

A Needlework Challenge

Sampler Blessings Progress

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22 January 2024

Dear Sampler Blessings Challenge participant,

Another week of this month of this new year has passed since my last progress note.

I am sure you will have made some progress on your sampler.

I was almost finished mine last Thursday - but ran out of thread.

As not restocked on all shades of DMC threads in the Needlework Gallery as yet, popped to our local shop downtown to purchase a skein of it - but the colour I required (#3685) was not hanging on the rack. 3684 was there. So too, 3686. Not only was there no 3685, but no empty prong between on which to hang 3685!

Did I remember the number incorrectly? Strange I thought. I don't usually make an error like that.

Home to look at the number on my floss card. Yes, definitely 3685 was the required number.

Go to the DMC colour chart and there it is, but also another 3685 with an 'E' in front of it.

On further investigation discovered the 'E' referred to it being in the metallic thread range!

To me, mine does not look like there is any metallic fibre in the thread strands that I have used.

Consequently a learning curve for me. One is never too old to learn something new.

Another enjoyable stitch day last Friday - chatting and stitching and sharing together.

Besides those ladies stitching their blessings samplers, Sharon & her mum, Ruth joined us for the day.

They used to be regulars at the monthly NATTER DAYS which I have not held for some time but are planning on resuming again this year.

Lovely to see them. Although not samplers I have included images of the lovely needlework projects they were working.

A special visitor for the day was Isabelle. She travelled over from & returned to Taupo - especially for the day.

So lovely to have her here with us. You can see a lot of Isabelle's needlework on the 'Barberry Row & Friends' Facebook page.

A reminder - one more day of getting together to stitch and see one another's sampler progress is planned and you are welcome to our home.

WHEN: Friday: 26th of January

WHERE: 9 Cumberland Rise, Taradale, Napier *

TIME: From 10.30am - any time after that time, for as long as you like.

WHAT TO BRING: A mug, your lunch, your needlework, your smile and your laughter and especially your respect for our home and one another.

* Sorry, lots of steps to climb to the front door. If the door is closed, please feel free to open it and walk in

No reservation required. Hopefully you are able to come.

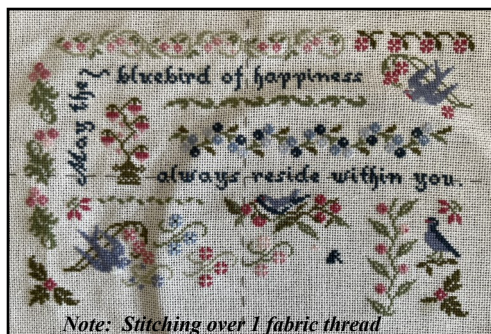
Your Needlework Friend,
Sherelyn



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Isabelle - Taupo : 19 January

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Fabric:

Brittney - 28 count - Antique White

Threads:

DMC - Various (Note: substituted 930 for 794)

Design:

Bluebirds of Happiness - JBW Designs



Above: Isabelle's sampler
as at 6 January



Al - Hastings : 19 January

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Fabric: From her stash
(32 count - Crème)

Threads: Weeks Dye Works & DMC
(various)

Design: Spring Mist -
Earth Threads



Catherine - Motueka : 18 January

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Fabric: Belfast Linen - 32 count
Flax

Thread: The Gentle Art
Simply Shaker Sampler Thread -
Brethren Blue

Design: Mini Quaker Samplings - With My Needle



Above: Catherine's sampler
as at 7 January



Betty - Hastings : 16 January

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Fabric: Belfast Linen - 32 count
Antique White

Threads: DMC Stranded Cotton -
various

Design: An Emblem of Love -
With My Needle

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Robyn P. - Hastings : 19 January

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*Fabric: Belfast Linen - 32 count
Platinum*

Thread: DMC - 3768

*Design: Mini Quaker Samplings (IV) -
With My Needle*



Jan - Taradale, Napier : 19 January

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Fabric: From her stash

Threads: DMC - Various

Design: Franzi 1870 - Reflets de Soie



*Above: Jan's sampler
as at 12 January*



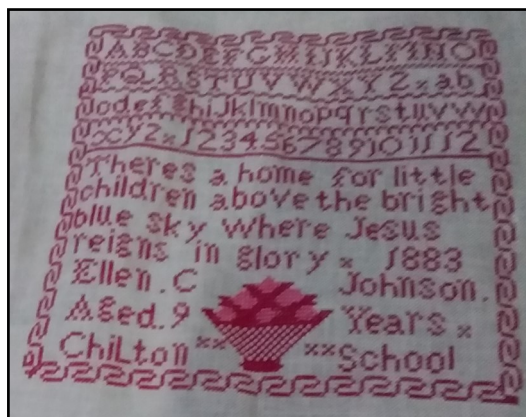
Karen - Tauranga : 15 January

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Fabric: From her stash

*Thread: The Gentle Art
Sampler Thread -
Distressed Denim*

Design: Quaker Samplings (I) - With My Needle



Clare - Otane : 15 January

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Fabric: From her stash

Thread: DMC Stranded Cotton - 326 & 335

Design: Ellen Johnson 1883 - GigiR Designs

A FINISH for Clare. Well done!

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Above: Katja's sampler
as at 12 January

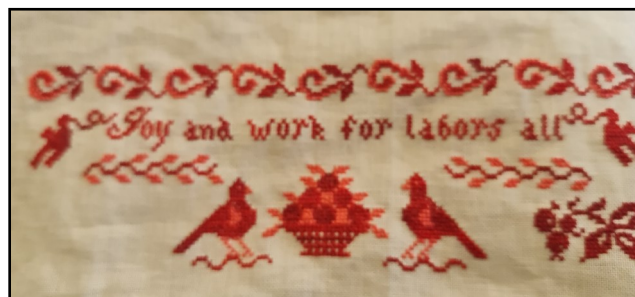
Katja - Havelock North : 19 January

Fabric: Belfast Linen - 32 count
Platinum

Threads: DMC 3705
The Gentle Art

Sampler Thread - Buckeye Scarlet

Design: A Joyful Purpose - JBW Designs



Gwyneth - Hastings : 19 January

Fabric: Aida - 14 count
White

Threads: DMC Stranded Cotton - various

Design: From her stash
A Virtuous Woman - Jeremiah Junction



Above: Gwyneth's sampler
as at 12 January



Above: Glenys's sampler
as at 12 January

Glenys - Waipukurau : 19 January

Fabric: Belfast Linen - 32 count
Antique White

Threads: DMC Stranded Cotton -
Various

Design: Hannah's Bluebird Sampler -
JBW Designs



Sherelyn - Napier : 17 January

Fabric: Gabrielle Linen - 32 count
(ex: Permin Linen)
Lambswool

Threads: DMC - 3685 & 3803

Design: A Joyful Purpose - JBW Designs



As you can see - opted for only a very subtle change in the choice of the two colours

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Other Needlework Projects : 19 January 2024

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Sharon - Napier

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Design: Amethyst & Emerald Jewel -

Cindy Cooper Design

Embroidery & Cross Stitch magazine

Ruth - Napier

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Design: Permin Kit -

Permin of Copenhagen



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FINISH

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Robyn P - Hastings

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Fabric: Belfast Linen - 32 count
Platinum

Threads: DMC Stranded Cotton - various

Design: Sherelyn's September Sampler ~ 2022
Barberry Row