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LOVE WEAVES ITSELF FROM HUNDREDS OF THREADS

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AND MORE!

We have always felt the benefits of an abundance of threads, but we never realized quite how many we had until we started placing them on our new website. We are determined to provide you with a new shopping site, where you can easily find and purchase any thread (as well as any canvas, accessory, tool, stitch guide, or class) you might need to make your stitching experience enjoyable. Please bear with us while we add the 1000s of luxurious colors and textures you have grown to love in our brick-and-mortar store. It might take us a bit longer, but it will be worth it!

In addition, even though our walls are groaning and our spinner racks are over-flowing with threads, we went to the most recent market and have added even more new colors in several of our old favorites and have added full lines on others. You can check them out on pages 4-5.

Threads are what we weave every canvas, every stitcher, every designer, every one of us together! No matter what your style or skill level, this colorful life is yours.



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WINTER TRADE SHOW

GREAT EXCITEMENT AT SAN JOSE!



The market was a bit smaller than usual but that suited us just fine since Jill and I could only be away for two days this time. We dragged Baby up and down and around the floor stuffing her with catalogs, price lists, order receipts, cash and carry, and more. We took pictures and ogled all the artwork created by brush to canvas. The visiting was outstanding. We were able to connect with many vendors and also several of our fellow shop owners from Texas, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Kentucky, and more. It is always a special treat to share stories and ideas.

I can't even count the number of times I have been asked over the years "What was the one thing that stood out at market?" This year there was no definitive answer, every booth had something wonderful to offer in thread, accessory, canvas, educational tip, eye-opening idea, or clever suggestion. I left the showroom floor feeling rejuvenated and ready to come home and tackle some of the new items and tasks. When I leave market and want to write a guide for every canvas I see...then THAT is a great market.

NEW CANVASES FROM MARKET

WITH GUIDES COMING SOON



I look for many things when I go to market, inventory items for the shop, possible future home studies, and new canvases for stitch guides...and this market filled the bill.

As I walked the showroom floor and looked at all the new designs, the creative juices started flowing and ideas started evolving. I found lots of canvases this market for classes and for new stitch guides. Several will be revealed in this newsletter and more in future issues.

One of my favorite new canvases was this Royal Stag Pillow from Abigail Cecile, a new artist being distributed by Fleur. While this canvas makes a beautiful stocking, I thought a stitch guide for a pillow on 18 mesh would be fun.

Our special order will come later this spring.

MORE GUIDES FROM MARKET

COMING SOON!



Peacock Collage

by Lani
18m
15" x 15"

The excitement just kept growing when I saw this beautiful peacock collage from Lani.



Bark Eyes

by Charley Harper
18m
16" x 16"

Owls and Charley Harper... the perfect combination.



Broom Rides 25¢

by CanvasWorks
18m
8.75" x 6"

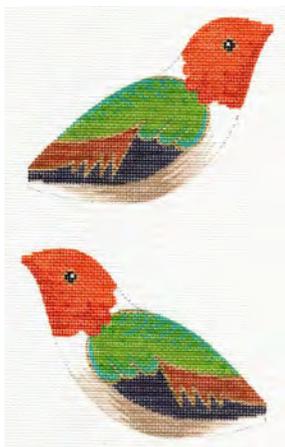
Wonder how much it costs to ride in Santa's sleigh?



Poppy

by J. Malahy
18m
12" x 12"

The most fun will be this poppy by J. Malahy... the stitch possibilities are endless.



Orange Headed Hummingbird

by Labors of Love
18m
3" x 5"

I have a nice collection of the Labors of Love birds, but couldn't resist their new hummingbird.



Rooster Sampler

by Kelly Clark
18m
5.25" x 7.25"

This canvas had me at the artichoke.



Hydrangea Girl

by Love You More
18m
7" x 9"

This girl really stole my heart!

BEAUTIFUL NEW THREADS!

Our walls are already more colorful than a rainbow and more plentiful than crumbs at a sandwich shop. That has never stopped us in the past and didn't at this market either. We have added new colors in several of our old favorites and have added full lines on others.

RAINBOW GALLERY

GLISTEN

A new thread line from Rainbow Gallery is Glisten. There are 26 beautiful colors to start this line. It is a combo of fine Crewel-weight wool and metallic blending filaments. It stitches beautifully using a single strand on #18 mesh. Genius on Rainbow's part to add a hint of glint to wool. I predict this will be very popular, just like the Silk Lamé series.



