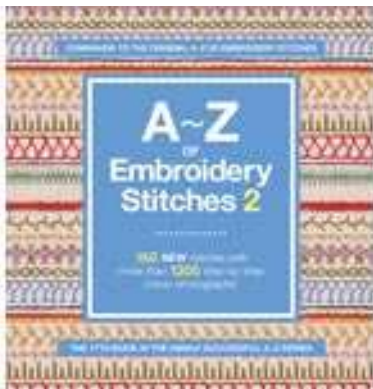


Hello everyone! (feel free to forward this to your friends!)

# Happy Halloween!

I am just back from the SAGA convention in Dallas, where it was 95 degrees - sure didn't feel like fall! It finally started turning cool here this week (yeah!) and the feeling of fall is in the air. One of the hardest things for me to get used to out here in Southern California (I still have not after 20+ years) is the lack of seasons. I grew up with seasons – that is how you are supposed to mark time! Here we have almost summer, summer, and just past summer, with 2 weeks of winter thrown in for good measure. I miss the leaves turning – New England in the fall is spectacular! Along with fall comes thoughts of Christmas – hope you all have wonderful projects ahead of you for your special ones.

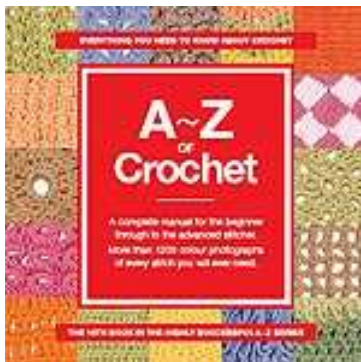
For those of you who were able to make it to the SAGA convention in Dallas, wasn't it wonderful? And I hope all of you can make it to Atlanta for next year's convention!



Coming Soon! The newest addition to the A-Z library! Should arrive in the next several weeks. Pre-order now at the sale price!

**\$25.00**

Reg. \$33.00



Coming in January – A-Z of Crochet. Already out in AU, it will have an American publisher and should be ready in January. Pre-Order now ( I have a few copies of this coming in earlier from a friend who is visiting from AU – the first to pre-order will get those!

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\*\*\*\*\*New DOVO Scissors\*\*\*\*\*



By popular request, I am now carrying this new style of DOVO scissors. It is a black 5 inch scissor that comes with a finger rest and has a serrated edge. The serrated edge gives wonderful control, especially when working with slippery fabric, and the finger also allows added control when cutting. Several of my customers who have stiff fingers have said that the finger rest is wonderful! Reg. Price for these scissors is \$74, but for this newsletter, they are **\$69.00**

\* Please note that DOVO does not have anymore of the Gold Centennial Anniversary Scissor sets (4",5", and 6 " pair). They do still have a limited number of the Silver Centennial Anniversary sets. When they are gone, they are gone!



The **Total Tote** is a new bag that has lots of nooks and crannies to hold your things! It has three zippered compartments and each compartment has storage places to hold everything. One of the compartments even has a snap out plastic zippered bag. Elastic band to hold things in place and a Velcro insert that can be taken out to make 2 of the compartments into 1! Made from a soft ultrasuede and available in Lime, Chocolate Brown, and French Blue **\$48.00**

Also due to several customers' requests, I am now offering a Silk Floss of the Month Club. This Silk Mori and Silk Milkpaint have a total of 219 colors. Over the course of 12 months, you will receive one of each color, along with plastic bobbins, bobbin boxes and a color card. The colors are beautiful! (email me for a color chart).

**\$40.00** per month

\*\*\*For those of you who are into monogramming, besides coton a broder # 25 (18 colors), I also have coton a broder #30 (\$1.50 /skein) and coton a broder #40 (\$4.00 /skein) in White.

After market at the SAGA convention, I have sold a good chunk of my fabric from the garment district. I still have a few yards of the Black and the Maroon 100% cotton velveteen, if you are looking for a special fabric for Christmas!

If you would like to place an order, just send me an email and let me know what you want, along with your phone number. If I don't have your info in my files, I will call and get.

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And now for Sewing! This month I am going to give some tips for making perfect French Seams! French Seams are created by encasing the seam within a second seam. Unlike an ordinary seam, you start with **WRONG** sides together. Using a ¼ inch foot and an edge foot (sometimes called stitch-in-the-ditch foot), you can make perfect, tiny French Seams!

Start by making sure your patterns have a 3/8 inch seam allowance. If there is more than 3/8", adjust on the first seam.

Shorten your stitch length to a 1.5 (my base length for a regular stitch is 2.2)

Place fabric so that **WRONG** sides are together

Using a 1/4 inch foot, stitch a scant 1/4 inch seam.

Press the seam 3 times: closed-open-closed

Trim the seam to a scant 1/8 inch

Fold the fabric over the seam so that the seam is enclosed. At this point, the **RIGHT** sides are together

Using the edge foot, place the blade of the foot next to the hump near the edge of the fabric (the hump is the enclosed seam).

Move the needle position one place to the left,

Set the stitch length back to 2.2

Stitch

By stitching your seams with this method, you are able to achieve tiny French Seams with no whiskers!

I hope you all have a wonderful fall and have lots of time for stitching!

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