletters Date is: 02-Feb-11**

Hi, stitching friends!

Once again, winter weather is the focus of much attention here in the Midwest. It is cold. It is windy. And it is snowy. These three things are not a good combination! A state of emergency has been declared which means you must stay home and off the roads or you could be fined. So, in light of these developments, I am declaring Wednesday an official stay at home and stitch day! It is the best way to survive the storm. An important part of the day's duties is looking at our website and planning your next projects. We have an updated What's New page for you at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. I am certain you will find something there to lift your spirits. There are designs from Prairie Schooler, Blackbird Designs, Little House Needleworks, Lizzie Kate, C Street Samplerworks and many more. The new Gingher scissors would make a very nice Valentine gift for yourself or another needleworker. The amount of winter relief that you receive will be directly proportional to the number of projects that you choose! For those of you in the southern hemisphere (I am thinking of you, Kay in NZ!) and other warmer climates, you can celebrate NOT having to shovel snow and scrape windshields and wear boots and twelve layers of clothing everywhere you go.

I am hoping that the state of emergency will be lifted on Thursday and we can be back at the shop to fill your orders and get them in the mail. We will get them on their way as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued interest. If you need to get in touch with us, I will be monitoring the email address below. (Unless we lose power, that is!) Stay safe and warm!

Happy stitching,  
Linda  
House of Stitches

**This Newsletters Date is: 20-Jan-11**

Hi, stitching friends!

I hope this finds you surviving winter! We are between major winter storms so it is nice to be able to get out a little more. We just have to watch out for icy spots; they appear when you are lulled into thinking they are gone. As many of you know, our phones were not working earlier this week. The poor repairman had to dig the phone box out of the snow bank to fix the problem. I think the phones (and the computers and credit card machine) are working now. Whew!

Our What's New page has been updated! You can see it at <http://houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm> . If you need a bit of tropical warmth you can start stitching the Tropical Island Afghan from Stoney Creek! We have the first installment with six more to come. The new spring kits from Mill Hill will revive your spirits, too! Precious Moments fans have waited a long time for new books and now there are four! In the Leisure Arts section there are three Ann Estelle books. I need to make sure you know that they have absolutely NO cross stitch designs. They are from artist Mary Englebright and I could not resist them. The bright, cheery paper doll designs appeal to the little girl in me! I thought you might like them, too!

If you have been waiting for the new Little House Needleworks, Country Cottage Needleworks or Blackbird Designs charts, they didn't get here in time to be part of this update. We should have them tomorrow (Friday). Just put a note in the customer comments section of your order and let us know which ones you want.

Nancy says to tell you to come in and help us make room for the things that will be coming from the Nashville Needlework Market next month. She wants to have a nice big area for a market display. I will do my best to fill it up with new designs, fabric and toys! (It is a "dirty, thankless job" but somebody has to do it!)

We truly appreciate your continued business. Without you there would be no House of Stitches!

Happy stitching,  
Linda  
House of Stitches

**This Newsletters Date is: 06-Jan-11**

Hi stitching friends,

We have an updated What's New page for your shopping enjoyment:

<http://houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm> . I am supposed to be counting things for our inventory but I thought it would be more fun to talk with you. If you are planning any trips this year be sure to get your copy of Fiber & Fabric Mania Travel Guide. The only way to travel is from one needlework shop to another! Heart in Hand has some cute and quick projects for Valentine's Day. Mirabilia's new design, Charlotte, would make a lovely Valentine, too. (Okay, so it might take until Valentine's Day next year; you can plan ahead!) There are beautiful, new hardanger designs from Satin Stitches and the first three charts in a new series form The Drawn Thread. Pine Mountain Designs is also starting two new monthly series. Take a look and make your plans for your 2011 projects.

We hope all of your projects are going well. It is fun to see which ones you want to add to your collection! Thank you for your continued interest and patronage! (I will go back to counting now. Woo-hoo!)

Happy stitching,  
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