RAINBOW PERSIAN

There have been 12 colors added to the popular new 100% wool.



CAPRI 18

Four neon colors were added to the Capri 18 line.

NEON RAYS+ and **SOFT SHEEN FYRE WERKS** each added one new color, while **RAINBOW LINEN** added two.



SILK LAMÉ

Silk Lamé added 12 new colors in all three sizes: petite, 18, and 13. They have already arrived!



BEAUTIFUL NEW THREADS!

THREADWORX

We have ordered all colors (9 new colors to bring the total count to 78) of Overdyed Crewel-weight Wool by ThreadworX...we figured if we had wool that glistens we also needed more wool that changes hue.

While we were in the ThreadworX booth we had to add the 6 new colors of Overdyed Stranded Cotton and the Overdyed Metallic #8 Braid (Kreinik) to complete our range.

OVERDYED CREWEL WEIGHT WOOL



OVERDYED STRANDED COTTON



OVERDYED METALLIC #8 BRAID



SILK & IVORY

Silk & Ivory added four new colors: Maize, Lavender, Clematis, and Morning Glory.



KREINIK



Kreinik has one new dark green color in size 8, and four lovely new colors in Micro Chenille.

AND MORE...

In addition to those we've shown, Access Commodities introduced eight new colors in Soie Perlee and Caron Collection introduced 15 new colors. And there is more! Coming Soon... Watch for new colors for Weeks Dye Works Overdyed Cotton Floss, which will be released at the Nashville Market in early March.

NEW PRODUCTS

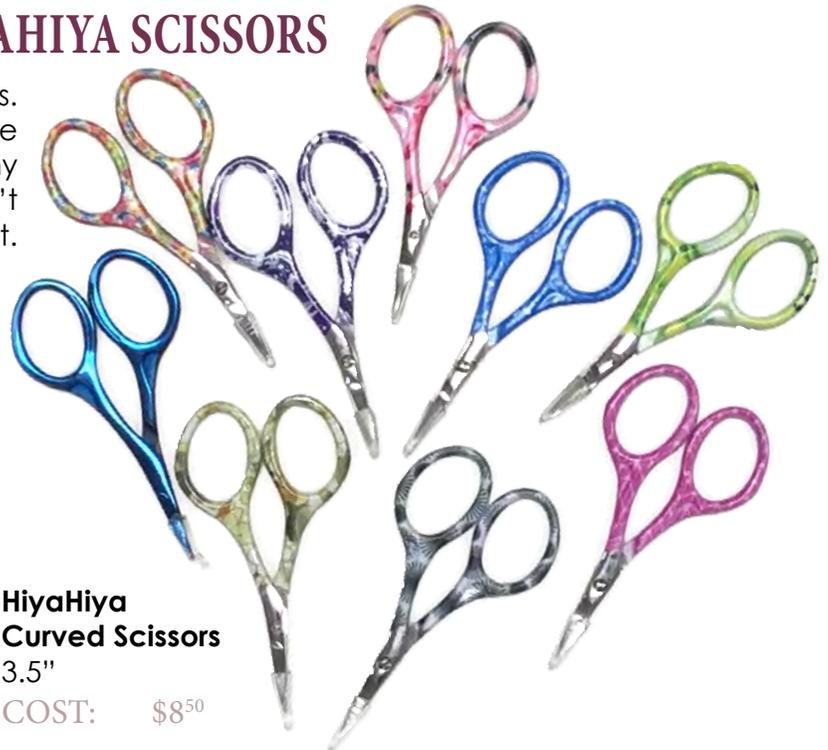
HIYAHIYA SCISSORS

One can NEVER have enough scissors. The last day of the market we spied these great little curve-blade scissors with tiny point protectors. At this price we couldn't resist grabbing all the colors we could get. What a fun thing to treat yourself to, a new colorful pair of scissors to use with a new Winter project.

Available in the following colors:

Top row: floral, purple/white splatter, pink deco, blue & white, green deco

Bottom row: blue metallic, green floral, teal starburst, pink abstract



HiyaHiya Curved Scissors

3.5"

COST: \$8⁵⁰

C.A.K.S. LANYARD

With all the new fun scissors from HiyaHiya, we flipped when we saw there were also new lanyards from Kreinik.

