Now that the holidays are behind us, it is time to start planning “new” projects for the “new” year. Our professional staff will be happy to help you find the project just for you. We can even change colors if you prefer. You provide the question and we provide the answer. It is fun working and planning projects.

We wish all of you a very happy beginning to a new year. Yes, it is 2020! A good even number to remember. Don’t laugh there are numerous people who look at their phones to tell the time and date.

Open – Tuesday, December 31 – 10:00 – 5:00 (closing early)
Closed – January 1, 2020
Open – January 2, 3 & 4 – 10:00 – 5:00 (regular hours)

“We Keep You In Stitches”
Mexican Chicken Soup

1 green onion, chopped
1 green pepper, chopped
1 T. vegetable oil Saute on medium heat in large pot until onions are clear.

Then add:
2 (15 oz.) cans chicken broth
1 (15 oz.) can diced tomatoes (or stewed)
1 (15 oz.) can kidney beans rinsed and drained
1 (15 oz.) can black beans rinsed and drained
1 cup frozen corn
1 t. pepper
1 t. salt
½ t. ground cumin
3 cups chopped, cooked chicken

Simmer for 15 minutes. Remove from heat and add 2 T. chopped fresh cilantro and 2 T. fresh lime juice. Garnish with favorites like tortilla chips, cheese, sour cream and cilantro.

Chocolate Chip Pumpkin Bread

3 cups all purpose flour
3 cups white sugar
2 teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon kosher salt
2 cups canned pumpkin
1 cup vegetable oil
4 eggs
2/3 cup water
1 teaspoon ground cloves
1 teaspoon allspice

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½ teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
½ bag semi-sweet chocolate chips
white icing (optional)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
In a large bowl combine flour, sugar, baking soda, baking powder and salt. Set aside.
In a mixer combine the pumpkin, oil, eggs, water and spices on medium speed. Slowly
Add the dry ingredients and mix on low until everything is just combined. Lastly, add
the chocolate chips and fold in with a spatula.
Transfer batter to 2 oiled loaf pans. Top with extra chocolate chips if desired and bake
for 60 minutes until a knife is inserted in the middle and comes out clean. Cool in pan
for 30 minutes before removing and slicing.
Drizzle icing over cooled bread (optional).

Stitching Tip: Where to start stitching. Some designers suggest finding the center of fabric and starting there.
However, over time it has been suggested that the best way to stitch is to find the center and count up to the top. This way
you will be coming up in a new whole with your stitch and all your stitches will lay even down the piece. It is also a sure
way to find out that you have enough fabric to stitch your piece. You will never be caught running out of fabric.
If you are right handed start stitching on objects that are on the right side of your fabric. If you are left handed do the reverse. The reason being is
that your other hand is holding your fabric whether it be a hoop, Q Snap or stitching in hand.

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

Knowledge means ease of stitching.

Stitchers come in all different sizes and shapes and knowledge comes in all different levels. The more you know, the know you know what you don’t know. Yes, from beginners to advanced heirloom stitchers there is always something more to learn. Classes allow you to meet people with the same interest. It opens up a whole new world of needlework. Come join one or all three of the “new” year long classes - Fiber Club, Hardanger, or Sampler. These classes will meet once a month for a year. There are afternoon classes 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm and night classes 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. We have done our best to make it available for everyone this year. Remember the more you know the easier it is to do the work. There are also individual classes which only last 2 hours which you might enjoy.

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 Class!**
Thursday, January 9, February 13, and March 12, 2020
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

This class has various different embroidery stitches that have been used in antique samplers as well as other embroidery work. We will be learning as many stitches as possible. The model was stitched on 30 Ct. Pecan Shortbread Legacy Linen cut 11 x 11

**Tales From The Teacher**

Tuesday-Saturday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Late Night Tuesday ‘til 7:00 pm

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for one design. There will be four different charts in this class and the project will be finished as a box. We will be teaching a class on how to finish the box in the last months of class.

