

Amy's

needlework supplies & classes

JUN/JUL 2019

RED, WHITE, & BLUE SEAS WELCOME SUMMER!

We are kicking off our June with two action-packed classes with Tony Minieri. I will try to grab a few pictures as the classes develop to share on our Facebook page. Not as much fun as being here with Tony in person, but fun to share the journey with our friends. People are coming from far and wide and we are really looking forward to visits with two shop owners from Texas who will be here.

Look through the pages of this newsletter to see how busy we have been developing fun projects for your stitching collections. We are looking forward to seeing the new Home Study Canvas arriving (hopefully) soon from Painted Pony. Our next newsletter will share more information about that. The shop is abuzz with two new Clubs starting (Merry Pinecone & Himmelschmidt Halloween) very soon. Also two new Needlepoint Mosaic Mail Order Classes starting this Summer (June - Aqua Perfume Vanity & July - Asian in Greens).

Posting the lighthouse and patriotic canvases has really put me in the mood for themed stitching and fortunately I have a patriotic canvas in my "to be stitched" stash. What fun it will be to stitch while I admire the bluer sky of Summer. The long days and extended sunshine bring fabulous flowers, luscious vegetables, and more time to stitch in the lazy evenings that melt into deep velvety nights. I hate the extreme heat, but maybe it is there so that we pace ourselves and take time to watch and listen to the seasonal miracles around us.

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NEW HOME STUDY

FALL/WINTER 2019/2020

I have finally found a canvas for the next Home Study Project. If all goes as planned we will get the first canvas of Garden Books by Mary E. Charles from Painted Pony in June or July. I am so excited I can hardly sit still and can't wait for you to see what I am going to work, so we are sharing a photo of the original painting for your sneak peek. The canvas will be approximately 14" x 14". We don't have a price yet, but will advertise that as soon as we know. This design is a little different, not holiday based, but colorful and full of humor and fun. I hope that you are as excited as I am to see what comes from this piece of art.

I guess I better get cranking on that American Flag Needlepoint Mosaic before my next project arrives.



NEW PRODUCT

THREAD SLEEVES & PULLS

Thread Sleeves and Pulls from Edmar Co. are good for storing any pre-cut thread. Each strip of sleeves has two sections; a short section and a long section. Use the hooked pull strap to hold the thread at the folded end to pull it through the long section of the sleeve. Leave cut ends of the thread at one end of the long sleeve section and the folded end at the other, so you can easily grab one individual strand at the folded end and slip it out without disturbing the rest of the strands. The lengths of thread are protected from dirt and snags while stored in the long sleeves. The short section of the sleeve is for a thread tag or label to be inserted so you always know what kind of thread and the color name or number at a glance. The large sheets of thread sleeves can be left flat in a drawer, folded in half or thirds, or rolled into a tube to slip down into a stitching tote or envelope.



Each page of thread sleeves will hold 16 individual threads.

Pages and pulls are sold as a set for \$6.50



HOW DO I DO THAT?

HOW TO OPEN SKEINS OF VARIOUS THREADS

BOUCLÉ

These skeins of thread are dyed after the wound skein of thread has been tied, so there can be (usually is) a difference in color at the knotted area of the thread. If you open a skein of Boucle' incorrectly your thread can become tangled and/or unusable, so take note!



1. First, carefully pull the paper tag apart. It is a band that was slipped through the loop of thread and then the ends were glued together. The front and back of the paper tag will tear apart pretty easily. Save the tag. Slip the one looped end of the thread out of the other end and find the knotted tails of the thread in the loop. Unfold the skein the best you can, but it will stay pretty twisted until you can cut it.

2. With a sharp pair of scissors, cut through the skein of thread close to the knot and hold the skein up by one end of the cut thread and let the rest spin to untwist. Pull the knot away from the thread and trim it off.

3. If you wish to store the thread on the paper tag, refold the tag so both sides of the holes are back together. Fold the pre-cut thread and carefully pass it through the holes of the tag and slip the cut ends of the thread through the folded end of the thread to form a slip knot.

The hole is small and difficult to use for this, so you might consider a permanent storage on a Thread Drop or in a Thread Sleeve. This thread is the perfect candidate for using Thread Sleeves (see Feature Product on page 3). I do NOT recommend storing Boucle' folded or wound into a Floss-a-way Bag or other zippered bag.

