

This Newsletters Date is: 18-Dec-14

Hi stitching friends,

Are you planning your projects for the New Year? We have a few suggestions for you on our newly updated What's New page:

<http://houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. When I was trying to decide what to write about, Nancy had many good ideas. So, I am turning the newsletter over to her. Take it away, Nancy!

Hi everyone and a Merry Christmas to you! As 2014 winds down I have been thinking about what I wish I would have done this year and hope to do next.

Somewhere I read where people were making a Bucket List for things to be done before leaving this world for the next. It hit me that most of the things I want to accomplish would be stitching related. For example I have always wanted to try stitching on silk gauze. I have always wanted to make an ornament every year for my grandchildren, too. Stitching an English Band sampler is another dream. So a list I will attempt to put together and what gets done this year great, if not there is always the next....

Another project I want to accomplish early year is organizing my stitching closet: putting all of the threads in their own little Floss Away bags, putting my scissors in a hinged shadow box with their coordinating fobs so they can be admired and accessible, separating all of the fabric into project bags according to count and hand-dyed or not, getting all my needlework toys together in my Buddy Case by Namaste or for finishing the Bigga' Buddy Case to hold my dressmaker shears, gathering quick to go kits for travel or waiting at doctor's appointments. Pine Mountain Pillow kits, Bent Creek Zipper Kits, Mill Hill Kits come with everything except scissors and Shepherd's Bush has some great 10ct Tula projects. Blackbird Designs Reward of Merit are good for travel, too. Lizzie Kate has the "A little"

series. You really get a feeling of accomplishment when you stitch small things. It is amazing how much time we can have waiting for things or people that could be put to good stitching moments.

Maybe if Mother Nature hands us a nice snow storm (is that an oxymoron?), we can all fine time to get organized!

We here at House of Stitches wish you and yours the Merriest Christmas and a New Year filled with lots of stitching hours.

Happy stitching and Merry Christmas,
Linda and Nancy

This Newsletters Date is: 03-Dec-14

Hi, stitching friends!

I hope all of our U.S. friends had a wonderful Thanksgiving. It was less than a week ago but it seems like a distant memory as we charge full speed

ahead into the Christmas season. We have updated our What's New page with great ideas for gift giving or gift requesting! Stop by <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm> to find great ideas for either list. The Fiber & Fabric Mania Travel Guide 2015 would be a wonderful gift for a traveling stitcher, quilter, knitter or weaver. Kelmscott has new scissors, Needle Minders and Angel Thread Winders. The Chocolate Acorn Scissors Fob from Embellishing Bits is perfect on the new Kelmscott Acorn Snips! Sullivans new scissors look antique and would be a welcome find in any needleworker's Christmas stocking. Heart in Hand has started a new series of cute little designs called

Joyful Journal. There will be one for every month; so far we have December-March. Pine Mountain has several new pillow kits that are ready for you to stitch. They are also great kits to introduce someone to the joys of stitching. Take a moment for yourself and investigate all of the fun new designs. You might just find the perfect gift for your stitching friend, relative or yourself!

Thank you for your time and continued interest. YOU are on the list of things for which we are thankful!

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 05-Nov-14

Hi, stitching friends!

Our designer friends continue to amaze us with their productivity! We have over 50 new things to share with you at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. I have already picked out a few to add to my list of things to stitch (Random Happiness, Primitive Moodkeep, Give Thanks...) . Take a look and let us know which ones you want to add to your list

I hope your holiday projects are well underway. Remember, if you want them framed in time for Christmas; we need to have them by Thanksgiving weekend.

Is your family asking you for gift suggestions? We have gift certificates available in any amount. And, our Weekend of Stitches (March 20-22, 2015) would be a wonderful gift...even if you give it to yourself! (See details at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/events.html>)

Thank you for honoring us with your continued support and interest. We give thanks for you in this month of gratitude and thanksgiving!

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 21-Oct-14

Hi, stitching friends!

We have new things for you to see at <http://houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. There are new charts from Barbara Ana, Cricket Collection, Heart's Content, Sue Hillis, With Thy Needle and Thread and more!