Like the C.A.K.S. Laces, these lanyards honor Charles Austin Kreinik who took his own life at age 28. In the end, Charles was affected by physical pain, alcoholism and depression, but in brighter days he was a gifted person of quirky humor and generous spirit.

Suicide dimmed that light, but Charles' parents, Doug and Myla Kreinik, want others to keep their shining brightly. A portion of the proceeds from C.A.K.S. Laces will benefit a fund designated for suicide prevention, addiction counseling, and grief support programs.

Available in the following colors: Chelsea, Sydney, Miami, Persia, Catalina, Black Watch



C.A.K.S. Lanyards

COST: \$10⁰⁰

NEW PRODUCTS

MAGNETS FROM ACCOUTREMENTS DESIGNS

Multilingual "Stitch"
\$14



Queen Elizabeth
\$20



Kimono
\$14



Heart
\$14

Christmas Bell
\$14



Game of Thrones
\$20

WONDER CLIPS FROM ACCESS

These truly are "wonder" clips. Measuring 1" x 1/4" x 3/8" at the point, these small little clips are curved on the top and flat on the bottom with a narrow point. They have a wide opening and great holding capacity for rolled canvases. Sold in a package of 10 (2 of each color), these are the perfect "tools" for any stitcher.



Wonder Clips
COST: \$7⁰⁰

NEW PRODUCTS

BEADS & SEQUINS

We have some new beads & Sequins from "the collection". The sequins are multi-colored Snowflakes and the new beads all glow-in-the-dark!!! We have 11/0 bead size only (the petite size beads are not available in the glow-in-the-dark) 2700 Silver-lined Crystal, 2701 Silver-lined Blue, 2711 Crystal Bright Blue, 2721 Yellow/Bright Green, 2722 Mint Green/Bright Green, and 2725 Gray/Bright Green. There are also two sizes of Glow-in-the-dark stars, 6 & 12mm.



Glow in the Dark Beads

COST: \$4²⁵

MINI MAGNETS

What a great new idea from Rogue. These small mini magnets are not only the perfect size to hold your needles while working on small canvases, but they can also be used as an embellishment. We used two for our Barista Girl (pages 12 & 15). Available in themed sets, they measure anywhere between 1/8" to 1/4." What an attractive idea!



Mini Magnets

COST: \$ 7⁰⁰ PACKAGE OF 2
 \$10⁵⁰ PACKAGE OF 3
 \$17⁵⁰ PACKAGE OF 5
 \$27⁵⁰ PACKAGE OF 8



Snowflake Sequins

COST: \$4²⁵

MICRO NEEDLE THREADERS

If you haven't tried the micro threader for your small needles, then you are struggling needlessly. We also have new designs of the Mini Needle Minders coming too. So great on small projects.