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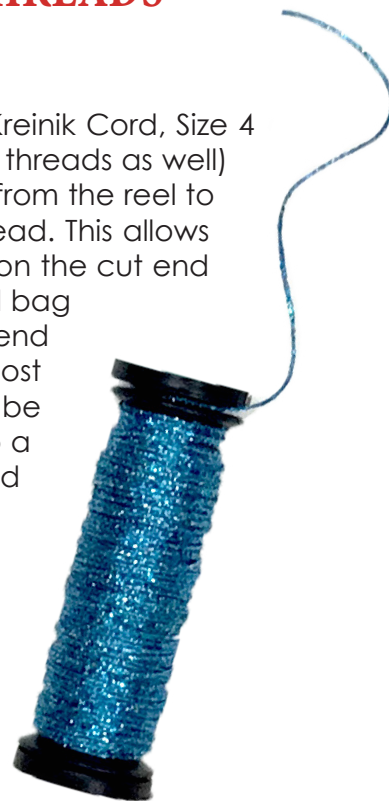
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KREINIK

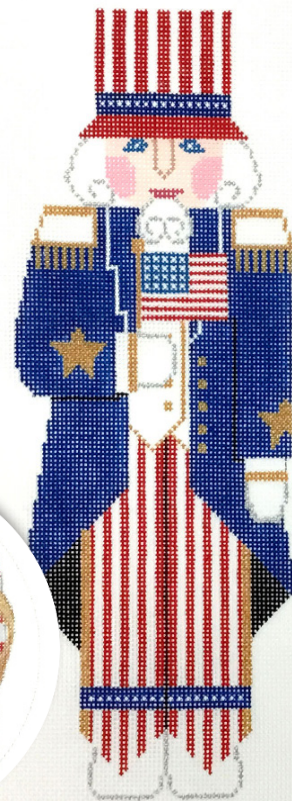
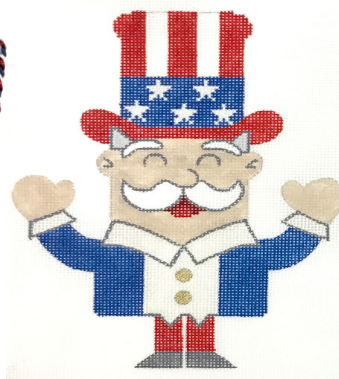
Did you know that many of the Kreinik Reels have a pop-up end? Kreinik Cord, Size 4 Braid, Size 8 Braid, Size 12 Braid, and 1/16" Ribbon (and a few other threads as well) are wound onto plastic reels that have flat ends that will pop away from the reel to release the thread and then pop down again to trap the tail of thread. This allows you to wind off the length you want, then pop the end back down on the cut end of thread to hold it in place and prevent major havoc in your thread bag created by unwound Kreinik. TIP! I have found that even if the flat end pops completely off the reel, it will still pop back onto the reel in most cases. The larger sizes of Kreinik (Size 16 & 32 Braid) are too thick to be trapped by a pop down end tab, so those thread reels have slots to a narrow moat that you can wind the cut end of the thread into to hold in place.

If you are going to be using several lengths of Kreinik in your project and do not wish to keep popping the end up and down, you might consider using a Thread Bowl. We carry small ceramic bowls with a slot in the side that can hold your reel of Kreinik in the bowl and trap the cut end in the slot for fast and easy access.

REEL CUP: 20⁰⁰



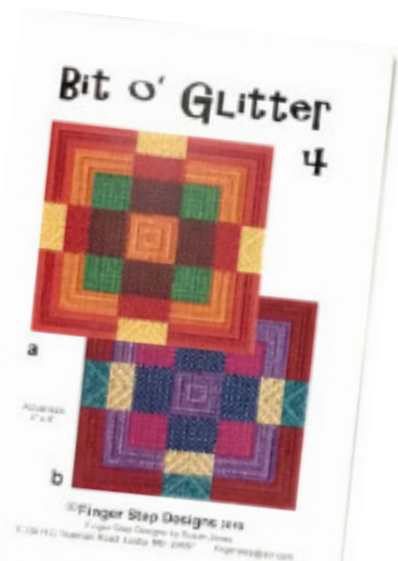
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BOOK REVIEW

BIT O' GLITTER

I have been having so much fun with the new Needlepoint Mosaic Series using shapes of different stitches to create borders and backgrounds, so when I spotted the Bit O' Glitter charts by Finger Step Designs I grabbed them up thinking how much fun for customers to use the ideas in these small (4" x 4" on #18 mesh) quilt-like patterns to create their own Needlepoint Mosaic designs. Using blank canvas and "stash" threads in color schemes that match your home decor these designs can be combined to create frames, larger pillows or pictures...or a set of coasters if worked in the design size suggested. There are 6 designs total in the series, which are made up of various blocks and rectangles in different configurations. Each design is planned in two different color ways to give entirely different looks. As always, the text is clear and the diagrams are excellent and easy to follow.



