

# Vaune's Aug/Sept Newsletter

Please feel free to pass along to your friends!

## August/September 2008

School is just around the corner as well as the SAGA National Convention in Atlanta! I hope to see many of you there! I am working on kits and new class samples and maybe even a Design Show entry (if only I didn't have to sleep!). If there is anything you need for your classes, as far as supplies, let me know and I will get it to you before your class.

For those of you who pre-ordered the [A-Z of Goldwork](#), it should be in anytime, along with the [Amanda Jane pleater needles](#)!

I am including several things in this newsletter that may be on your supply list for classes for convention. Typically, you will be asked to bring Basic Sewing Supplies and then any special items that a particular class may require. For reference, I am listing the items that are included in **Basic Sewing Supplies**:

Scissors – Embroidery, Fabric, and Paper  
Pins – Glass head or fine silk pins  
Fine and Ultra Fine Line water soluble marking pen  
#2 Pencil and sharpener  
Tape Measure  
White Sewing Thread  
Needles – assorted sizes, including machine needles if applicable  
Pen for taking notes  
Task lighting  
Magnification if needed  
Extension Cord and power strip if you need electricity

For machine classes, in addition to the Basic Sewing Supplies, the **Basic Machine Supplies** should also be included:

Sewing Machine	Foot Pedal	Manual
Power cord	Extension cord	Power Strip

Glass head pins – these have glass heads that won't melt under the heat of an iron. They are 1 3/8 inches long and come in 2 colors – red or white

\*\*\*\*\*When I am cutting out and sewing, I use the pins to remind me which side of the fabric I am working on – **White is Right** and **Red is Wrong!**\*\*\*\*\*



Red or White  
Glass head pins  
Reg. \$7.20

**SPECIAL**  
**\$6.00 each**



This month, I am going to have special on many of the things that you will need for your Basic Sewing Supplies. The first item is Scissors! I carry DOVO scissors and just some FYI – they are made in Solingen, Germany and are wonderful! This area is well known for its cutlery over the past several hundred years ( think swords and rapiers from the 1700 – 1800's). Because they come from a country that uses the euro for their currency, their has been a ride in the price – not because the scissors themselves have had a price increase, but because of the exchange rate. This month, I am offering 2 specials on all DOVO scissors!

**First**, I have ordered scissors to bring to convention, but all orders placed by September 20 will have the old pricing (new prices go into effect 9/21/08)

**Also**, order any 2 or more pair of DOVO Scissors and receive **10% off**. Again, this is good through September 20.

Style #	Name	Description	Cost
3.5 SHR	3 1/2 inch Shear with sheath	This is truly a mini-shear, not an embroidery scissor! Designed for cutting fabric, not threads, these are perfect for cutting fabric at your sewing machine.	\$54.00
1 NUB	3 1/2 inch 1 Nub Lace scissor	This scissor has 1 pointed blade and one blade with a nub. When trimming fabric from lace, place the nub side against lace. This helps to keep the lace from being cut.	\$44.00
2 NUB	3 1/2 inch 2 Nub Lace scissor	This scissor has 2 blades with a nub on each tip. When trimming fabric behind lace, or an organdy insertion, place the nub against the lace or organdy and trim. This helps the insertion from being accidentally cut.	\$41.00
3.5 RND NOSE	3 1/2 inch Round Nose Scissor	The round nose on this scissor lets you cut without clipping through fabric or lace at the point! Perfect for lace and threads. The round nose is also approved to take aboard airplanes.	\$36.00
3.5 BLEMB	3 1/2 inch Black Embroidery Scissors	This classic DOVO embroidery scissor sharp blades with a fine point, and a black satin Teflon finish	\$42.00
3.5 GLDSCLP	3 1/2 inch Embroidery scissors, with gold scolloped handles and sheath	A beautiful embroidery scissor with sharp blades and fine points. The handles have a scolloped edge with a gold finish.	\$33.00
3.5 SLV SCLP	3 1/2 inch Embroidery scissors with silver scolloped handles	A beautiful embroidery scissor with sharp blades and fine points. The scissor has a silver scolloped handle with silver blades.	\$27.00
5 STN TRIM	5 inch Trimmer with Satin finish	This 5 inch trimmer is the perfect size when you are trimming seam allowances, etc. Not too big, but sturdy enough to manage fabric. This is also a Perfect size for a beginning seamstress (daughter or granddaughter)!	\$47
6 STN TRIM	6 inch Shear with Satin finish	A 6 inch straight shear that cuts fabric like butter. The forged stainless steele blades almost feel like there is a spring as you cut! Wonderful for most fabrics, without the extra weight of a larger shear.	\$57
7 STN TRM	7 inch Shear with Satin finish	This 7 inch straight shear is the standard sewing shear. Lighter than most US models, it has sharp, forged stainless steele blades. Easy on your hands, these shears glide through fabric.	\$63.00