Micro Needle Threaders

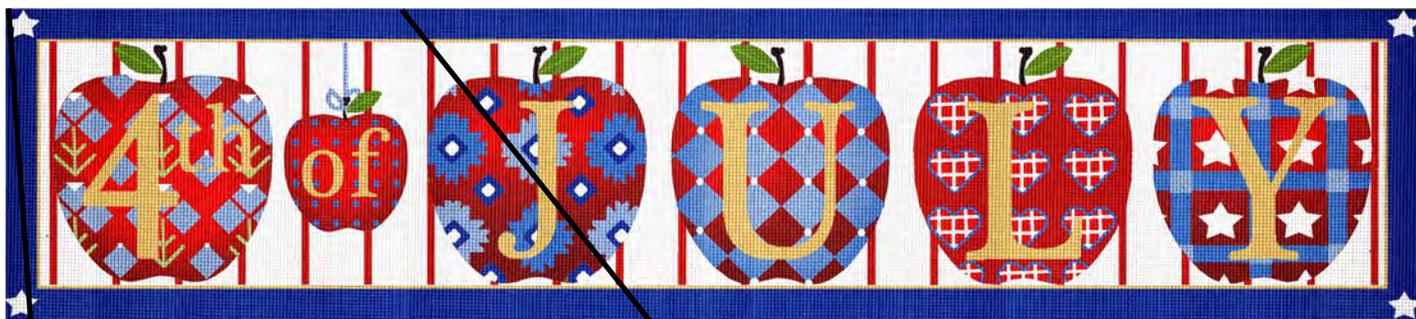
COST: \$8⁵⁰

2017 HOME STUDY

4TH OF JULY BANNER

Melissa Shirley's 4th of July Banner is everything USA. It is not only as American as apple pie, it is also covered in American-styled quilt patterns. The red and white stripes of the background make me think of our flag, "Old Glory", American baseballs, and old fashioned striped baseball uniforms. The stars in the corners on a field of blue are perfect. It is so much fun to design quilt-like stitches during a season when quilts are wrapped around us as we lounge by the fire. My only complaint about the 4th of July Banner is that I am finishing it too quickly, I need to slow down and enjoy every stitch.

Kit #2 of our 4th of July Banner Home Study will be shooting out the door before we know it. It is only February 1 today, but March 1 is next WEEK. I swear that the time is flying faster and faster every month. Kit #1 was the background and border of the design and is the most time consuming part of the kit lineup. Fortunately, it doesn't have to be finished before you start the apples. Kit #2 introduces the Lupine Floral Quilt Pattern on apple "4th" and the Lincoln Log Quilt Pattern on apple "of." Each apple will have a new stitch pattern designed just for that apple...something to sink your teeth into.



4th of July Banner
by Melissa Shirley
18m
22.5" x 5"

Kit #1
Border & Background
Early January
COST: \$331⁷⁵
canvas, guide, & threads

Kit #3
"JU"
Early May
COST: TBA

Kit #2
"4th of"
Early March
COST: \$64⁰⁰

Kit #3
"LY"
Early July
COST: TBA

PICK YOUR POISON

We are adding another Pick Your Poison class for our Fall class line up. Amy is working on a custom guide for each of three new canvases found at the January market, and will pull all of the threads, beads, and found objects needed to finish each one. These classes are slightly larger at 12 to 14 students and you must choose at least one of the canvases being offered for the class.

Lunches and beverages will be included each day of this 3-day class.

PICK YOUR POISON CLASS

October 12th thru 14th, 2017

Deadline for canvas selection July 1st, 2017

Class Fee: \$450⁰⁰ per person
\$100⁰⁰ non-refundable deposit due at sign up

CANVAS CHOICES:

Bergama Upholstery

by CanvasWorks, 18m, 14.5" x 14.5" \$330⁰⁰

Decisions, Decisions

by Sandra Gilmore, 18m, 15" x 15.5" \$286⁰⁰

Moon Gazer

by Brenda Stofft, 18m, 7" x 16.5" \$231⁰⁰

You are welcome to purchase the canvas from your local needlepoint shop but make sure that your canvas is painted



on #18 mesh as in some cases the canvas is available in different sizes. If your canvas is not on #18 mesh, the stitch guide will not suit your canvas. Please let us know in advance if you intend to bring your canvas to class.

Stitch Guides: TBA
Thread Kits: TBA



NEW GUIDES

BY AMY BUNGER



Diane's Farm

by Diane Ulmer Pedersen
18m
32" x 10"

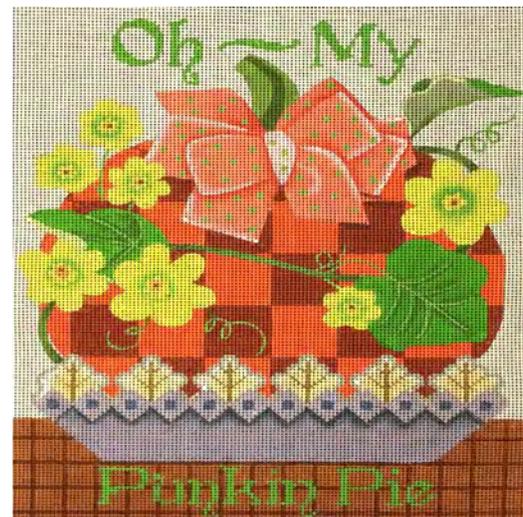
Canvas	\$427 ⁵⁰
Stitch Guide	\$245 ⁰⁰
Thread Kit	\$346 ⁴⁵