2019 NEEDLEPOINT MOSAICS



Old Glory

Each of the projects in the Needlepoint Mosaic Series will be broken into 3 (possibly more in future projects) separate kits. The first kit will include the painted canvas, threads, and instructions for working a portion of the project. A month later the second kit of threads and instructions will be sent to work more areas of the canvas and finally on the third month the final kit of threads and instructions will be sent to complete the project. Each project stands alone, so it is your choice to sign up for just one project or sign up for several.

Coming soon Canvasworks Old Glory

I am looking forward to the challenge of maintaining the beautiful antiqued colors and graceful ripples of this design. In our house we love to celebrate Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July and Veteran's Day. I believe working this American Flag design by Dorothy Combs Canvasworks & Traditions will be a perfect addition to our decorating, don't you?

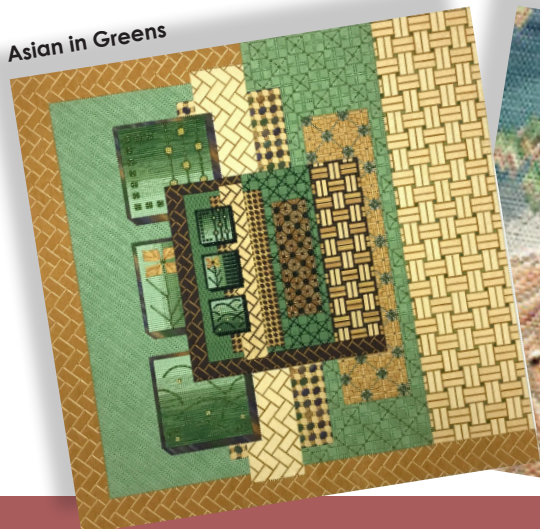
Kit #1 September 1

Kit #2 October 1

Kit #3 November 1



Aqua Perfume Vanity



Asian in Greens



Turtle Bay



Cardinal

2019 NEEDLEPOINT MOSAICS

SCALLOPED PINE

BY CINDY LINDGREN FROM 3 KITTENS NEEDLE ARTS

Next up in our line up of Needlepoint Mosaics is Scalloped Pine by 3 Kittens. 3 Kittens designs have hit the market with huge popularity. The designs are simple with lots of open space (perfect for embellishing with stitches) but complex in artistic nuance and sophistication. I like every canvas in their catalog and ordered many of them at the Orlando Market this year. I have been so lucky to find so many designers who are willing to paint a custom order canvas for me to work with and Julie Mast instantly was on board with the idea.

I have been playing with background areas first and created a chunk that looks a bit like tree bark. The lower left corner and left side are a variation of Vaulting Fans that seemed to offer a bit of a pine needle look. The lower right corner

is a doodle pattern that I developed a while ago and with a few additions and adjustments looked like fun to jazz up the border. That section still has another color to fill in, so it will change appearance as it progresses. The large remaining section in the background will be filled with Hungarian Point evergreen trees and sky. The border is planned but not completed and then I am on to the painted area in the middle of the canvas. All of the Needlepoint Mosaic Canvases have been tons of fun to work and I hope that you have found at least one of them that you could enjoy the learning and working experience. If not, we still have one more Needlepoint Mosaic project in the wings that might be just what you want.



NEW PRODUCTS

SHARK WEEK 2019

BY ROGUE

Rogue Needlepoint has been designing Shark Week ornaments since 2016. This year she used the shark tooth in her design for the I Love Shark Week theme. If you're a fan of this Discovery channel annual event, you'll love Rogue's custom Shark Week ornaments.



DID YOU KNOW?

As a thank you for your order, every shipment, from Amy's Golden Strand receives a diagram of a decorative needlepoint stitch. The stitches change every month. Start your own little stitch booklet by saving your mail-order stitches..

