

# A Needlework Challenge

## Sampler Blessings Progress

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**29 January 2024**

Dear Sampler Blessings Challenge participant,  
Nearly the end of this first month of this new year of 2024.  
And so only a few more days of this yearly traditional challenge to begin and finish stitching a sampler in the month of January  
to receive blessings throughout the year.

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do not fret if your sampler will not be finished.  
I am sure you will still receive blessings in abundance.

I have been able to purchase a skein of the thread I ran out of when working my sampler  
which resulted in my sampler being put to one side but to date not returned to the stitching of it.

Instead, began another little sampler and pleased to have finished it. That is, apart from signing and dating it.  
Don't forget to sign and date your finished sampler with either your name or initials and the full date of month & year or just the year.  
So too, I've worked a little of the 'over one' piece I originally began at the beginning of the month and had put aside.

Another enjoyable stitch day last Friday - chatting and stitching and sharing together - although fewer of us than previous days.  
No more planned stitch days to work on our samplers together  
and so look forward to receiving photos of your progress.

I will be writing a note in early February to show the samplers of all those who took part in the challenge.

Till then, enjoy your final days of this month.

Your Needlework Friend,  
Sherelyn



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Maryann - Havelock North : 26 January

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Fabric: Belfast Linen - 32 count  
Antique White

Threads: DMC Stranded Cotton - Various

Design: Bluebirds of Happiness - JBW Designs



Joy - Havelock North : 26 January

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Fabric: Belfast Linen - 32 count  
Antique White

Thread: The Gentle Art  
Sampler Thread -  
Distressed Denim

Design:  
An Emblem of Love - With My Needle

Jan - Taradale, Napier : 26 January

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Fabric: From her stash

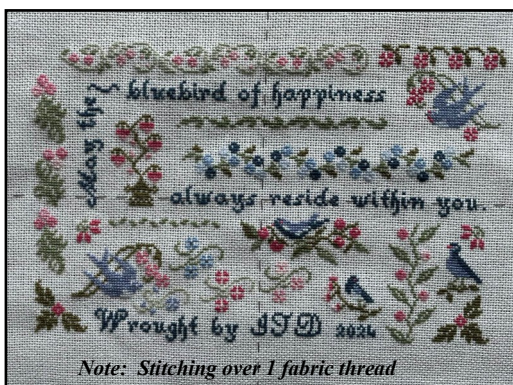
Threads: DMC - Various

Design: Franzi 1870 - Reflets de Soie

Jan has been busy with visitors staying this past week  
- two different families on different days -  
and so not achieved as much as she had hoped



**! Well Done - A FINISH - Isabelle !**



Note: Stitching over 1 fabric thread

Isabelle - Taupo : 20 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

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**! ANOTHER FINISH !**

**Well done - Catherine**

Catherine now intends to stitch the other mini Quaker design included with this design using the same thread and fabric colours.



Catherine - Motueka : 24 January

Fabric: Belfast Linen - 32 count  
Flax

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

Design: Mini Quaker Samplings - With My Needle



Al - Hastings : 26 January

Fabric: From her stash  
(32 count - Crème)

Threads: Weeks Dye Works & DMC  
(various)

Design: Spring Mist - Earth Threads



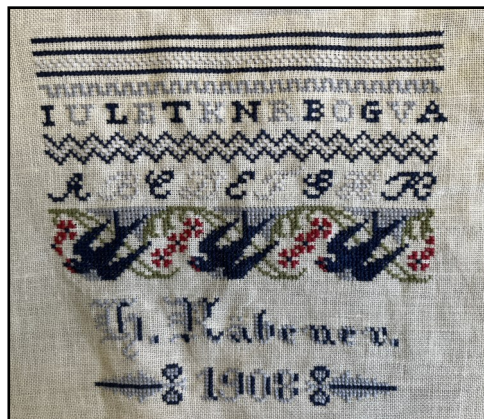
Above: Al's sampler  
as at 19 January

**! AND ANOTHER FINISH !**

**Well done - Glenys**

Glenys says there is a small error in this pattern - an incorrect symbol for the letters : B, D, F & H.