Several of you have asked us about Classic Colorworks floss. Crescent Colours was sold to Ronnie Williams and the new company name is Classic Colorworks. The colors and color names are the same as Crescent Colours so they may be used interchangeably. (However, the usual dye lot differences in hand-dyed threads can still come into play.) In other needlework news, we have learned that Prairie Moon will no longer be designing. So, if there are Prairie Moon charts that you want, do not delay! We have already sold out of some of them!

We are excited to have so many of you signing up for our March Weekend of Stitches! If you are interested, you can see the project and get the registration form at <http://houseofstitches.com/events.html>. I hope you can make plans to join us!

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 07-Oct-14

Hi, stitching friends!

Autumn is upon us in Indiana! The trees are turning every fall shade you can imagine and for the most part, they are still on the trees so we can enjoy them without all of the raking. At least not yet! Many of our new arrivals have an autumn or Halloween theme so you can stitch in the current season. How does that work for those of you in the southern hemisphere?

Are you more inspired to stitch things in pretty pastel spring colors? You can see our newest designs at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>.

If you like seeing the pictures all at once, go to our catalog <http://www.houseofstitches.com/search.cfm> and type oct14a in the keyword box. You will see a thumbnail size picture of each design. Click on any that you would like to see in more detail.

While you are cruising around our website, be sure to click on the Events button, <http://www.houseofstitches.com/events.html>, to see the project that Betsy Morgan will be teaching for us in March, 2015. It is a great project and I hope that you can join us!

you for your continued business; we appreciate you!

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 26-Sep-14

Hi, stitching friends!

We have updated our Events Page at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/events.html>. We finally have the details for our March 2015 Weekend of Stitches with designer Betsy Morgan!! Start planning now; I hope you can join us! If you go to the link above you can see a picture of the project. (It is a new project that Betsy is debuting at Williamsburg this December.) The registration form has more details but feel free to phone or email if you have questions.

We have had some new arrivals since we updated our What's New Page earlier this week. We don't have pictures online at our website but you should be able to see them at the designers' websites. From Lizzie Kate we have I Cannot Count My Day Complete, Flora McSample's 2014 Stockings, Sled Dudes and Reindeer Stocking. Heart in Hand brings us Wee Santa 2014, Vintage Greeting: A Merry Christmas and Christmas Means More. From Bent Creek we have Pumpkin of Leaves Kit and Parts 2 & 3 of the Spooky Spinners Series. Country Cottage Needleworks has the second Classic Ornament, Dear Santa and the October Calendar Girl.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 24-Sep-14

Hi stitching friends,

Happy fall! I do not know what happened to spring and summer; they certainly went by in a hurry! I enjoy fall as long as I ignore what follows right after. Do you have a favorite season? We certainly have a variety here in the Midwest. Our What's New Page at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm> has many fall and Halloween designs to put you in the proper frame of mind. And, for those of you who plan ahead, there are also quite a few Christmas projects. As usual, the hard part will be choosing which ones to stitch first! With this update of our website, we also corrected an oversight and added perforated paper to our online catalog.

In the next day or two I will be sending another newsletter with details about our weekend retreat with Betsy Morgan (March 20-22, 2015). Until then enjoy perusing the new things and let us know which ones are destined for your personal collection!

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 11-Sep-14

Hi, stitching friends!

We have exciting news! The much anticipated and long awaited 2014 Just Cross Stitch Christmas Ornament Magazine has arrived! You can see it on our What's New page, <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. Do I have to finish the project that I am stitching before I can start on the ornaments?

Of course not! And neither do you! There are more than 60 other new items, also! In addition to the many new designs, there are needle minders and scissors (including Eve, the Gingher designer scissors for 2014).

Halloween and Christmas designs abound and we have part 2 of the SamSarah Something Wicked Mystery Sampler. Have fun choosing your favorites; it will be hard to decide which to stitch first! We love seeing what you choose and we appreciate your continued interest and business!

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 21-Aug-14

Hi, stitching friends!

We are back from market and what a great market it was! You can see the latest in our website catalog: <http://www.houseofstitches.com/search.cfm>.

Just type stchas14 in the key word search box and more than 160 items will be displayed. AND! We have many more to be added so keep checking back!

There are new charts, kits, limited edition kits, scissors and magnets.

Have fun planning your new projects!

We appreciate your continued business!

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 12-Aug-14

Hi stitching friends,

It is an exciting week here at House of Stitches! We are making plans for the St. Charles Needlework Market that is coming up this weekend. The designers have been busy so there will be loads of new projects to tempt us.