NEEDLE SLIDES

Needle Slides are just the thing to store your needles and pins. Each tin is colorfully decorated and contains a powerful magnet to hold your pins securely in place. The tin top easily slides on and off and securely locks to protect your contents. A cute accessory and gift.

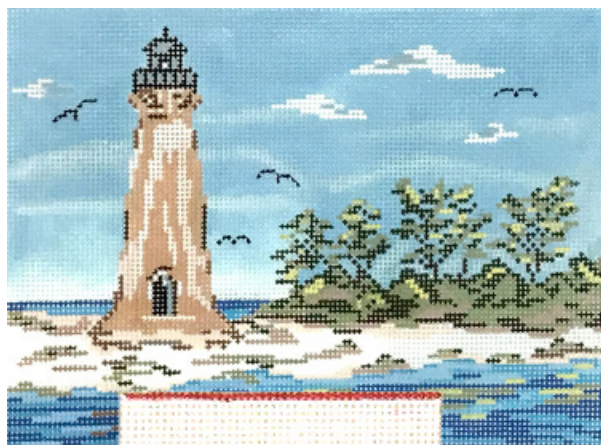
COST: 8⁰⁰



LIGHTHOUSES



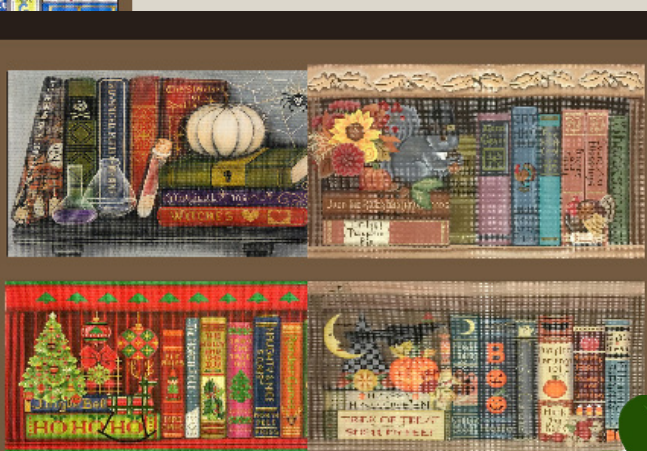
What other perfect way to celebrate the summer than with beach travel to some of your favorite lighthouses.



2019 LIBRARY CLASS

Meeting at the library seems to be a tradition here at the shop. I don't remember ever teaching any classes where we all had more fun than at the Amy's Golden Strand library. Once again we will offer a class filled with bookshelves and book nooks displaying books, curiosities, trophies, artwork, and more. As in years past, we have added a few new bookshelf guides to the choices. This year's new additions include: Alice Peterson's Golf Book Nook and Halloween Bookshelf (I didn't get finished last year), Melissa Shirley's 'Thanksgiving Books' Bookshelf, Rogue Design's 'Austin Shelf', and Melissa Shirley's new 'Halloween Books' Bookshelf. Check out all the choices and join us at the library for a group study on your chosen project and make new stitching friends.

Author	Title
Amy Bunger	LIBRARY CLASS
Date Due	Borrower's Name
Alice Peterson	The Classics
Melissa Shirley	Scary Books
Melissa Shirley	Beach Books
Alice Peterson	Cookbooks
Alice Peterson	Library Books
Alice Peterson	Children's "Classics" Books
Alice Peterson	Halloween books
Melissa Shirley	Septa's Books
Alice Peterson	Golfing Book Nook
Melissa Shirley	Thanksgiving books
Rogue Design	Austen's Library
Melissa Shirley	Halloween Books
Susan Roberts	Library Books
Patti Mann	Girl with Books



Class Fee: \$450⁰⁰ per person (includes daily lunch)
Canvases, stitch guides, and threads TBA

\$100⁰⁰ non-refundable deposit due at sign up



NEW GUIDES AVAILABLE

BY AMY BUNGER



Happy Harlequin Birdhouse

by Kelly Clark
18m
4.25" x 7.25"

Canvas	\$76 ⁵⁰
Stitch Guide	\$52 ⁵⁰
Thread Kit	\$60 ⁷⁵



Chickadee House

by Cindy Lindgren
from 3K Designs
18m
8.5" x 11"