Huppe (with or without frame)

by Zecca
18m

with frame (coming soon)		without frame (available now)	
18.5" x 13.75"		14" x 10.25"	
Canvas	\$341 ⁰⁰	Canvas	\$242 ⁰⁰
Stitch Guide	TBA	Stitch Guide	\$122 ⁵⁰
Thread Kit	TBA	Thread Kit	\$189 ⁰⁰



Oh, My! Punkin Pie

by Melissa Shirley
13m
16" x 16"

Canvas	\$211 ⁵⁰
Stitch Guide	\$96 ²⁵
Thread Kit	\$195 ⁰⁰

Bride Trinket Box

by Funda Scully
18m
3.5" R

Canvas w/ hardware	\$97 ⁰⁰
Stitch Guide	\$35 ⁰⁰
Thread Kit	\$61 ⁸⁰



Teal Tanager

by Labors of Love
18m
3.5" x 4"

Canvas	\$68 ⁵⁰
Stitch Guide	\$15 ⁰⁰
Thread Kit	\$40 ⁰⁰

NEW GUIDES COMING SOON



Hagetha Tree Top Witch (2-sided)

by Melissa Shirley

18m

10.5" x 14"

guide by Amy Bunger

Canvas \$266⁵⁰

Stitch Guide TBA

Thread Kit TBA



Red Headed Woodpecker

by Labors of Love

18m

6.25" x 3.25"

Canvas \$68⁵⁰

Stitch Guide TBA

Thread Kit TBA

guide by Amy Bunger



Picnic

by J&J Graphics

18m

12" x 7.5"

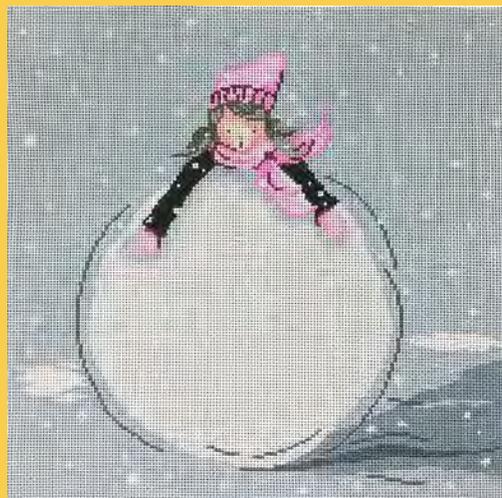
guide by Lori Carter

Canvas \$114⁵⁰

Stitch Guide TBA

Thread Kit TBA

NEW GUIDES BY LORI CARTER



Little Girl Huge Snowball

by Patti Mann

18m

9" x 9.25"

Canvas \$114⁵⁰

Stitch Guide \$ 25⁰⁰

Thread Kit \$ 64⁷⁵



Barista Girl (available w/ or w/o glasses)

by Rogue Designs

18m

3.5" x 5.5"

Canvas w/guide \$ 46⁰⁰

Thread Kit \$ 32⁵⁰

BOOK REVIEW

Like movies, when a really good stitch book or collection comes out it can sometimes be overlooked. I think that it is important to bring two publications, which have been on the market for awhile, to your attention.



BARGELLO SAMPLERS: FUN WITH UPRIGHT STITCHES

Do you love Bargello and Bargello-like stitches as much as I do? This little packet of patterns will blow your mind. There are over 50 different patterns and several projects to work using them. As with all of the Fingerstep stitch packets, there is room to 3-hole punch the pages to build your own stitch library. I have been remiss in not letting you know the depth of this treasure and if you like some of the patterns you see here, you might consider adding this collection to your stitch books.