**Hardanger!**

**Tuesday, January 14 & 28, February 4 & 18, March 10 & 24**

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM **OR**

**Thursday, January 16, February 6, March 26**

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

This autumn hardanger piece is stitched on a 21 x 27 piece on 25 Ct. White Dublin. We will be learning Kloster Blocks, Dove’s Eye, Brick Stitch, Algerian Eyelet, Double Running Stitch, Satin Stitch, Woven Bars, and even some cutting tips along with many more items. We will be meeting twice a month and at the end of the year your project should be completed. (Provided you did your homework! Smile)

**Fiber Club!**

**Tuesday, January 21, February 11, and March 17**

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM **OR**

**Thursday, January 23, February 20, and March 19**

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

There is an afternoon class and an evening Fiber Club class. If you can’t come to class, remember when the class is complete you can order the class kit. Details of this class will be given in our next newsletter and on our website as soon as information is available.

**Basic Class!**

**Saturday, January 25**

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM ($19.00)
Want to get off to the right start? Here is your chance to learn from the professional. Build a solid base for your needlework world. Even if you have been stitching for years there is always something new to learn. The more we know the more we want to know.

**Basic Linen and More!**
Saturday, February 15
9:00 AM – 11:00 PM ($24.00)

Now you know how to cross stitch? Perhaps you started on cotton fabric and want to know how to stitch on linen? Here is your chance to learn all the secrets, well maybe not all, but some of the secrets. The more you stitch, the more you learn. There is always something to learn in every class. The more classes you attend, the more you know. In this class you will be learning the proper way to start and finish your threads. The difference between fabrics and counts of fabric. Join us for a good morning of learning.

Additional classes will be offered through the months. Check our website at [www.3stitches.com](http://www.3stitches.com) for details.

*Remember there is always something new to learn!*
Come to our home to stitch!

**Ornament Club** – Join today. Stitch ornaments from the 2019 Just Cross Stitch Ornament Magazine without all the work. Each month you will receive a kit containing fabric, thread, embellishments, finishing fabric, all the trims, and even pre cut poster board if necessary. Yes, we do all the gathering up of the items needed to not only stitch the project but also to complete the project. All you have to do is the fun part – stitching and finishing with detailed instructions. Sign up to receive a kit each month. The ornament has been selected by our team and if you want to learn how to finish, now is the time. At the end of one year’s time you’ll have finished ornaments.
to use in your decorating or perhaps give as gifts. Call the shop to get included in this festive club. Come in the shop and see all the ones 2018 ornaments we have made.

**Mystery Box** – If you haven’t joined that as of yet, you have missed out on lots of original charts designed exclusively for the event. The box contains not only the chart but also the fabric, threads, and embellishment to stitch the project. We have used a variety of various threads for these projects to increase your knowledge of the fibers available.

**New! New! New!**

*Our shop was all decorated for the holidays and now it is time to change the walls and counters to Samplers. Yes, needlework started with samplers. Did you know it was a girl’s way of learning how to read and write. Come in and see all the old samplers we have on display. Can you imagine that a 7 or 9 year old girl did one of these?*

Designers design, we see, and we want. Who ever heard of anyone having too much stash? If you are looking for something special, give us a call. We either have it, it is on its way to the shop, or we can get it. We can get anything in this industry that is available. We love keeping the UPS and Fed Man busy. We not only have an online shop but a retail shop. Our shop is well stocked with everything needed to complete a project – chart, fabric, thread, embellishments, etc. We are in the needlework business!

**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. We are here to help you.
Have you tried the “New” Easy Guide Ball-Tip Needles in sizes 24, 26, and 28. They are not anything like regular needles. They are actually cast (poured) and hand-polished out of stainless steel. They are not pressed by a machine, like most needles. Each needle is touched by human hands individually.