Canvas	\$110 ⁰⁰
Stitch Guide	\$ 70 ⁰⁰
Thread Kit	\$ 92 ⁰⁰



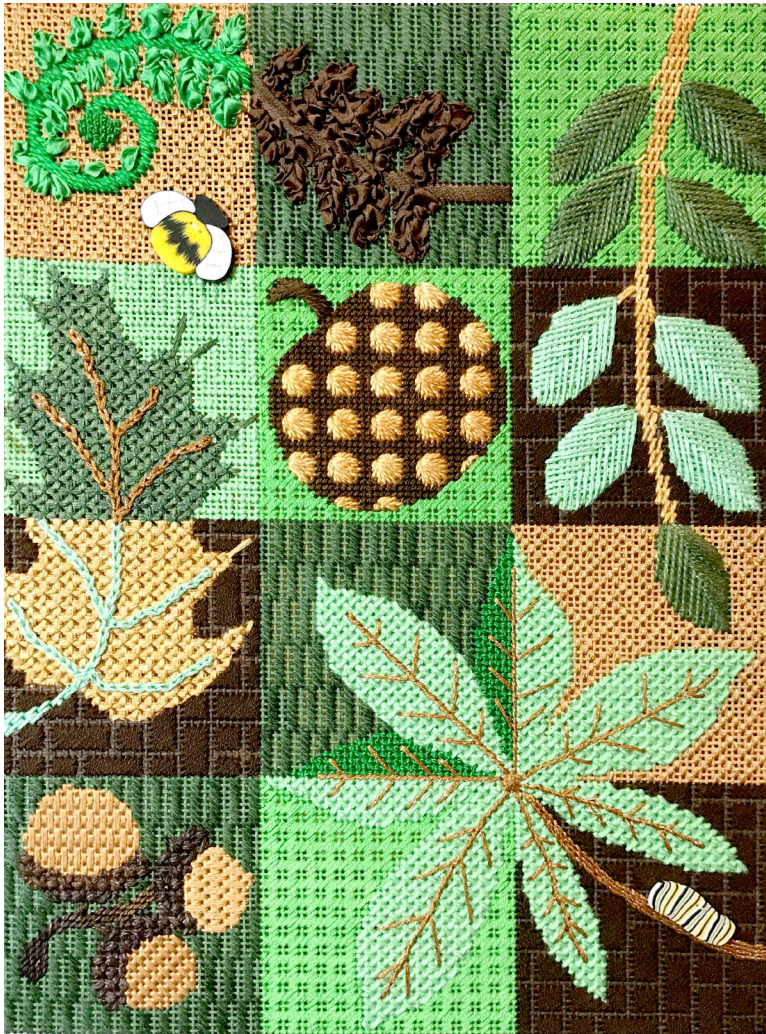
Christmas Row Houses

by Melissa Shirley
18m
17" x 9"

Canvas	\$288 ⁵⁰
Stitch Guide	\$175 ⁰⁰
Thread Kit	\$226 ¹⁵

NEW GUIDES AVAILABLE

BY LORI CARTER



Botanical Blocks

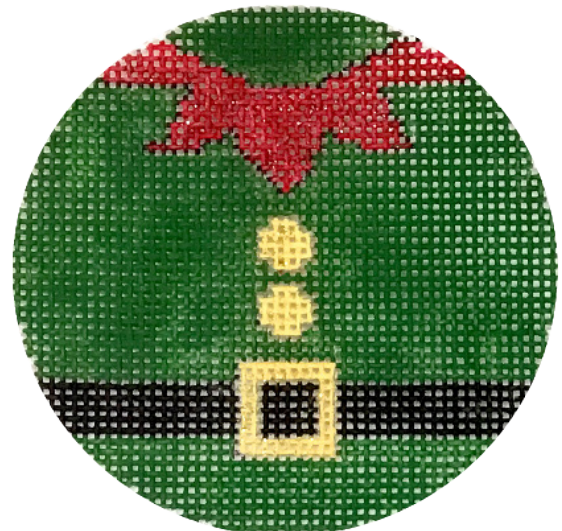
by Diane Ulmer Pederson
from Painted Piny

13m
9" x 12.5"