She chose to use 'light blue'



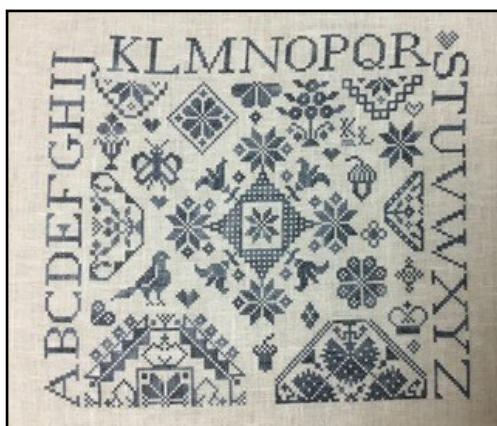
Glenys - Waipukurau : 19 January

Fabric: Belfast Linen - 32 count  
Antique White

Threads: DMC Stranded Cotton -  
Various

Design: Hannah's Bluebird Sampler -  
JBW Designs

**! AND AGAIN - ANOTHER FINISH ! Well done - Karen**



Karen - Tauranga : 26 January

Fabric: From her stash

Thread: The Gentle Art  
Sampler Thread - Distressed Denim

Design: Quaker Samplings (I) - With My Needle

Karen said she loved working this piece and participating in the challenge. Her words re the challenge: "So inspiring!"

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! AND AGAIN - ANOTHER FINISH ! Well done - Mary



Mary - Hastings : 20 January

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Fabric: Gabrielle Linen - 35 count  
Winter White

Threads: DMC Stranded Cotton (3052)  
Kreinik : Light Mauve

Design: Edith Isherwood  
Antique Sampler Collection II - JBW Designs



JBW 411  
Antique Sampler Collection II



Gwyneth - Hastings : 26 January

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Fabric: Aida - 14 count - White

Threads: DMC Stranded Cotton - various

Design: From her stash : A Virtuous Woman - Jeremiah Junction (magazine)

Gwyneth is stitching this piece as a gift for a niece.  
She is adapting the original design - adding her niece's name and substituting some of the motifs in it for other motifs in the same magazine to reflect her niece's God-given gifts  
- baking and floral arranging -  
Very thoughtful and clever of you, Gwyneth. A beautiful gift to be treasured by your niece.

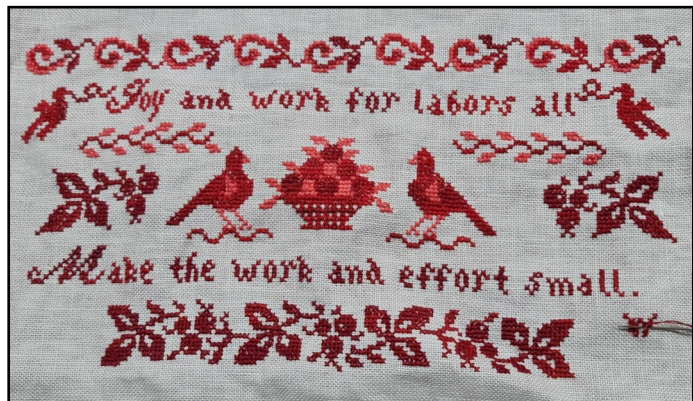
Katja - Havelock North : 26 January

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Fabric: Belfast Linen - 32 count  
Platinum

Threads: DMC 3705  
The Gentle Art  
Sampler Thread - Buckeye Scarlet

Design: A Joyful Purpose - JBW Designs



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**! AND AGAIN - ANOTHER FINISH ! Well done - Lesley**



Lesley - Putaruru : 26 January

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Fabric: Belfast Linen - 32 count  
Platinum

Thread: DMC Stranded Cotton - various

Design: Bluebirds of Happiness - JBW Designs

NOTE: Lesley has chosen different shades of blue for her birds than those colours originally worked by Judy. Rather lovely!

Sherelyn - Taradale, Napier : 26 January

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Fabric: Gabrielle Linen - 32 count  
(ex: Permin Linen)  
Soft Creme

Threads: DMC - Various (changed from original)

Design: Hannah's Bluebird Sampler - JBW Designs

Whereas Glenys chose to work the letters

B, D, F, & H

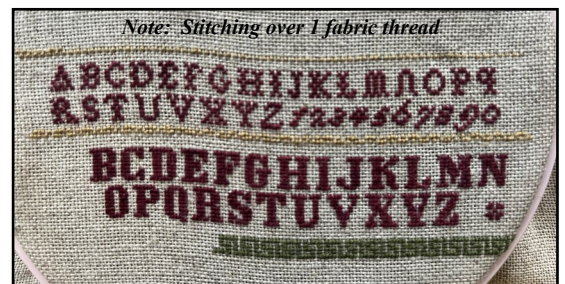
with light blue - I chose medium blue

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

Threads: DMC - 3045 & 3051

The Gentle Art : Simply Shaker Sampler Thread - Weathered Barn

Design: Sampler aux Vasques - GigiR Designs



My version of  
Quaker Samplings (I) - With My Needle

As it is today  
(found in and still covered by thick mud after the flood)  
and as it was

I stitched this piece almost ten years ago -  
just before Ellen Chester came to stay with us  
and taught a class at the Mission Estate Winery



Fabric: Belfast Linen - Platinum Thread: The Gentle Art - Sampler Thread - Soot