

Blog #22 - Decision - A New Sampler Project

Monday, 1 December 2014 -

In the middle of the month of November Keith and I went to stay with his brother, Allan and his wife, Carol, at Levin for a night as we had to attend the funeral of a brother-in-law's mother. Stan and his wife, Dulcie (Keith's sister) live in Canada and so they had arrived in NZ for Stan to organise the wonderful farewell tribute to his gracious mother - a lady of almost 100 years of age who had spent many of her years in love and service in India as a missionary. Early in the 1930's her NZ fiancée travelled to India ahead of her whilst she finished her nursing training in NZ and then she travelled alone to meet him and be married there. Stan and his brothers and sisters were born in India and lived there most of their childhood days.

Here is a photo of us with some of Keith's family before the funeral service -

Sister, Ngaire, Carol & brother, Allan, Stan & sister, Dulcie.



And here is a photo of all the brothers and sisters (taken on the same day) -



*Ngaire, Beverly, Dulcie, Mavis & Glenys
Allan, Malcolm & Keith*

*A wonderful family
and one that I have been
privileged to be a part of!*

Yesterday was the last Sunday of the month and therefore our usual 'Get-together' to sit and stitch and natter. But it was also our final 'Get-together' for the year.

As always, a lovely day and I was SO spoilt as given the most wonderful bag of gifts from the girls - Christmas nibbles & treats, a plant for the garden and more ...

I was overwhelmed by their unexpected gift and felt very humbled. An awesome group of ladies whom I love.

During our time together, a decision was made as to which sampler everyone wanted to stitch as a mystery sampler and as a group in the new year. The one chosen was The Butterfly Sampler



*This sampler has been designed by my friend and very accomplished needlewoman ~ Linda Graham of Christchurch.
Thank you Linda. I know the girls will love stitching it!*

The Butterfly Sampler -

Fabric: Your choice. Instructions will be given for 28 count and 35 count.

Threads: An overdyed / variegated thread of your choice.

Three (3) toning solid colours that are in the overdyed - light, medium & dark

Perle #8 & Perle #12

Kreinik #4 Braid

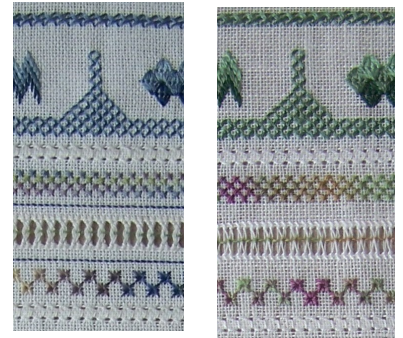
Embellishments: Mill Hill Beads (& charms - optional)

Stitches: Long Arm Cross, Florentine/Bargello, Queen, Wave, Four-Sided, Backstitch, Cross Stitch, Hem, Algerian Eyelets, Satin, Rice, Running, Blackwork, Hardanger

I began stitching this sampler for myself many years ago in shades of blue but never quite finished it.

During the days of November - before our get-together - I finally completed it.

Here are a few glimpses at some of the areas in the sampler.

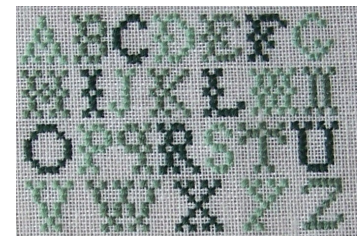


Note: This sampler has been stitched three times - each time in a different colour.

Twice by Linda - in browns and then greens - and once by myself in blues.

It is interesting to see the different looks by the use of different coloured fabric & threads.

And, as this is a sampler - it typically has an alphabet.



As with the previous two sampler projects, this sampler will remain a mystery and the instructions and charts will be provided in six parts.

As each part is worked month by month the sampler will be revealed.

Beginning : 1st April 2015 • Finishing: 1st September 2015

I do hope you can join us on next years needlework journey.

If you think you would, please advise of your interest by emailing your name to: heirlooms@clear.net.nz and requesting that you be added to the contact list. Doing so is not a commitment.

It will ensure though that you are contacted when the project is about to begin, provided with details and given the opportunity/asked if you would like to participate.

The cost to participate will be \$45.00.

This figure does NOT include needlework supplies. These are an additional cost and therefore need to be purchased separately or obtained for your stash.