Canvas	\$165 ⁰⁰
Stitch Guide	\$ 60 ⁰⁰
Thread Kit	\$112 ⁰⁰

Elf Suit
by Alice Peterson
13m
3.75" R

Canvas	\$48 ⁵⁰
Stitch Guide	\$25 ⁰⁰
Thread Kit	\$26 ⁰⁰



PINECONE CLUB

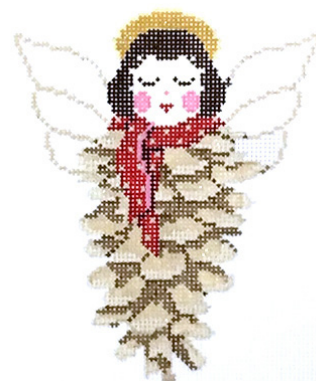
The first offering of our newest club, the Pinecone Quartet, is the Nutcracker. The picture doesn't do him justice. His gold crown and beautiful blue Pinecone scales make him quite regal. Shipping will kick off mid-July and then monthly for the 18m Santa, Snowman, and Angel (August - September). Sign-ups can be done via our website or call the shop (901-458-6109). Don't miss out on these unusual and festive keepsakes for your family.

Nutcracker 2.5" x 5" / Santa 2.5" x 4.75" / Snowman 2.25" x 5" / Angel 4" x 5"

Canvas: \$46.00 each

Stitch Guides: \$25.00

Thread Kits: TBD



HAMMERSCHMIDT HALLOWEEN

These adorable Halloween ornaments by Hammerschmidt from CBK will be one of our next clubs. Lori Carter is creating a fun series for us with these charming canvases. Set to begin mid-July, each canvas will come with a stitch guide and threads (one per month). Sign up on the website or call the shop.

Canvases: \$48.50

Stitch Guides: \$25.00

Thread Kits:

Scarecrow: \$52.00

Witch: TBD

Devil: TBD



CUSTOMER GALLERY



Cardinal Wreath
by Melissa Prince
stitched by Barb Alden
stitch guide by Amy Bunger



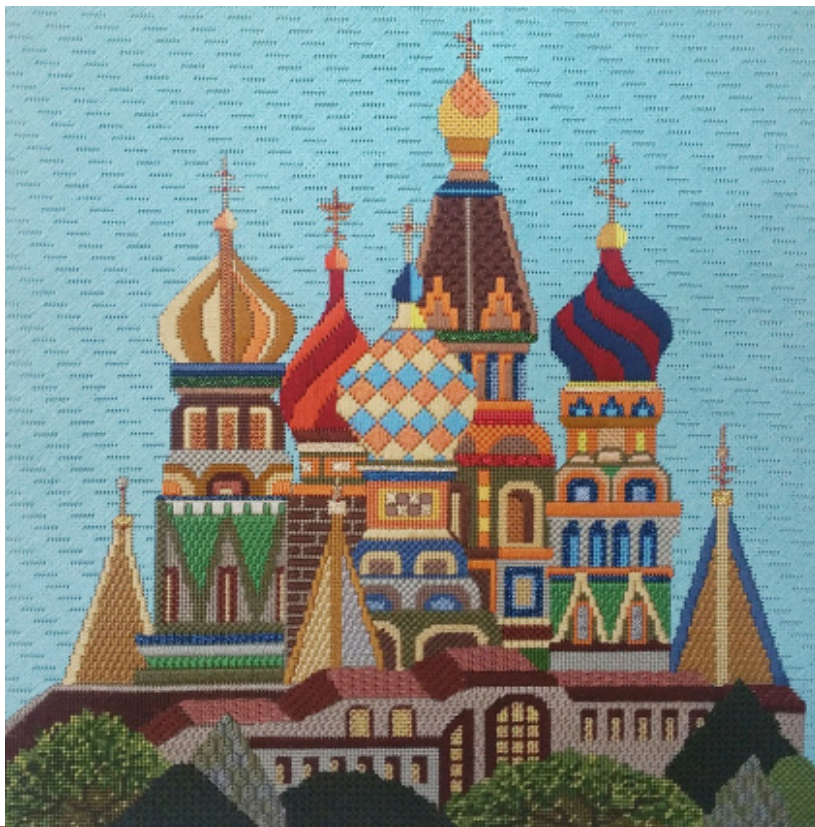
Santa Imitator Holding Ornament
Santa Imitator Holding Ornament
by Raymond Crawford
stitched by Debra Steaffans



3 Snowy Owls
by Vicki Sawyer
from Melissa Shirley
stitched by Jeanne Kunzman
stitch guide by Carolyn Hedge Baird
with some changes