PINK	7 inch Pinking Shears	The classic pinking shears, made with the finest forged steele. The construction makes cutting easy, so no hand cramps!	\$75.00
LEFT 5 TRM	Leftie 5 inch Trimmers	This 5 inch trimmer for lefties is the perfect size when you are trimming seam allowances, etc. Not too big, but sturdy enough to manage fabric. This is also a Perfect size for a beginning seamstress (daughter or granddaughter)!	\$34
LEFT 6 TRM	Leftie 6 inch Trimmers	A 6 inch straight shear for lefties that cuts fabric like butter. The forged stainless steele blades almost feel like there is a spring when you cut! Wonderful for most fabrics, without the extra weight of larger shears.	\$38.00
LEFT 7 TRM	Leftie 7 inch Shear	This 7 inch straight shear is the standard sewing shear for lefties! Lighter than most US models, it has sharp, forged stainless steele blades. Easy on your hands, these shears glide through fabric.	\$50.00
SET 456	4 pc Scissors Set - 4/5/6 inch and an Italian Renaissance Leather Case	A beautiful set of scissors! This set includes 4 inch embroidery scissors, 5 inch satin finish Trimmers, and 6 inch satin finish shears. All made with the finest forged stainless steele blades. The set vomes in a beautiful zippered Italian Renaissance leather case. The case has enough room to hold another small pair of scissors or 2!	\$210.00
ANNV SET 456	4 pc Anniversary Scissor set - 4/5/6 inch scissors and a burgandy zippered Leather Case	This Anniversary Set is going fast! The set includes 4 inch embroidery scissors, 5 inch Trimmers, and 6 inch Shears. They have a silver satin finish and have DOVO Anniversary printed on one blade. The burgandy case is also embossed with DOVO Anniversary.	\$235
MINI	Mini Scissor - 2 3/4 inches	This is a new style from DOVO - the Mini scissor! The scissor is tiny - 2 3/4 inches and fits most anywhere!	\$62.00
BLK SER 4.5	Black Serrated Scissor with finger rest	The serrated edge on this scissor helps to grip the fabric when trimming- works wonders with fabrics that are slippery or very lightweight.	\$69.00
ROSE GOLD	Rose Gold 3 1/2" Emb Scissor	This scissor was originally made over 100 years ago. The dies were found in a museum and DOVO is making them again, using the same Rose Gold (gold and copper instead of gold and brass). A must for collectors!	\$73.00

5.5 Ser Hair	Hairdresser Scissors - bent handle, 5 1/2 inches	I order these for my hairdresser - she loves them!	\$122.00
3.25 CURV	3 1/4" scissors, curved blade	Nice fine point with a curved blade	\$42.00
BABY	Baby Scissor for fingernails, etc.	Blades have rounded tip, so not poking!	\$65.00
4.0 2nub CRV	4 inch, 2 nubs, curved blades	These are helpful when clipping thread under your presser foot!	\$45.00
9 DRESSMKR	9 inch Dressmaker shears	These are the shears that professionals in the garment industry use. They are a bit heavier - wonderful if you are working on heavier fabrics, such as wool, boucle, etc.	\$150.00
3.5 LG BOW	3 1/2 inch scissors with large bows	These scissors have been awarded the Red Dot prize for innovative products. They have large bows (finder holes) , and can accomidate larger joints!	\$62.00
7 SER SHR	7 inch serrated poliched shear	These shears are serrated and grip the fabric well. Excellent for cutting silk, voile, swiss batiste, etc.	\$78.00
OIL PEN	Oil pen with a fine tip	Puts just a drop of oil in the tiniest places! Great for anywhere you need a drop of oil!	\$7.50
SM SHTH	Small Sheath	Embroidery Scissors	\$3.00
LTHR SHTH	Leather Sheath	Great for 4 or 5 inch scissors or shears	\$4.50

I am also offering this DOVO scissors set for the first time! The scissors all have gold scroll work on the handles and the set includes 3 1/2 inch, 5 inch, and 6 inch scissors, along with a burgundy leather case. The set is Reg. \$285. Until Sep 20, I have it on sale for

**\$250.00** (isn't included in the 10% off)

Order now to have it for Convention!

I heard someone once say "Who needs shoes when You can buy Scissors!" Of course!



Water soluble marking pens – the best I have found is the Clover fine point marking pen. It has a nice fine point and even better, it does not dry out right away! Reg. \$5.00, this month they are on sale for

**\$4.00**

\*\*\*\*\*Tips for using water soluble pens!\*\*\*\*\*

1 – Draw a dotted line instead of a continuous line – you are less likely to shift the fabric and the design!

2 – When finished, wash in CLEAR water first! Don't put soap on it until you have washed away the marker!