Some are already arriving from designers who send out their automatic shipments before they leave for market. If you have been seeing previews on your favorite designers' blogs or websites, please let us know which charts and kits you would like. It will help us make sure to get enough of the ones you want. This is especially true of the limited edition kits. We hate for anyone to be disappointed if we sell out before you get yours!

Our What's New page was updated today! You can see the latest at:

<http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. SamSarah is beginning a new Mystery Sampler series. "Something Wicked" is stitched on the new Petit Point Linen that is a natural color with little brown dots. If you taught a grandchild to stitch this summer, I Can Cross Stitch is a great book to keep him/her going. For those of you who crave large projects, I think you should look at Abbi from Heritage Stitchcraft and Christmas in the Woods, Countryside Spring and Rural Barns 1, all from Stoney Creek. On the other end of the spectrum there are two new designs for the little pocket watch frames. Blue Bunting and Summer Saltbox are stitched over one on 32 count linen and are just 1.25 inches in diameter! If you need a chuckle be sure to see Laughed and Laughed from Xs & Ohs.

Remember to send us your market wish lists! We will do our best to fill your requests!

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 30-Jul-14

Hi stitching friends,

Wonderful new designs continue to find their way to our What's New page!

You can see all of them at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. One of the most anticipated designs of the year has arrived: the 2014 Prairie Schooler Santa! This year he is a caroling Santa, complete with a red top hat and overcoat. There are also four new leaflets and a Halloween card from Prairie Schooler. The Frosty Forest series from Country Cottage Needleworks concludes with the ninth design. A new twelve month series of Christmas ornaments begins in August! Let us know if you would like to be on the list to receive the Country Cottage Ornaments-Classic Collection as soon as they arrive each month. Nora Corbett has two new designs in her Bewitching Pixies series: Ana and Emi. Diane Graebner is a prolific artist and she brings us two new designs, one for fall and one for winter. I especially like the winter one with a wooded country road and four buggies.

Heart in Hand and Trilogy each have a new Thanksgiving chart. You have some hard choices to make! Which designs are destined for your collection?

Thank you for your continued interest! We truly appreciate your business.

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 16-Jul-14

Hi, stitching friends!

Here in the Midwest we are experiencing unusually cool weather for the middle of July. It is, however, perfect to put us in the mood for all of the new fall charts that are making their debut on our What's new page, <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. There are a few exceptions but the majority of designs have fall and Halloween themes. The Lizzie Kate Tingles series is now complete and we have the Lizzie Kate Santa'14 Snippet and the 19th Tiny Tidings chart. Sampler lovers will want to see the latest from Plum Street, Scarlett House and Shakespeare's Peddler. Even if it is cool, it is still summer and that makes me want to stitch patriotic designs!

Cricket Collection has July, Silver Creek has Seeds of Freedom, USA Square is from Sweetheart Tree and Anchor of Pride is new from Threadwork Primitives. The 2014 Halloween Special Collector's Issue from Just Cross Stitch is now in stock and we are taking pre-orders for the 2014 Christmas Ornament Magazine. (It is scheduled to be shipped at the beginning of September.)

Do you have a child or grandchild who is getting restless as summer goes on?
Call for details about our classes for children. Learning to use a needle and thread is a life skill that will be used again and again!

If your summer travels take you across northern Indiana, be sure to stop in for a visit and a break from the car. We have enjoyed meeting many of you that we only knew by name as mail order customers. It is really nice to meet you in person and put a face with your name. There are nearby options for family members (parks, museum, hardware, ice cream...) so you can shop in peace!

Enjoy all of the new charts! As always, we appreciate your business and look forward to hearing from you!

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 01-Jul-14

Hi, stitching friends!

I have just returned from a week of scorching fun at Disney World. Most days the heat index was in the 105 degree range. We were there with our children and grandchildren and in spite of the heat we all had a grand time!

I am sorry to say I stitched very little but the time with our family was priceless. On the flight to Florida Grace told me that the trip was a dream come true for her! She was turned into a glittering princess and Jonathan became a pirate, complete with a beard, earring and sword. I was very excited to learn that

Minnie Mouse cross stitches! I have a photo of her stitching a teddy bear for Mickey Mouse and she is using cross stitches!
Pretty cool stitching ambassador!