Pat’s Favorite Needle glide through the fabric. They have a long gold eye and are easy to thread. They come in a pack of 25 needles and in size 24, 26, and 28. We know you need a pack of these.

Jeannette Douglas Designs has “Christmas Box” with the works Noel and Joy. There are two reindeer at the bottom. Model was stitched on 32 Ct. Oaken by Picture This Plus with Gloriana Threads and The Thread Gatherer silks. “Blooming Bouquets #3 Joyful” is stitched on 36 Ct. Picture This Plus Legacy using one strand of silk throughout the piece.

Shepherd’s Bush has another stocking for “Parker”. We love the Santa and reindeer across the bottom. The piece is stitched on 18 Ct. Natural Linen like all their stockings using #5 Pearle Cotton from Weeks Dye Works and DMC.

Abby Rose Designs has “Tis The Season” with a mistletoe with a red house and trees inside the interesting piece. “Christmas Time” is a pillow HO HO HO across the bottom.

Little House Needleworks has “Quilt Shop” in their Hometown Holiday series. The building has lots of quilts in the front window.

Lila’s Studio has two new books out entitled “Spirit of Christmas – Set 1” and “Spirit of Christmas – Set 2”. Gentle Art and DMC threads on 40 58 x 58 count chart it would be fabric if you prefer. Whatever your choice of fabric it will be easy to stitch with these large printed charts and smaller fold out patterns.
**Imaginating** has “Let’s Frog” with all the words required from cross stitch to rip it. Project was stitched on 14 Ct. Aida using lots of DMC green threads. The frog’s eyes are an unusual way to show bright color on a frog. “Happily Ever After” is ready for Valentine’s Day. Yes, it is time to have these charts and start stitching for a future holiday. Model is stitched on 14 ct. Antique White Aida with DMC threads but remember we can change any fabrics like is what we can make happen. barn with quilts all around. and red threads. “Sugar & Spice” and everything nice are for Gingerbread lovers. Gingerbread people in this piece. It even has stars, hearts, a bell, and a tea pot cookies all around.

**Country Cottage Needleworks** has “Snowflake Stand” Village series. The red and white snowflake stand is ready to sell snowflakes. Model was stitched with DMC Colorworks threads. “Fresh Cut Christmas Trees” with different types of trees makes an ideal piece 32 Ct. Petit Point in their Snow bright and ready to sell snowflakes. Model was stitched with DMC and Classic Colorworks threads. “Sugar & Spice” and everything nice are for Gingerbread lovers. Gingerbread people in this piece. It even has stars, hearts, a bell, and a tea pot cookies all around.

**Homespun Elegance** has “Christmas Joy Truck” with Santa riding in a red truck and the word Joy flying of the truck. Candy canes and a tree accompany snowflakes above his head. What a clever idea in their Snow bright and ready to sell snowflakes. Model was stitched with DMC and Classic Colorworks threads. “Sugar & Spice” and everything nice are for Gingerbread lovers. Gingerbread people in this piece. It even has stars, hearts, a bell, and a tea pot cookies all around.

**Samplers Not Forgotten** has “Christmas Finery” with snowmen, sleigh with packages, a Christmas tree, and poinsettias around the outside. Model was stitched on 32 Ct. Dwarf Linen from Picture This Plus using Classic Colorworks threads.
La-D-Da has “A Merry Christmas Sampler” DMC threads. Any count of fabric will work of the pillow you want. Come let us know you see how fabric can change in your decision.

Artful Offerings has “Wintertide Cardinal” perched in the holly, a dashing Cardinal enjoys a frosty Wintertide Day as delicate snowflakes lay down a sparkling blanket. This simple design highlight lovely subtle pattern and color variations for Festive Holiday and Winter Decoration. Follow easy directions and diagrams to make a Festive Holiday Pillow.

Scattered Seed Samplers has a “Hand & Heart” Stitcher’s Mat from the Prairie Sisters Handworke Series. Model was stitched on 32 Ct. Country French Golden Needle Linen with DMC threads.

