As we begin the New Year, we think about our past year and look forward to the year to come. Stitching has to be part of our coming year. What projects do we want to accomplish this year? What would we like to give as gifts this year? What do we want to stitch just for fun? Come in and let us help you with all these ideas. We are a “one stop shop”. If we have the chart, we have all the supplies to stitch the project. Our weather will be changing to rainy and damp. What better time to wrap up in a stitchers quilt and “run a needle”.

Have you signed up for the “new” 2015 classes? **Sampler** class begins Thursday, January 8, 2015 from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM. This class meets once a month for twelve months. At the end of the year your project should be finished. **Hardanger** class meets twice a month from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM. The six month class starts in January on Tuesday the 13th and 27th. **Fiber Club**, which uses every fiber imaginable, is on Tuesdays night from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM for twelve months. The project this year will be an afghan featuring a Texas theme. If we can help you in any way, please ask. *We are always here for you.* All you have to do is call.

We will be open **Sunday, February 1** from 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM. Come in draw a football for your discount. **SUPER BOWL SUNDAY**

**Saturday, April 4 – 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM – 20th Anniversary**
Check [www.3stitches.com](http://www.3stitches.com) for details as time approaches.

If you are from out of town or have friends who are from out of town and want to come by the shop after hours, just call for an appointment.

**Tuesday-Saturday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm**
**Late Night Tuesday ‘til 7:00 pm**
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Curried Chicken and Peach Salad

1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts
1 ½ teaspoons curry powder
½ teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons rice vinegar or cider vinegar
1 tablespoon low-sodium tamari or soy sauce
¼ cup canola oil
1 teaspoon toasted sesame oil
½ teaspoon honey
1 teaspoon grated fresh ginger
1 clove garlic, pressed or minced
8 ounces romaine, chopped or torn into bite-size pieces (4 ½ cups)
2 ounces (2 cups) mixed field greens
2 tablespoons fresh cilantro leaves
2 ripe peaches, pitted and thinly
¼ cup sliced almonds

Prep time: 15 minutes  Cook time: 10 minutes

Directions:  Heat a grill, broiler, or grill pan to medium.  Season the chicken all over with the curry powder and salt.  Coat the breasts with cooking spray, and then grill, broil, or sear them until browned on both sides and the juices run clear (165F) for 5 to 6 minutes per side.

Meanwhile, pour the vinegar and tamari into a large bowl that will hold the chicken.  Slowly whisk in the canola oil and sesame oil until the dressing is blended and thickened.  Whisk in the honey, ginger, and garlic.

Immediately transfer the hot chicken to the bowl and toss it in the dressing until coated.  Let the meat cool for 5 minutes.  Remove it to a cutting board, slice it on a slight diagonal, and return the pieces to the bowl.  Toss them in the dressing and remove the coated chicken to a plate.
Add the romaine, greens, and cilantro to the bowl with the dressing and toss to coat. Remove the salad to a platter or plates. Arrange the sliced chicken over the top, and garnish with the sliced peaches and almonds.

**Easy Fruit Pizza**

1 roll (16.5 oz. Pillsbury refrigerated sugar cookies
1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
1/3 cup sugar
½ teaspoon vanilla
2 kiwi fruit, peeled, halved lengthwise and sliced
1 cup halved or quartered fresh strawberries
1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries
½ cup apple jelly

Heat oven to 350 F. Spray 12-inch pizza pan with cooking spray. In pan, break up cookie dough; press dough evenly in bottom of pan to form crust. Bake 16 to 20 minutes or until golden brown. Cool completely, about 30 minutes.

In small bowl, beat cream cheese, sugar and vanilla with electric mixer on medium speed until fluffy. Spread mixture over cooled crust. Arrange fruit over cream cheese. Stir jelly until smooth; spoon or brush over fruit. Refrigerate until chilled, at least 1 hour. To serve, cut into wedges or squares. Cover and refrigerate any remaining pizza.

*Remember we are here to help you. All you have to do is ask.*
KNOWLEDGE!

Knowledge means easy of stitching.

The more you know the easier it is to do the job. There is always something to learn in the needlework world. Come to class and not only meet others who enjoy the same hobby but also have fun while learning. There are always new tips to learn. In class, students ask questions to get answers. All of us learn together. I personally have learned so much from students who attended class and will always remember the fellowship.

Classes must be paid at the time of reservation. If you need to cancel a class, we must be notified 48 hours prior to the date to receive store credit. Should you need a private class, call for an appointment. Private classes are priced according to supplies and length. If you have a question, just ask.

Sampler Club!
Thursday, January 8, February 12, and March 12, 2015
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM ($30)

This class teaches numerous single stitches including some surface stitches. The model is stitched on 30 Ct. fine Linen with various silk threads and a little cotton included for effect. The class will meet once a month and at the end of the year your project should be finished. Your head will overflow with knowledge. Join us for an evening once a month.
Hardanger!
Tuesday, January 13 & 27, February 10 & 24, and March 10 & 24
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM ($235)

The Hardanger class meets twice a month for six months. The project will be stitched on French Bisque Legacy Linen. If you have been to several Hardanger classes in the past and have learned almost everything, well this class will offer one more different technique for cutting Hardanger.