I am writing from the basement as a major summer thunderstorm with the potential for tornadoes, rolls through our area. Our internet connection is down so I cannot look at the website to tell you about the newest additions to our What's New page. I guess that will wait until morning!

I am back above ground! The storm has passed and it is a beautiful blue sky kind of morning. We have many new designs on our latest What's New page update: <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. There are a number of patriotic designs as well as a new chocolate design and the continuation of several series. If you know or want to teach a beginning stitcher, there are kits from Dimensions that have pre-punched felt shapes that are easy to see and do not require a hoop.

We are taking pre-orders for the 2014 Just Cross Stitch Ornament Magazine!
It is scheduled to ship on September 5, 2014. Just let us know how many copies you would like

I hope you find new projects to enhance your summer stitching! We look forward to hearing what you think!

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 18-Jun-14

Hi stitching friends,

I hope you are ready for some great new projects! We have added 66 new things to our What's New page! You can see them here: <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. Be sure to see the new designs from Lena Lawson- especially the cats. We have two new needle minders from Kelmscott designs and the cutest little 2.5 inch scissors. They are called Little Loves because the handles are heart shaped. They come in 13 different colors, which I failed to tell the person who put them on the website. You can see all of the colors at <http://www.kelmscottdesigns.com/scissors.htm#sci>. Until we get the colors added, just put a note in the customer comments area of the order form to tell us which color (or colors!) you want. Just in time for our US Independence Day celebrations, we have new patriotic charts from Bent Creek, Jeanette Douglas, Needlework Press, Pine Mountain, Rosewood Manor and Shepherd's Bush. If the blood in your veins is red, white and blue, these are for you!

I am happy to report that our framer's broken wrist is mended and she is once again framing your needlework. Hooray! That means I can stitch without guilt! I recently finished a Blackbird Designs sampler called My Heart's Design. I will try to get a picture on our blog later this week. The colors in the sampler are scrumptious! I wasted no time getting started on a new project from Prairie Schooler called Rabbit Run (<http://www.houseofstitches.com/detail.cfm?ID=32696>). This chart arrived back in February but I was so preoccupied with framing that I did not really look at it until recently! I think it will be a good summer traveling project since it has areas of solid colors, all whole stitches and almost no backstitching. (Yes, I

am a lazy summer stitcher!) What criteria do you have for your summer projects? I hope you find a few new ones as you browse through the latest arrivals. We look forward to filling your orders!

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 03-Jun-14

Hi stitching friends,

It is June! Where is 2014 going? Are we having fun? I hope you are having fun with many stitching projects. We have more for you on our What's New page at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. The list includes the next two months (May and June) from Cricket Collection, the newest Frosty Forest Charts and the June Calendar Girl. Be sure to see the designs from Nimue! We had charts from this designer a number of years ago and then we were unable to get them. I was thrilled to see that Wichelt is carrying them now; they are unlike the designs of any other company. A wonderful, magical world of fairies and elves awaits your needle and thread! They will tempt you to compose stories about them as you stitch! Nora Corbett has started a new series of Bewitching Pixies. Luna and Gigi are the first two. They take Halloween designs to a new level!

If you are taking any trips this summer, be sure to pack a special stitching bag to take along. I recommend at least three projects. You should have an easy one, a more challenging one and a back-up project if either of the first two does not work out. (Think missing floss colors, large counting errors, etc.)

I will leave you to browse and make your selections! Keep up the good work. We have been seeing some marvelous pieces that have been brought in for framing. You never cease to amaze us!

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 20-May-14

Hi stitching friends,

I hope you have room in your to-do basket for new projects because we have added 58 new items to our website today! We are finally enjoying some actual spring weather and we have fall and Christmas projects arriving! There are spring and summer designs, too, so it is an update for all seasons! Included are the latest from Lizzie Kate, Mill Hill, Drawn Thread and Victoria Sampler. Lizzie Kate is beginning a new Halloween series called Tingles Double Flip that can be stitched as small projects or combined for a one large project. If you like stitching beautiful ladies, be sure to see Vanessa from Heritage Stitchcraft. Stunning! C Street Samplerworks has a new sampler with a small Solomon's Temple motif and a verse about the art of conversation.