COST: \$16⁰⁰

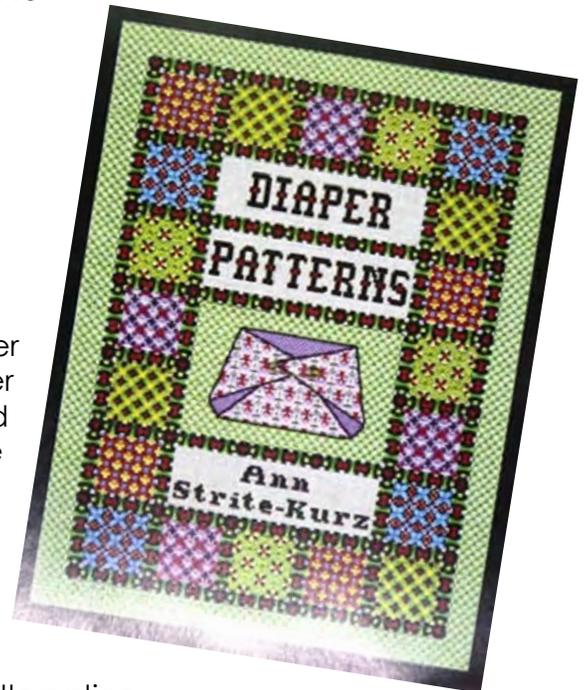
DIAPER PATTERNS

by Ann Strite-Kurz

Although you may not be familiar with the term "Diaper Pattern" you have probably used many of them. Diaper Patterns are stitches that form a repeating structured diamond or square design, which frequently look the same or very similar (sometimes elongated), when turned vertically or horizontally. In Chapter 2 the author shows how the same stitch pattern can change from a Diaper to a stripe or chevron by simply changing the color repeat within a stitch pattern. There are good lessons within the pages on basic pattern networks (page 43 thru page 48 covering checkered squares, alternating diamonds, and alternating rectangles), color comparison (check out the 9 different color options of one stitch on the inside back cover) and developing stitches, but there are also great stitches diagrammed for you to use. One of my favorites is on page 126, Upright Gobelin Hearts with Mirrored Tent Fillers. Although the name isn't very romantic, it is in keeping with the Valentine theme of February. You are all familiar with my love of long stitches and pages 128 & 129 have Elongated Diamonds with Centers of Regular Diamonds...a mouthful, but a beautiful stitch pattern.

131 page Stitch Network Lesson & Diagram Book. This book also includes a DVD full of color images of the embroidery images described in the book with many detailed close-up images.

COST: \$50⁵⁰ LIMITED QUANTITIES



A LIGHT HEARTED CLUB



HOW MANY STITCHERS DOES IT TAKE TO CHANGE A LIGHTBULB?

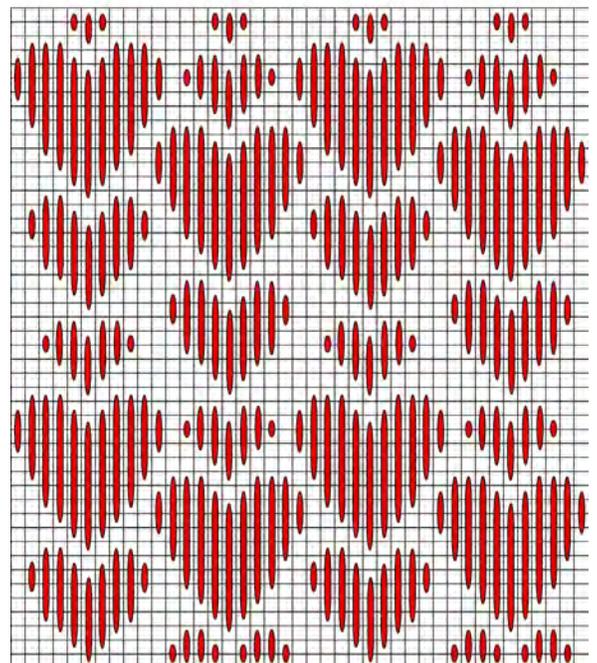
What a bright idea! Stitch your way through Spring with this fun new series. We found these cute ornaments in San Jose from Associated Talents and couldn't resist putting together a club. One a month for 5 months, you'll have them finished by Christmas. More information to follow, but contact us if you're interested. We just know you'll love this club watts and watts!

STITCH OF THE MONTH

RAINING HEARTS

The Winter months in Memphis are more about the rain than the snow. Whether you need rain boots or sporting snowshoes, we wish you a very special Valentine's Day. Enjoy this Raining Hearts Darning Pattern for any large design area on your canvas. We all think of backgrounds when we see Darning Patterns, but this pattern could also be used for the Queen of Heart's gown, the head board of a baby's crib, or turn it sideways to work over the surface of a pond or stream.

