



AFTER ALMOST A YEAR OF TRIALS & ERRORS ...

May 2026

Dear Needlework Friends,

The mornings are now often crisp and the evenings are darkening much earlier with a chill in the air. However, many days are still beautiful with glorious sunshine and blue skies and spectacularly coloured leaves are trying to stay on the trees. Soon it will be time to be snuggled up in a blanket beside a cozy fire with a piece of needlework in our hands. Bliss!



Thank you to everyone who has begun stitching and therefore participating in our six monthly project of my latest design - Shades of Teal. I sincerely appreciate that you wish to replicate the work of my hands. May you find peace and contentment as you work each stitch. A really pleasing aspect is that so many of you have chosen to make this sampler your own by choosing to stitch it in your favourite colours. In time I will share images of the different pieces.

After almost a year of trials and errors, needle minders featuring a tiny part of some of my sampler designs are now available. Two sizes - large & small. Never lose a needle again. The manufacturers had NO idea what a needle minder was and how it should work! I am so thankful for the wonderful man I have had in my life for almost 60 years who has had to remodel the hundreds that were made incorrectly. More details to follow.

The best-laid plans do not always eventuate. Plan was to be a part of Robyn's 'Mid-Winter Christmas' event over three days at her fabulous shop ~ Tis The Season ~ situated at the Matangi Factory site near Hamilton. I am truly disappointed that I have had to decline my invitation but I do hope many of you will be able to attend. It promises to be a great time for all attendees. Details to follow.

ABC's & Flowers

Since finishing *Shades of Teal* my hands should have been busy with further stitching of my 2025 September Sampler that has been neglected since Christmas, but you know how it is with the urge to begin a new project! And so this is what I have been doing over the past month. A new design entitled, 'ABC's and Flowers'. Actually, not really a new design as I created and began this before the flood but lost it. Once again - two of my favourite subjects - letters of the alphabet and flowers. And too, with hearts of course. Recreated as both a vertical and a horizontal option and so it may be some time before this design is published as have to stitch two models! Even if I stitched one letter each day it would take me nearly two months to stitch both pieces!! Sadly I don't have enough spare time to stitch a letter each day but will do as much as I can over the next eight weeks.

As already mentioned, a few lovely new items and news and as per usual some specials to share with you in this newsletter.

Love & blessings, your needlework friend,

Sherelyn 



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from Barberry Row

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for Project Bags & Needlework Smalls

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from The Gentle Art

New ~ Needle Minders



A magnetic needle minder is a little home for your needle when it is not in use

A needle minder incorporates two magnets
which allows it to adhere to your needlework fabric

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TWO SIZES : Large & Small

Each minder features a tiny part of a sampler design

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LARGE: 38mm - two designs

\$15.00 ea

SMALL: 25mm - four designs

\$12.50 ea



~ Large ~

Sampler 2022 : Sampler 2023



Sampler 2022



Sampler 2023



NEEDLE MINDERS

~ Small ~

Sampler 2022 : Sampler 2023 : Ackworth Flowers : Ackworth Sampler



Ackworth Flowers



Ackworth Sampler

New & Retiring : Threads

News from 'The Gentle Art'

Two new Sampler Threads - each in the green colour range



0117 - SHIPWRECK

A variegated greyish green
reminiscent of an underwater WWII shipwreck

5 yd skeins

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\$6.50
per skein



0480 - KELP

A variegated gold with dark green inspired by kelp
which provides a great hiding place for sea life

THE GENTLE ART - Sampler Threads & Simply Shaker Sampler Threads



~ Hanging by a Thread ~

A first for this company in over thirty years
of providing beautiful overdyed threads for our stitching enjoyment.
Retirement of some of the less popular colours
so that they can improve the quality and quantity
of their well loved colours

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RETIRING COLOURS

Kiwi	Mint Jubilee	Bluebell	Summer Meadow
Pineapple Sherbet	Cotton Candy	Lavender Potpourri	Jasmine
Dragonfly	Verdigris	Creekbed	Ragdoll
Autumn	Summer Showers		

Only a few of the retiring colours remaining in stock at the Needlework Gallery. Once they are gone ~ they are gone!



Pineapple Sherbet : Dragonfly : Verdigris : Creekbed : Ragdoll
Autumn : Summer Showers

Exclusive Price of \$3.50 valid until 31 May 2026

This offer not available on the website

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Please request via Email ... barberryrow@outlook.co.nz
with your details (name, address, phone number)

New : Finishing Fabrics



Des Fleurs



Plum Dahlia

Two new fabrics

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Both suitable for creating a needlework project bag

&

one of them especially suitable as a backing fabric
for a needlework small or ornamental

FAT QUARTER ~ \$9.00

METRE ~ \$35.00

FINISHING FABRICS

News : Mid-Winter Christmas Celebration



The Matangi Factory
452 Tauwhare Road
Matangi, Waikato

Phone: 021 580 369 *
www.tistheseason.co.nz

* Preferably text
as Robyn is always busy
attending to customers needs

Robyn of *Tis The Season* is celebrating a WHITE CHRISTMAS in June at her awesome shop.