We are in the beginning stages of planning an exciting spring class for you! Mark the weekend of March 21-22, 2015 on your calendar! I will have more

specifics for you soon. We also hope to have another bring your own project weekend in the fall. Again, stay tuned for more information.

If you have been thinking of stitching Fire and Ice from Ship's Manor, we now have the Valdani Threads that it uses in stock. Alas, they are not on our website but you can put a note in the customer comments area and request them. There are 12 variegated three strand colors at \$3.90 each. Give us a call if you are the person who requested these; we have somehow lost your name and number!

As the end of the school year approaches I know things can get hectic. Try to find a few minutes here and there to stitch. I will try to do the same!

Thank you for continuing to support our shop; we appreciate all of you!

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 06-May-14

Hi stitching friends!

I hope you have been finding time to spend with your stitching projects. We have many more for you to add to your collection! You can see the latest additions to our shop here:

<http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm> .

Besides the great charts, we have Big Ben and Eiffel Tower scissors to enhance your scissor collection! In the last newsletter I failed to tell you that we have added an "ABC" sale to our sale section. It includes in stock alphabet charts/kits from Sweetheart Tree and Victoria Sampler. It is a great time to stock up on your favorite initials!

Our weather is improving and they say we will have summer like temperatures for the next two days. The one constant thing about our weather here in northern Indiana is that is it always changing! It keeps us from getting bored.

Last weekend we went to our five year old grandson's first T-ball game.

What fun! I did not think there were many people who knew less about baseball than I do. But there they were; on the field in their cute little uniforms! I think we will be learning together.

While at the shop I am continuing to fill in for our framer who has a broken (but healing!) wrist. This is the most framing I have done in a long time and it really makes me appreciate all the time and effort that she puts in

to make everyone's needlework look the best that it can. So, on that note,

I am going to get back to the framing and let you get on with checking out our latest arrivals. Thank you for your continuing interest! You are the reason we continue to be in business.

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 25-Apr-14

Hi stitching friends,

This is just a quick note to let you know that our What's New page has been updated for your shopping enjoyment! You may see the latest arrivals here: <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. There are many wonderful choices. Some of the designers were a little late in getting their Easter designs ready but it just gives you plenty of time to get them ready for next year!

Sorry to be so brief. I'll try to be more chatty next time!

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 08-Apr-14

Hi, stitching friends!

I have complained about the weather so much that I feel compelled to tell you that today it feels like spring might be arriving at last! It was cloudy this morning but we had sunshine all afternoon. We hope it will stay like this until it gets really nice!

We have updated our What's New page for you:

<http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. There are more than 60 new things to tempt you.

We were surprised this week when we received the autumn kits from Mill Hill. It seems like we just got the spring kits! I especially like Grandpa's Tractor, Jeweled Pear and Peek-a-Boo Pumpkin.

There are, however, MANY spring themed designs, also. The latest in the Frosty Forest series (Bluebird Cabin) is here and Cricket Collection has started a monthly series. We have March and April but do not think you missed the first two months of the year. These are the first two! Just Nan, Imagining My Big Toe are just a few of the designers that are represented and We have new scissors from Bohin in really snazzy colors. I am having a hard time choosing my favorite color! There are many more good things; enjoy choosing your favorites.

We appreciate your continued business! Keep on stitching and teach someone else, too!

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 25-Mar-14

Hi, stitching friends!

The only way to deal with this never-ending winter is with new projects!

You can see the latest arrivals at

<http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. We have the final 2 seasons in the Lizzie Kate 4 Seasons Flip-Its as well as 3 more new Lizzie Kate Designs. Rosy Morning from Blackbird Designs is Part 9 in the current Loose Feathers series. The next set of Spring Bling Easter Eggs from ScissorTail designs is here. They will feed your need for pastel spring stitching! We have also added gift certificates to our online catalog. You may specify the recipient and the amount in the customer comments area. We will manually change the postage to \$1.00 for gift certificates.