Heart Darning

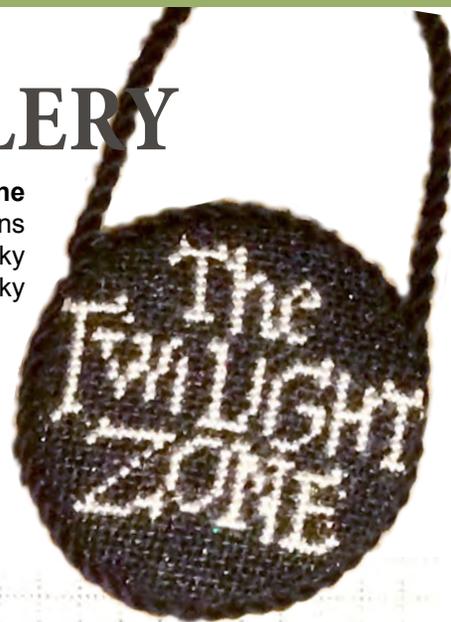


CUSTOMER GALLERY



Sheep Sit
by DC Designs
stitched by Susan Jerit
stitch guide by Amy Bunger

The Twilight Zone
by Rogue Designs
stitched by Jill Wilensky
guidette by Jill Wilensky



Barista Girl
by Rogue Designs
stitched by Jill Wilensky
guide by Lori Carter

This guide uses two of the new mini mags from Rogue Designs as seen on page 8.



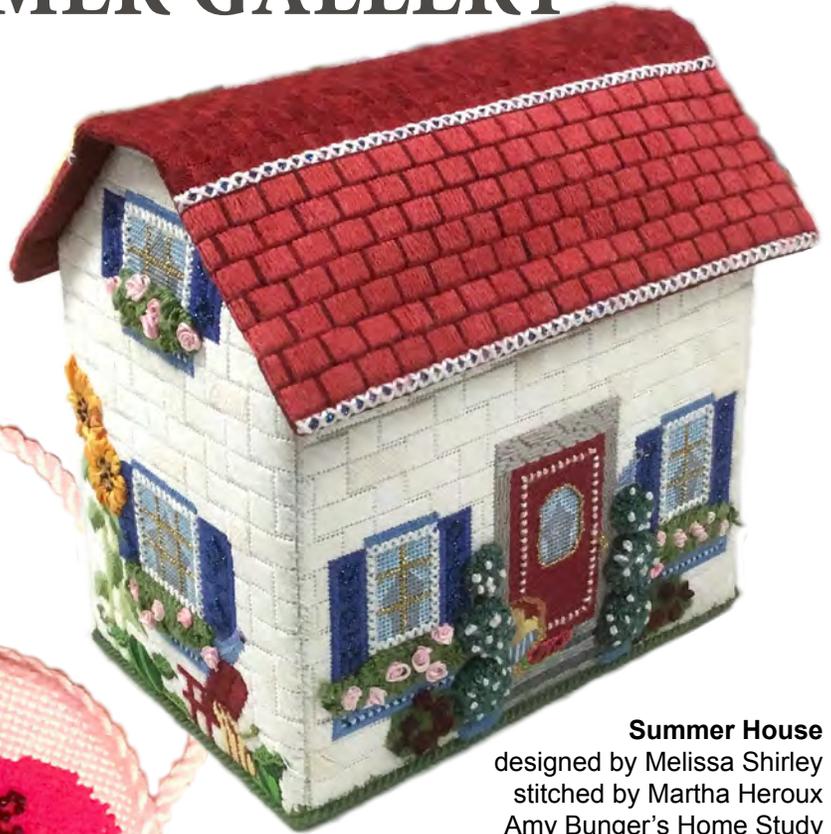
Breaking Bad
by Rogue Designs
stitched by Jill Wilensky
guidette by Jill Wilensky

Jacobean Floral
by Creative Needle
stitched by Kay Tomlin
with stitch suggestions by Amy Bunger

CUSTOMER GALLERY



American Horror Story
by Rogue Designs
stitched by Jill Wilensky
guidette by Jill Wilensky



Summer House
designed by Melissa Shirley
stitched by Martha Heroux
Amy Bunger's Home Study

