

## Blog #70 - Christmas Is Coming

Wednesday, 20 December 2017

In addition to the Sampler exhibition, also set up a "mini" Christmas display in one of the rooms in what will one day be my new Needlework Gallery.

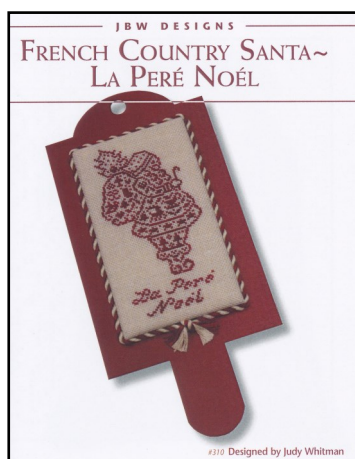


However, when setting up the Christmas display I realised that I had only stitched two new Christmas designs during the past year:

Both - JBW Designs



Design Title: Tidings of Joy  
Design Code: JBW 311  
Price: \$21.50



Design Title: French Country - Santa  
Design Code: JBW 310  
Price: \$17.50



In fact, the Santa design had only been stitched - not mounted on to the little red hornbook.

Consequently had to quickly finish it.

In addition to being able to purchase the lovely little designs from the Needlework Gallery, the little hornbooks are also available -

Description: JBW Hornbook  
Design Code: KELM:HORN  
Price: \$27.50

Pictured are the finished pieces on display and fabric and threads used to create them -

### Tidings of Joy:

Fabric - Overdyed Linen : 32 count  
Thread - Simply Shaker Sampler Thread  
7100 : Ruby Slipper

### French Country - Santa:

Fabric - Belfast Linen : Raw  
Thread - Simply Shaker Sampler Thread  
7052 : Schoolhouse Red  
- DMC Stranded Cotton : 612 : 326  
(twisted cords)

**Note:** Design stitched over one fabric thread





*This revelation inspired me to stitch some new designs for Christmas next year and so began stitching some tiny stockings. Once again, designs by Judy of JBW Designs. But - as per usual - I opted for different fabric and thread colourings to those of Judy's original design.*



Design Title:  
Petite French Stockings

Design Code:  
JBW 270

Price:  
\$15.00



**Petite French Stockings:**

Fabric - Belfast Linen  
Teal Green (#626)  
Threads - DMC Stranded  
Cottons  
Blanc : 320 : 321 : 520 :  
666 : 890

*You'll notice that I haven't stitched the basket design. Instead, opted to stitch the word, 'JOY' on the wreath designed stocking. I will finish these little designs as shaped stockings, each edged with a twisted cord as pictured.*

*Another task I have been doing as and when time has permitted, is advising of our new email addresses. In November, we and so many other customers, received notification from Vodafone that they were no longer going to provide an email service which meant that we have had to find another provider and notify all our friends, family and business acquaintances of our new addresses. What a headache! And such a mammoth task!! I wish I could charge Vodafone for the hours it has taken to do this.*

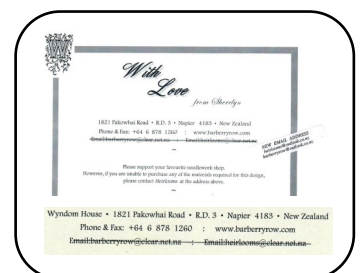
*Plus - the change has also meant that all our current letterheads, thank you notes, gift vouchers, business cards, brochures, etc. now have an incorrect email address on them. And too, all my designs that have been printed also have the incorrect address. A very costly exercise to replace everything. Once again I wish I could charge these costs to Vodafone.*

*Rather than reprint the printed designs I have had stickers printed with the new email addresses on them. I'm gradually opening all packed & printed designs, crossing out the old email address and attaching a sticker to them. Other places, (eg. Design covers) email addresses just crossed out. So annoyed though, as not only time consuming but it makes a design look "tacky" - not professional at all ! Still have LOTS to do.*

*If I have missed contacting you, here are our new addresses -*

heirloomso@outlook.co.nz  
barberryrow@outlook.co.nz  
sheryl@outlook.co.nz

littlekitco@outlook.co.nz  
keith-whiteman@outlook.co.nz  
wyndomhouse@outlook.co.nz



*Another disruption caused with the change of email addresses is that EVERY page of my website had the email address on it. Hundreds of pages. Thus, I enlisted the help of my granddaughter when she finished college for the year and gave her some pocket money (towards her expenses for a school trip to Italy in June 2018) to create a single page with all our correct contact details on it, delete the old address from every page and then link every page to the new contact page. Now - if we ever have to change again - only ONE page will have to be altered and not hundreds!!*

*Another impact of the email change, is I have to change all the "masters" of EVERY needlework design I have published & create a new pdf file for each one. As yet, not done any of this work.*

*Enough of my woes. On a happier note, this is a very special time of year - Christmas. Sincerely wishing you a wonderful Christmas with your family and friends. May this time be filled with happy memories and blessed with all good things.*