I have been helping out with the framing and I have come up with a list of 10 things your needlework framer wants you to know and practice! Here they are in no particular order:

1. Trim your tails close! If they extend beyond your stitched area, they WILL show! And, do not carry your thread across unstitched areas on the back of your fabric.
2. Wash your hands before you start stitching.
3. Do not always fold your piece the same way when you put it away. The fold lines get soiled and are very hard to remove.
4. Fold your fabric with the right sides inside.
5. While stitching, fold or roll your fabric so you are holding the back side. This also applies to rolling your fabric on a scroll frame.
6. Keep newspapers away from your stitching.
7. Please do not use masking tape on the edges of your projects. Overcast the edges with your sewing machine or serger or use a fray-stopping liquid.
8. Do not use lead pencils to mark your fabric.
9. Be sure to allow enough fabric around the edges to finish your project the way you want.
10. If you have used colorfast floss and fabric, wash your project when finished. Use mild dishwashing liquid, rinse well and roll in a towel.
Place face down on a terry towel and iron on the back.

I hope these tips will help you. I know your framer will thank you if you follow them!

Enjoy the new designs! We appreciate your continued interest and business.

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 12-Mar-14

Hi stitching friends,

Today has given us another blast of winter weather. Blowing, heavy, wet snow closed schools and some businesses today; but not House of Stitches!!

Many were without power and we were without internet service until midday.

It was a pretty snow but we are ready to see green grass and flowers!

We have updated our What's New page at

<http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. There are whimsical charts,

samplers and new pillow kits from Pine Mountain Designs. The 2014

Hummingbird is here from Crossed Wing Collection and Mirabilia has a dramatic new design called Cassiopeia. Take a look at these and all of the others and let us know which ones need to be in your stash!

I hope you are enjoying warm breezes, sunshine and time to stitch! A girl can dream, can't she?

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 27-Feb-14

Hi stitching friends,

Are you ready for more great new projects? February has been a wonderful month for new things. You can see the latest at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. The Nashville Needlework Market provided a delightful array of the latest designs and accessories and some things that we ordered at the show are still arriving. Our latest addition to the What's New page includes the new Loose Feathers chart from Blackbird Designs. We also have a very few of their Limited Edition English Garden Sewing Bag Kit <http://www.houseofstitches.com/detail.cfm?ID=32727>.

(These were mailed to us after the market so they have just made their appearance with the other Nashville items.) The fourth installment of the Country Cottage Needleworks Frosty Forest series has arrived and we have the Little House Needleworks March Calendar Girl. Ronnie Rowe Designs has five black and white cat designs and there are six new charts from JBW Designs.

Just click on the first link above to see all of these and more.

It has been fun to hear from so many of you since we got back from Nashville. (Driving home in the snow was an adventure!) You have made February a much better month for us than January and we appreciate it! We have sold out of a couple of the limited edition kits but we still have many more great projects! I just wish we could send you the time you need to stitch each one that you choose. You are the reason we are still in business and we are thankful for each of you!

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 17-Feb-14

Hi stitching friends,

We have some great new things for you! I spent the last several days shopping for new designs, fabrics, fibers and accessories at the Nashville Needlework Market. A large portion of the new things have already been posted on our website. Due to the large number of items, the most expedient way for you to see them is to go to our catalog:

<http://www.houseofstitches.com/search.cfm> and type in nash14 as the key word. The pictures will be in alphabetical order by title and you can click on each picture for a larger view and more information. So far there are almost 140 new items with more to come after we get home. There are 2 pages so be sure to click on the second page (76-139) when you get to the bottom of the first page.

If you need a breath of spring in your winter weary soul, this should help!

There are many charts with flowers, bees and bunnies in pretty pastel colors. And there are samplers and Christmas designs and special limited edition kits. Shop now! Shop later! Have fun!

We look forward to hearing from you; enjoy planning your next projects.

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 13-Feb-14

Hi stitching friends,

We are heading to the Nashville Needlework Market but we thought you would like to know that new things are already arriving. You can see the latest arrivals at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. The one that speaks volumes about our weather situation is Freezin' Season. The Mill Hill Snowbells are so cute that they make me smile about snow and that is no small accomplishment. Let us know your favorites and we will get them on the way to you! Starting on Saturday you can see the Market things as they are added to the website. Go to our catalog and type in nash14 as the key word. Just remember to keep checking so you do not miss anything! Many of you have told us how stitching is preserving your sanity through the crazy winter weather. So we KNOW you need new projects! Stock up before the next big storm!