Three gorgeous projects over three back to back days

Thursday, 18 June : Friday, 19 June : Saturday, 20 June

Reserve your place for - ONE, TWO or ALL THREE

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DAY ONE	-	Winter Radiance Star
DAY TWO	-	Silver Frost Table Runner
DAY THREE	-	Delicate Rose Angel

Robyn says "It wouldn't be Christmas without pressies and so you will have some lovely goodies
as well as your wonderful Christmas project"

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For details : Times, Costings, etc. ~ check out the website

To register for classes : chose & make payment
on the website

Or : visit the shop

Monday - Friday : 9.30am - 4pm

Saturday : 9.30am - 3pm

To directly receive news re future classes, etc. : Subscribe
to the *Tis The Season's* newsletter on the website

[WEBSITE - TIS THE SEASON](http://www.tistheseason.co.nz)

Design Spotlight



Two designs that were published some time ago.

Exclusive : 20% discount on these featured designs for a limited time

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Exclusive Prices

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Printed Design : \$ 16.00

PDF : \$ 12.00

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Grape Companions



BARB 1002

Grape Companions

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Printed Design : \$ 16.00

PDF : \$ 12.00

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FABRIC: Permin Linen - 28 count - Sandstone (#021) : 9" x 18" (23cm x 46cm) Or Brittney - 28 count : Ivory (#264)

THREADS: Silk 'n Colors by *The Thread Gatherer* - SNC 252 : Marsh Grasses

- SNC 263 : Christmas Carol

DMC Stranded Cotton - 892

RIBBON: Silken Ribbons (4mm) by *The Thread Gatherer* - SR4 263 : Christmas Carol

BEADS: Seed by *Mill Hill* - 02011 : Victorian Gold

STITCH COUNT: 120w x 120h

DESIGN SIZE: 4.25" x 4.25 / FINISHED SACHET SIZE: 6.25" x 6.25" (approximately)

TECHNIQUES: Cross Stitch, Eyelets, Four-Sided, Satin, Double Cable & Hem



~ Grape Companions ~



FABRIC: Belfast Linen - 32 count - Raw (#053) : 14" x 14" (36cm x 36cm)

THREADS: Silk 'n Colors by *The Thread Gatherer* - SNC 194 : Aged Plum

DMC Stranded Cotton - 3011 * : 3051 : 3781

(* 5 skeins of 3011 required - 1 skein for stitching : 4 skeins for cords & tassels)

STITCH COUNT: Pincushion - 60w x 60h / Scissors Keeper - 26w x 26h

FINISHED SIZES: Pincushion - 3.75" x 3.75" / Scissors Keeper - 1.75" x 1.75" (both approximately)

TECHNIQUES: Cross Stitch, Straight Stitch, Smyrna Cross, Four-Sided, Satin, French Knots, Backstitch & Coil Filling



[BARBERRY ROW - COUNTED THREAD](#)

[BARBERRY ROW - PDF DOWNLOADS](#)



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Freebie Design ~ Quilted Petals

[EMAIL - to Request the design](#)

Threads & Ribbons ~ by *The Thread Gatherer*

available from *Heirlooms*

[VIEW - Silk 'n Colors & Silken Ribbons](#)

BARBERRY ROW ~ OUR COLLECTION

~ HOW TO ORDER ~

Exclusive offers, ONLY available by personal request by email.

Email Subject : May Exclusive Offer

Other items, either personally request by email or order online via the website

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Website - Paypal. Payment required with the order.

Email - Internet Banking. An invoice will be sent to you with banking details.

Sorry - Internet Banking not an available option for overseas email orders. A Paypal Invoice will be sent.

~ ALTERNATIVELY ~

Visit - HEIRLOOMS NEEDLEWORK GALLERY

~ Would LOVE to see you ~



Heirlooms Needlework Gallery

9 Cumberland Rise • Taradale • Napier

Dates & Hours : 2nd & 4th Fridays of a month

11am - 3pm

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Other Times - Telephone or Text for an Appointment

Phone: 027 649 8817

Please do not leave a message

You are welcome to stitch with me on the days that the gallery is open.

Bring your needlework project & your lunch. Tea & coffee available.

UPCOMING EVENTS / DATES TO REMEMBER

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Heirlooms Needlework Gallery : Open & Stitch Day	Friday	8 & 22 May	11am - 3pm
HOME SWEET HOME *	Sunday	10 May	11am - 3pm
NATTER DAY	Sunday	31 May	11am - 3pm

* *Special Stitch Day for those stitching this project*

IF YOU ARE IN THE AREA, YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR THESE IN-GALLERY EVENTS

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and your loyal support. Sincerely appreciated.*

Sherelyn

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Sherelyn*