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### Mettler Sewing Thread

This thread is size 60, a perfect size for sewing on finer weight fabrics such as voile, Swiss flannel, batiste, etc. It is 100% cotton and the large spool has 875 yards. Reg \$7.50, on sale for

**\$6.00 / spool**

\*\*\*\*\*Mettler and Metrosene are made by the same company. Mettler is 100% cotton, Metrosene is a polyester\*\*\*\*\*



**Schmetz Machine Needles** – Microtex or Sharp (purple color on the shaft), made specifically for woven fabrics. Package of 5 needles, Reg. \$4.39 for a package of 5,

**\$3.00 / package**

Lighting – don't forget your Ott light! Try the new battery operated Ott light! Use the battery during class and then recharge while you are at lunch! Recharger is included with the lamp! Reg.

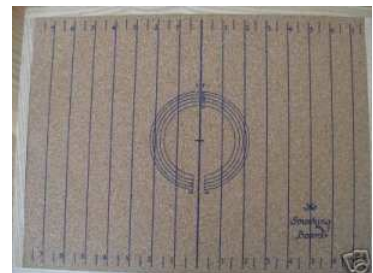
\$129.00 , on sale for **\$95**



Also, if you need a light for your sewing machine, the gooseneck Bright Light that I had in last newsletter is wonderful! I will keep the price at **\$45** for this newsletter.

**Smocking Board** – if you need one for a class, now is the time to order it! It is wonderful for blocking your pleated fabric and you can pin your design and fabric for tracing. I also flip it over to the back when I have to redraw a seam line or some such on a pattern piece.

**\$30** and extra set of applique' pins to use on the board \$6.00





**Sit upon hoop** – if your class requires a hoop, this is the one you want to have! You put the base under your leg, giving you the freedom to use both hands when you are embroidering!

This is another item I get from Germany – I will honor these prices through Sept 30, and then they will be going up, as I will be getting my new shipment in and the euro has risen again!

The hoops come in 3 sizes – 6 ½ inch (\$60), 7 ½ inch (\$63) and 8 ½ inch (\$66) hoops. The hoops all fit into the base, so you can also purchase the hoop on a stick separately, if you want more than one size of the hoops - \$32/\$34/\$36. This month, all of the Sit upon

hoops and hoop on a stick are on sale for **10% off**

\*\*\*\*\*If you need anything else for your supplies, please email me and let me know. If I don't have it, I can usually send you in the right direction!\*\*\*\*\*

Arriving anyday now is the new **Inspirations Magazine, Issue 59**. Let me know if you would like to be on my autoship list for these or Australian Smocking & Embroidery. They are wonderful magazines with lots of ideas and inspiration, and of course, beautiful babies!



**PRE-ORDER** The new A-Z of Sewing book now! The release date is end of October. This is a more general book than A-Z of Sewing for Smockers – covers areas more than just smocking related sewing.

Reg. \$33.00 **Pre-order Sale \$25.00**

## Fabric

I have a cute new print from a guy I found down in the garment district! It is a 100% cotton print from South Seas Imports. It sells in the quilt stores for \$9 / yard, I have it this month for **\$5 / yard**.

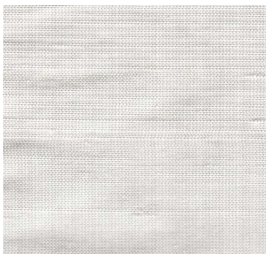
This would make a wonderful basic yoke dress, a summer jumper, or a little bubble. It would also make a cute blouse! I am showing the fabric flat and then pleated.



I also have 2 new pieces of silk dupioni from downtown LA



This is a light purple ('ice purple') dupioni that is 60" wide. Reg. \$18.00 /yd., this month it is on sale for **\$14.00 /yd**



This is a beautiful silver / gray dupioni, 45" wide. It would make a beautiful dress, smocked in black with a black velveteen collar, cuffs, and belt. It would also make a stunning blouse, beaded with black crystals! Reg. \$16.00 / yd, on sale for **\$12.50 / yard**

And now some tips for sewing for your favorite little ones!

-When designing your outfit, please remember proportion! BIG clothes on little people often don't go well together!

-Comfort is important. Children will not wear clothes that are too tight or make them itch and scratch. Use good quality fabric that is soft to the touch. Coarse fabric that has inferior dyes is often stiff and uncomfortable, even after it is washed.

-I know it is cute to see a long dress on a little girl with her toes peeking out, but that does not make it easy to walk or move around in! Make sure the dress is at a comfortable length to allow mobility, *especially* if she is just starting to walk. Tripping over the hem and tearing the dress is not fun (to watch or to fix)!

-Sashes – I love sashes with big bows! But if your little one is not walking much yet and spends a good deal of her time either laying down or sitting, sashes are not the best choice! She will either be laying with a big bump in her back (the knot of the bow) or will tripping over the ends of the sash when she tries to crawl.

-Remember, less is more! Don't overwhelm your little one with a garment full of stuff! Simplicity is best!

Well, that is all for now. I hope you have lots of time for thinking and creating and stitching and sewing! Hope to see you soon, either in Atlanta or somewhere else!

Happy Stitching,

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