Heart In Hand has Christmas. They are unusual and something that anyone of all ages would enjoy. “Elfin’ Around” has three extra cute ornaments for stitching these. Perhaps you too could enjoy for a magic little Christmas with “Patchwork Deer” is asking a reindeer and poinsettias around the bottom of the piece. This 6 x 7 inch piece would make good gifts for Christmas. Perhaps one this year and for next year.

Hands On Design has a “Merry Chalk Full” with lots of Santas. The piece “Patchwork Deer” is asking for a magic little Christmas with lots of Santas. The piece was stitched with Classic Colorworks and Gentle Art Sampler Threads. The Merry Jar Pin Mini from Just Another Button Company makes a nice embellishment for the top.

Sue Hillis Designs has “Home for the Harvest” with lots of trucks. Yes, all the fall trucks that anyone would ever need. This is a great book. There is even a fall fire car. What will Sue think of next? She is such a talented designer.
NeedleWork Press has “Caroline Alder 1827”. At age seven, Caroline executed this mostly over one thread sampler, recreated by NeedleWork Press for you to enjoy nearly two centuries later. If this can be done at age seven, guess what you can do at your age.

Think you would enjoy knowing the latest in the needlework world? Want to learn more about the industry? Perhaps you would enjoy being part of our team? If this sounds like something that you would like to do, please come and see Pam.

COUPON 25% off 1 item

COMING ATTRACTION

3 XXX Rated Stitchers
First Thursday Evening each month
Thursday, January, February, and March, 2020

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

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 day at home, you will enjoy the evening. It is a great opportunity to sit with others and stitch. Bring your questions and we will supply answers. Please call for reservations if you plan to attend. We need to know you are coming. The shop is always open during this time.
3 Stitches Gathering
January 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2020
10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Wednesday morning is *stitching time* from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. 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. Be a part of a group who enjoys stitching and having fun. There are so many good people in this industry. Come meet them.

Saturday Stitchers!
January 11, February 8, and March 14, 2020
12:30 PM to 4:45 PM

We would like to invite you to join us on the 2nd Saturday of every month! Come stitch one Saturday a month with us. Come relax and enjoy the afternoon. Meet new people and say hello to the regulars who have been around for a while. Don’t miss out stitching with fellow stitchers. Think of all the projects you could get finished if you were here. Bring your project and come and stitch. What a perfect way to spend a Saturday afternoon. If you don’t have a project, remember there is one here just for you.

Don’t forget to check out our website!
www.3stitches.com

*The only place where housework comes before needlework is in the dictionary.*

Thank you for your patronage
Red Velvet Inscription Sampler Supplement

A free pattern courtesy of:

**Blue Ribbon Designs**

Full-Size letters "M" and "N", a heart square, and a blank square to design your own.

Threads: Threads of your choice
Model used:
Symbol: Weeks Dye Works
Signature: Bordeaux 902
Stitch Count (Each Square): 41 x 41
Each square on the graph equals 2 linen threads.
Model was stitched with one strand of floss over two linen threads.
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Fabric: Linen of your choice
Model used: 40 count Newcastle Linen
by Zweigart - Cream (3348/222/55)

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BRITE BIRDS

Stitch Count: 60W x 100H

Sizes: 14/28 Count 4 1/4 x 7 1/8
16/32 Count 3 3/4 x 6 1/4
18/36 Count 3 1/4 x 6 1/2
20/40 Count 3 x 5

BARRICK SAMPLERS

Stitch this sampler entirely in cross stitch.

For information on other sampler designs available, please contact your local needlework shop or:

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Friendship Sampler

Pattern Name: Friendship Sampler
Designed by: The Goode Huwife
Fabric: 32 Count linen, Cream
Stitch Count: 69w by 65h
Size: 3.58w by 4h

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Use two strands of floss over two threads.

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