Fiber Club!
Tuesday, January 20
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM ($100 down)

This will be a one of a kind TEXAS afghan. Even if you aren’t from Texas you will enjoy the quite scene that this piece shows. It gives a calm feeling of a great place. Limited space and supplies are available. Sign up NOW! This is a picture of a Texas scene. NOT a picture of the afghan. We are not trying to confuse you only to make you feel calm and ready to stitch. We will be teaching how to change threads as well as proper techniques for stitching this piece.

Remember there is always something new to learn!
Come to our home to stitch!
Happy New Year

Thursday, January 1, 2015

New! New! New!

“New” items arrive on a daily basis. Remember we are a retail shop. We are here for you to walk in and purchase the supplies you need. Yes, sometimes we are out of stock on some items and are waiting for others we have ordered to arrive, but we try to stock everything you might possibility need. There is always “new” stuff. The personnel here are stitchers, dedicated stitchers. They are very knowledgeable on how to “run a needle”. Why, because they love to stitch. They want you to have the things you need to stitch with. No one in the stitching world wants to do without what they “need”. The holidays are over and we are down to serious stitching again. Not that anyone gave it up for too long. That might never happen. It won’t be long before you start thinking about those vacations you will be taking and the projects you will need to take along. Come get your supplies ready by seeing that you have everything and that we have time to order any additional thing that you will need. Take the right size scissors (small) on the airplane and there will be no problems. You can always stitch while you are sitting around visiting with people.

3 Stitches is a “one stop shop”. We not only know where to get the project but also how to do the project. We have a website, www.3stitches.com or you can always email us at 3stitches@3stitches.com with questions. You come up with the question and we will come up with the answer.
My Big Toe has a chart with the following words – Remember as far as anyone knows we are a nice, normal family. The chart was stitched on 32 Ct. Antique White Jobelan but as all of your experienced stitchers know, it could be stitched on any of the numerous fabrics that don’t like the fabric the designer change it for you. We are always project just for you. Her “How Great Thou Art” charts wants you to keep singing the song long after you have read the verse. Debbie is a talented designer of religious charts.

With thy Needle & Thread – Country Stitches has released another chart entitled “Heap On the Wood”. Start the project now and you will be ready for next Christmas. The model was stitched on 32 Ct. Beige Linen from Weeks Dye Works using Weeks Dye Works floss, The Gentle Art floss, Classic Colorworks floss, and even some DMC floss to complete the project. Brenda Gervais, the designer, recommends using size 24 or 26 tapestry needle. We haven’t seen that suggestion since Eileen Bennett, a sampler designer, used it to judge needlework.

Heart In Hand has started a new “Joyful Journal” of small charts that charts would make a together in a lap throw perhaps. There is so these charts – change – change – change and how? Well come and let us show you how. Remember we are experienced stitchers.
Amy Bruecken Designs has “Fridge Art” for the year. The first set has been released consisting of 4 Halloween, 2 Snowmen, and 1 Saying. The next set was released in October and the third set was released in December with 2 Snowmen and 2 Heart pieces. The magnets and included with each chart. All you have to do is stitch the piece, wrap it around the magnetic, and you are finished. How easy can anything be?

Little House Needleworks started a “new” series of sampler styled ornaments. This series started in December and will extend through 2015. Most of the threads used in the ornaments will be repeated off and on throughout the series. 32 Ct. Winter Brew Linen from R & R was used for the first four ornaments. The first one is entitled “The Sampler Tree”. The January release will be “Oh Christmas Tree”.

Dames of the Needle is dying more pom poms, more rick rack, more lace, and more and more. What color do you need? What color do you want? We carry the entire line. All you have to do is ask.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

3 XXX Rated Stitchers
First Thursday Evening each month
February 5 and March 5, 2015
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

We will not be meeting in January because it is New Year’s Day. The 3 XXX Rated Stitchers group meet on the first Thursday evening of the month. What a way to rest after a long day. Whether it is after work or after a long day at home with Tuesday-Saturday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm Late Night Tuesday ‘til 7:00 pm
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your duties, you will enjoy the evening. There is no charge to attend this event. One lady calls it “free stitching night” in fact. It is a great opportunity to sit with others and stitch and get those questions answered. The shop is always open during this time.

**3 Stitches Gathering**

January 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2015  
10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Wednesday morning is *stitching time* from 10:00 AM - Noon. Visit with friends and meet new people. Enjoy the morning by starting the day off right. What a great place to stitch - good lighting and share stitching with others who enjoy your interest.

**Internet Group!**

Saturday, January 10, February 14, and March 14, 2015  
12:30 PM to 4:45 PM

We would like to invite you to join us on the 2nd Saturday of every month! Become a member of the Internet Group. You are missing out on a Saturday afternoon, once a month, of fellowship with other stitchers. Not to mention that you could have more of those projects finished if you were here. Bring your project and come and stitch with us. What a perfect way to spend a Saturday afternoon. If you don’t have a project, remember we can help you out.

*“The only place where housework comes before needlework is in the dictionary.”*  
Thank you for your patronage.
Crowned Heart – A Tiny Gift Sampler

**Embroidery Pattern**

**Stitch Count:** 63 x 31

- **Thread:** DMC

**Start threads at:**
- Count 3, 2, 1, or 0

**Symbol Key:**

- **A:** Red
- **B:** Green
- **C:** Yellow
- **D:** Blue

**Instructions:**

1. **Embroidery:** Cross stitch over two linear threads.
2. **Cross stitch:** Cross stitch over two linear threads.

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For more information, including a color chart and finishing instructions, please visit www.blueribondeigns.com.

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