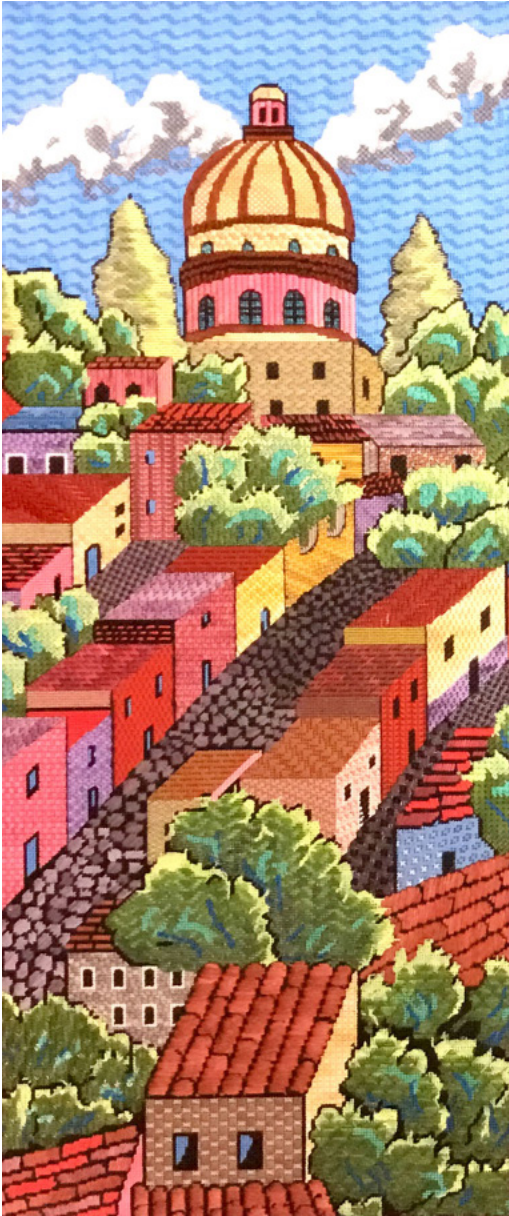
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Seashell Compote
by Melissa Shirley
stitched by Jeanne
Kunzman
stitch guide by Amy Bunger

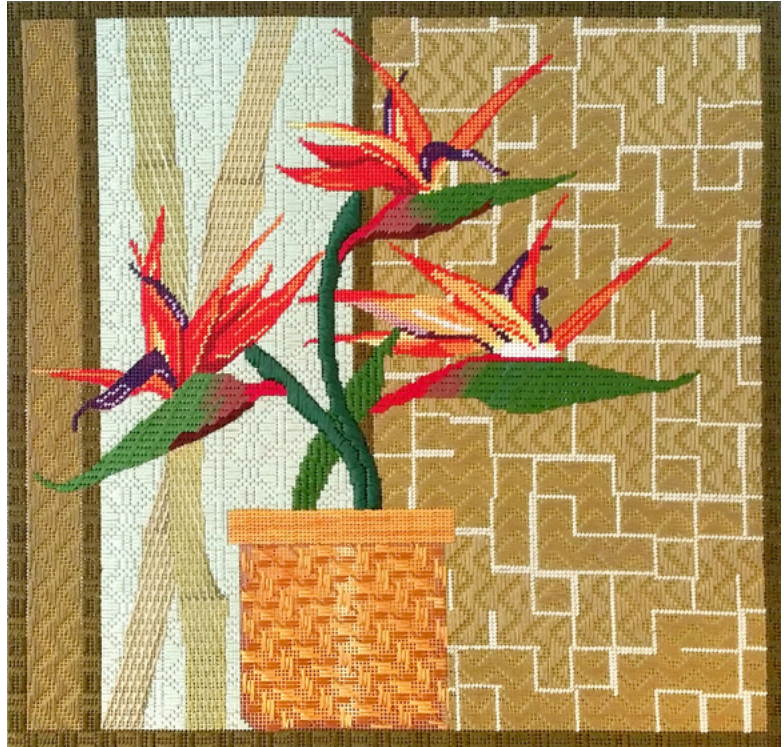


St. Basil Cathedral
by Peter Ashe
stitched by Joni Beetem
stitch guide by Amy Bunger
with some special adaptations of stitches and
colors

CUSTOMER GALLERY



My Way Home
by Purple Palm
stitched by Stephanie Cheney
stitch guide by Amy Bunger



Bird of Paradise
by Melissa Shirley
stitched by Joni Beetem
stitch guide by Amy Bunger



Girlfriends
by Maggie
stitched by Kathy Brewer
stitch guide by Amy Bunger