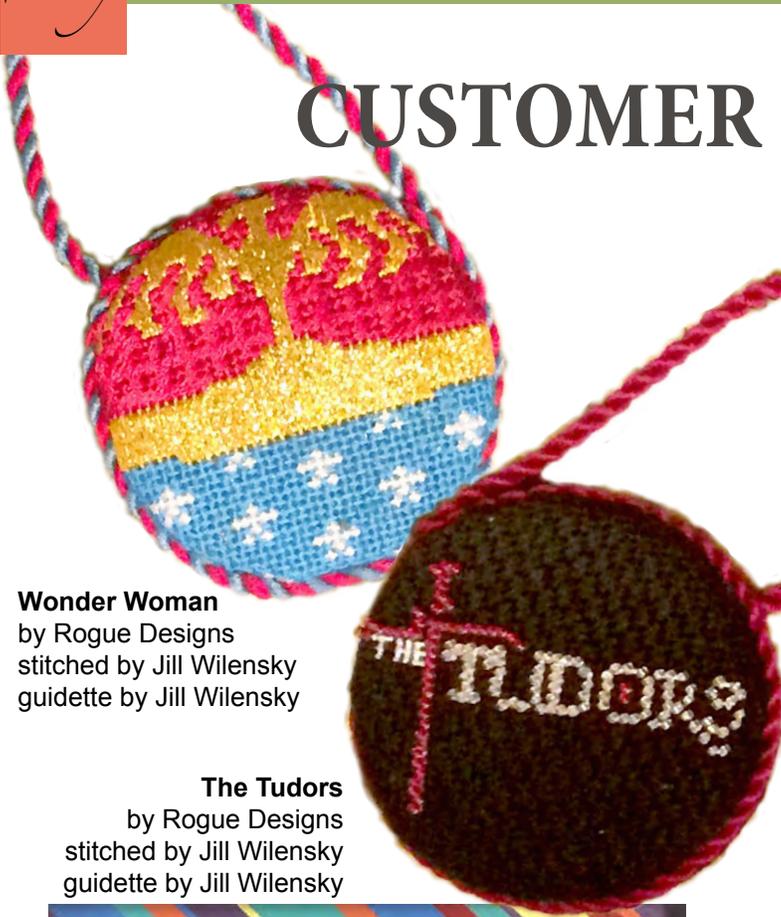


I Love Lucy
by Rogue Designs
stitched by Jill Wilensky
guidette by Jill Wilensky



Pumpkin Parade
by Melissa Shirley
stitched by Angie Staebell
Amy Bunger's Home Study

CUSTOMER GALLERY

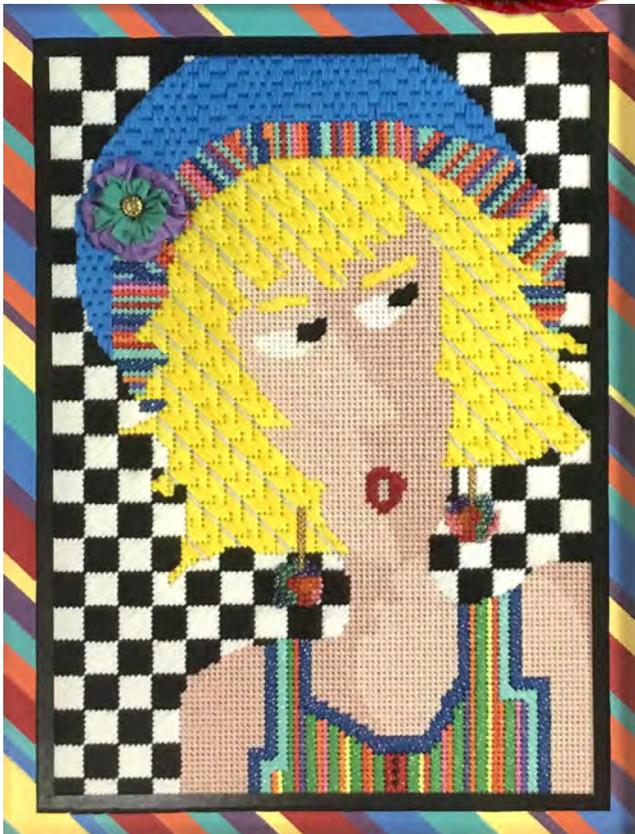


Wonder Woman
by Rogue Designs
stitched by Jill Wilensky
guidette by Jill Wilensky

The Tudors
by Rogue Designs
stitched by Jill Wilensky
guidette by Jill Wilensky



Western Girl
by Leigh Designs
stitched by Kathy Kulesza
stitch suggestions by Amy Bunger



Lookout
designed by Penny MacLeod
stitched by Patricia Wakefield