

Hello everyone! (feel free to forward this to your friends!)

Happy Thanksgiving

And

Merry Christmas

Hard to believe, but the holiday season is upon us! Every year I try to do as much as I can before hand, so I can enjoy the holidays, and I never get as much done as I'd like. Maybe this year will be better! Along the lines of doing as much as I can before hand.....this is the Nov/Dec newsletter, which will be the last one I send out this year. Hope you all have a wonderful holiday season and get lots of things done, and even better – get to spend some wonderful time with your families!

Last Chance to pre-order! A-Z of Embroidery 2 should be arriving any day! Pre-Order price is **\$25.00** (reg. \$33.00)

2 New Scissors from DOVO!!!



The first pair is a remake of an embroidery scissor that was made 100 years ago. Ann Rothstein, who is from the factory in Solingen, actually went to the cutlery museum and found the dies for these scissors. Rose gold is used for the handles on these scissors. Rose gold is made from a combination of gold and copper (instead of gold and brass, which is what you see today), and gives the gold a softer hue. Victorian Treasure is written on the blade. Rose gold was very popular in the 1800's. Regular Price - \$77.00

Nov/Dec Special \$70.00



The next scissor that DOVO has introduces is a new 2 ¾ inch mini embroidery scissor. A small scissor with sharp blades, this scissor will be a welcome addition to your scissor collection. Regular price \$45.00

Special \$40.00

Vaune's Fabric Closet



I have found a couple of new fabrics for my fabric closet! The first one is a beautiful white dotted swiss! It is 54" wide and made with a nice 100% cotton batiste. The 'dots' are the real things, that can be picked out – not sewn in place. This is a beautiful fabric and is \$8.00 / yard

I also picked up the last bolt of the wonderful 100% white cotton lawn. For those of you who have already ordered this, you know what a great fabric this is. Perfect for sewing – FMS, embroidery, shadow work, etc. 60" wide and \$8.00 /yd.



Pink and orange sunflowers brighten up your day with this fun print. This fabric is 100% cotton and 60 inches wide. **\$8.00 / yard.**



While I don't want to rush, Valentine fabric is here for now! Very cute 100% cotton fabric (44"wide) for Valentine's Day. Would make a cute dress with collar and cuffs made out of either white or black. Also would make great pillow cases! **\$7.00 / yard**



Another Valentine print – this one is 100% Cotton Flannel (44" wide). Great for nightgowns, pj's,, lounge pants, quilt backs and pillowcases! **\$7.00 / yard**

100% Cotton Velveteen – In Black or Burgundy – Perfect for Christmas or Special Occasion outfits. It is Regularly \$14.00 /yd. For this newsletter, I have it on sale for \$10. When this is gone, it is gone!



100% Cotton floral print, 60" wide, Wonderful for summer dresses and pajama pants! **\$8.00 /yd.**



Grey plaid – 60" wide. This is a great fabric that works just as well for girls as it does for boys! Wonderful for dresses, jumpers, and John-John suits and Button on outfits. Pleats well, and is heavy enough for pants. **\$8.00 / yd.**



Red and green plaid – perfect for Christmas! This medium weight fabric is 100% cotton and 60 inches wide. It is perfect for Christmas outfits for your special little ones, but is also wonderful for tablecloth's, placemats, runners, tree skirts, etc., and the 60 inches wides gives you plenty of fabric to create with! **\$8.00 / yd**



New kit! I am a fabric-aholic (as I am sure many of you can relate to)! I walk into a nice fabric shop and find too many fabrics that I love! When you quilt, you can get your fabric fix by buying a fat quarter, but that doesn't work so well for smocking! In order to 'feed my habit', I have started making fun pillowcases for my kids and their friends. Some I make out of holiday fabric, some out if fun fabric, but they love them! The first kit I am offering is for Valentine's Day – the pillowcase is made from pink Valentine fabric, with a white cuff and black piping. Kit is **\$10.00**

For those of you who bought my Evening Elegance Blouse pattern – I have found an error on the side back piece (both Missy and Women's). If you send me an email, I will send you a corrected side back piece. Sorry for the inconvenience!

Does it seem like there is never enough time to sew? When you think of starting a project, does it seem overwhelming? I know when I am starting a new project, it often seems as if I don't know where I am going to find the time! For those of you who have this problem, here is a new word for you: COMPARTMENTALIZE! Instead of thinking of your project as a whole, break it up into units so it doesn't seem so large! For example, when I am working on a basic yoke dress, I break my dress into these parts:

Pleating / skirt front

Make piping

Collars

Sleeves

Sash

Yoke front / skirt front

Yoke backs (dropping yoke back, if necessary)

Yoke Front to Yoke Back

Back Skirt / placket

When I start working on a 'section', I don't worry about the rest of the dress – I am only thinking about that particular area. Once I get that 'section' finished, I can stop sewing, or continue on. It doesn't seem like such a large job if I only have to work on one part, and I feel like I am accomplishing something!

I hope you are all getting a chance to stitch, and please have a blessed and safe Holiday Season.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Vaune