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 05-Feb-14

Hi stitching friends,

Here we go again with more winter weather assaulting us! We keep saying that stitching is the only way to cope so we have new projects to help you combat cabin fever and keep you sane. You can see the latest arrivals at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. There are many new designs to brighten your winter weary spirit! A number of them are appropriate for Valentine's Day and some have a winter theme. Little House Needleworks and Country Cottage Needleworks continue their series and Nora Corbett completes her four seasons of faeries with Faerie Winter Dream. Ronnie Rowe Designs had three new ship designs that are taken from pen and ink drawings. If you like punch needle, be sure to see The Night Shift from Three Sheep Studio. These three cute snowmen make winter look like fun! Miles to Go is a new designer with a couple of cute new charts. Sampler lovers will want to see the two new samplers from Ellen Chester of With My Needle. Elizabeth Wood is a reproduction sampler and Of Female Arts is an original design.

Visit our blog, www.houseofstitches.blogspot.com to see the mountain of snow that is outside our front door. It does not block our door so feel free to visit us in person when the weather permits. When you cannot get out, visit us online and we will send your order right to your mailbox! We look forward to hearing from you. Help us make room for all of the things that will be arriving after the Nashville Needlework Market next week! If you see things that you would like on your favorite designers' blogs or websites, let me know so I can be sure to get enough of the things you like.

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 21-Jan-14

Hi stitching friends,

I hope you are ready for some new projects! Our What's New Page has been updated with the latest arrivals:

<http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm> . There are almost 60 new charts, kits and accessories to fill the need for something new to brighten your winter doldrums. If you crave a taste of spring, be sure to see the spring kits from Mill Hill. There are also designs for your Valentine.

Shepherd's Bush has a new leaflet, Valentine Trifles, with three sweet little pincushions that are do-able before February 14. The next three charts in the Letters From Mermaids series by Nora Corbett (G, H and I) have arrived. Blackbird Designs Loose Feathers charts continue with the 7th in the 2013 series, Lizzie Kate's Four Season series is beginning with Spring and Summer and Victoria Sampler continues their Beautiful Finishing series and Christmas Tartlet series. I have only mentioned a few of the new choices available; click on the link above to see all of them. Oh! I almost forgot to mention the new Pudgie Scissors from Kelmscott. They are cute as can be and I think everyone will be able to get their fingers in the large handle openings.

Our weather forecasters are giving us dire predictions for snow and cold for the next couple of days. (Maybe they will be wrong this time!) But, as always, it is perfect stitching weather! Remember, we will be closed if LaPorte County declares a snow emergency. The good news is that you can still shop online! We will send your order just as soon as we can get back to business when the roads are safe for travel. Thank you for your continued interest: your business helps keep us in business!

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 07-Jan-14

Hi, stitching friends!

The deep freeze continues here in northwest Indiana as well as much of the country. It is currently 9 degrees below zero but with the wind chill factored in it feels like 23 degrees below zero! The emergency declaration is supposed to be lifted sometime today so we plan to be open again tomorrow, January 8. We are counting on you to help us make up for the lost days of sales. LOL We have had some extra stitching time (One of our customers called it a "stitching day from God"!) so your stitching supplies are surely in need of serious replenishing! Let us know what you need and we will get it on the way to you or ready for you to pick up. In the meantime; stay warm and stitch on!

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 03-Jan-14

Happy New Year, stitching friends!

I hope you will be able to keep your resolution to stitch more this year. You DID resolve to stitch more, right? I am convinced that if more people stitched there would be more peace on earth!

This is a bit tardy, but we have an updated What's New Page at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm> . The list is shorter than

sometimes but there are many great new designs. Country Cottage Needleworks has started the new series called Frosty Forest and we have the first Calendar Girl-January from Little House Needleworks. We have added fabric Grab Bags, also. They are available with assorted aida fabrics or linen and evenweave. The 25% off sale continues on all of the back issues of the Just CrossStitch Ornament Magazines. The fabric Grab Bags are a good accompaniment to the ornament magazines and they are just plain fun to have in your stash!

Be sure to look at our blog (www.houseofstitches.blogspot.com) to see a photo of my COMPLETED Christmas stockings. I am going to miss working on them when we are traveling in the car. The 18 count over two is nice when the lighting is not ideal and is easier to stitch when bouncing around on Indiana roads.

Let us know which projects you want to add to your list for 2014. We are very grateful for your continued business and friendship and we look forward to supplying you with projects all year long!

Happy stitching,
Linda