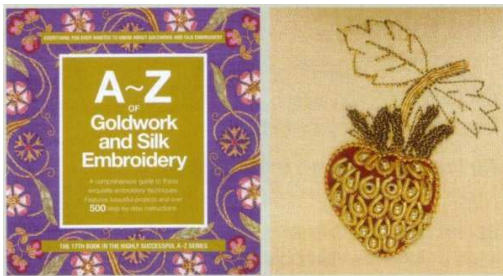


Vaune's Newsletter

Please feel free to pass along to your friends!

April 2008

Easter has come and gone, but it was so early this year that the weather is just catching up! This seems to be the month of many things to do, although I don't see it slowing down much until summer. We have a couple of graduations coming up, along with class proposals, SAGA Convention registration opening on May 1, a trip to Palmetto Pleaters in SC., and my yearly trek to Arlington, TX! Sprinkle in a couple of First Communion dresses and color me busy! I am also going to the International Textiles Show in a couple of weeks – I can't wait! Hopefully I will find some wonderful new fabrics to share with you - more about that in the next newsletter.



The next edition in the A-Z Series is Goldwork and Silk Embroidery. If any of you have worked in the medium, you know that is an exquisitely beautiful art form! Pre-order now at the sale price! Reg \$33.00

Sale \$25



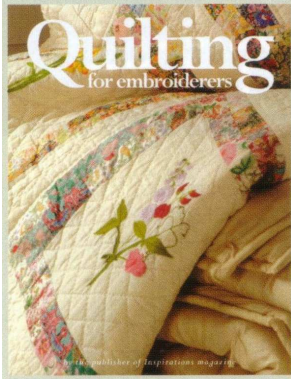
DMC has introduced the stitcher's version of Monopoly –

Stitch-opoly!



In this version, you collect needlework techniques while Stitching around the board! Beware of Pulling Out Thread or Losing your Needle, while just waiting for the next chance to Go Shopping or Go through the Needlework Stash. Each property card features a stitch diagram, so while the game is fun it is also educational – what a great way to introduce a child or grandchild to the world of stitching! They

should be arriving any day – Reg. \$32.00, **Sale \$25**



Quilting for Embroiderers

A new book to add to your collection. Directions for several projects are included, and cover simple to advanced embroidery techniques. Reg \$39.95



Sale **\$33**



Another great pair of scissors from DOVO – These 3 ½ inch scissors have a sharp, curved point and have large bows (finger holes) for those whose fingers might need a little more room. These scissors have been awarded the coveted RedDot Design Award!

Reg \$62.00, April Special **\$52**

*** Please note – pricing for my items that come from overseas (DOVO scissors come from Germany) fluctuate, based on the value of the dollar. The euro has increased dramatically over the last several months, which has made my prices increase. I only increase my prices when I get new items and they have also increased. ****

*** For those of you who would like to help to feed the poor and increase your brain power at the same time, go to www.freerice.com. This is a free website that is a vocabulary builder. It gives you a word and 4 choices for the definition. Choose the correct one and it gives you another....play as long as you want, and for each correct answer, they will donate 20 grains of rice to the UN World Food Program. Great for school kids to learn vocab (think SAT), and it is FREE!

Fabric

This month special – ALL Satin Batiste, Reg. \$13 / yard, is on sale for \$9 / yard. Colors: White, pink, blue

Swiss Organdy – white, peach, pink, light blue, ecru, black

reg \$30/yd **Sale \$25 /yd**

Vaune's Fabric Closet

White, 100% cotton, 60 in wide lawn **\$8 /yd**

For those of you who remember this from last spring, I found one more bolt, so you have one more chance at this wonderful fabric!



100% Cotton, 60 inches wide

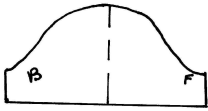
Reg \$8 /yd, **Special \$6 / yd**



Acid Free Storage Box

30" x 18" x 6", includes 10 sheets of acid free tissue paper. Perfect for storing you special garments, including quilts! Reg. \$25, **Special \$20**

A few things about Sleeves



You want to make sure that your fabric and your sleeve pattern are friends! If you have a full, puffy sleeve and you are making your garment out of heavy corduroy, it will be difficult to fit in all of the gathers. Likewise, if you have a sleeve that is not full and you make it out of Swiss voile, it will be droopy and flat. You can fix this, though!

To add fullness, find the center of your sleeve and mark a vertical line that is perpendicular to the grain line. Cut the sleeve in 2 on that line and spread the sleeve apart (equal distance at the top and the bottom) the desired width you would like to add. Redraw the top curve and tah-dah! A fuller sleeve!

To reduce fullness, draw the vertical line and then fold on the line and pin back the desired width you want to 'lose'. Redraw the curve and you have a new, less full sleeve,

Also note that while the front side seam and the back side seam are the SAME length (they are supposed to match!), the curve on the back of the sleeve is higher than the curve on the sleeve front. This is because when you move your arm, the sleeve back has more stress and needs more give. If you think about it, if your shirt is snug, you can feel the fabric pull across the back if you cross your arms in the front. The higher sleeve back allows for more give.

Gathers – when you are placing gathering rows for the sleeve top, they should run from the armhole to armhole (which is where the arm meets the torso). This prevents the gathers from running into the bottom of the armhole and keeps the gathers nice and puffy at the top!

The gathers at the bottom of the sleeve should run from the sleeve back gathering threads to the sleeve front gathering threads. This keeps the gathers at the bottom of the sleeve from drawing the sleeve towards the side seam.

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