



Vaune

July '09 Newsletter

Happy 4th of July and I hope you are having a wonderful summer! I am learning some new software, so bear with me as I try out different 'styles'. My newsletter is practice for my class notes. I have a new digital projector and I am trying to keep up with technology!

*I was in TX - saw many old friends and made some new ones at the Martha's Sewing Market. A heads up for next year - the date is earlier than usual - **May 20-22, 2010** in Arlington. I have had several requests to teach a class on Sunday which would be May 21st. I need your input for this! If you are interested, what type of class would you prefer - a hand class or a construction class. Please email me at vaune@vaune.com and let me know, and I will see what I can do.*

Our smocking guild, 'Berry Good Smockers, also just had our annual Stitching Serenity in Santa Barbara. Beverley Sheldrick was our teacher, and of course it was wonderful!

Please keep Beverley in your thoughts and prayers - after she returned to New Zealand last week, she was diagnosed with breast cancer. She is having surgery on July 21st and welcomes all of your prayers.

If you are in the Southern California area, there is a show in Long Beach, Oct 9-11, that you may be interested in. It is ETA California (Education in Textile Arts California). Information is at www.etalifornia.com. I am doing a linen bonnet class with bullions on Friday for the pre-day class. Not a lot of 'hand' classes, but some wonderful classes on fitting if you sew for your self. Check out their brochure on their website.

The SAGA Convention is just around the corner - September will be here before you know it! It is in Indianapolis this year. If you have not made

plans, I encourage you to do so! The classes are wonderful, the friends are fantastic, and of course there are the raffle baskets!

I am working on a couple of new pattern - a smocked dress with a jacket and also a tucked baby gown. Soo many ideas, soo little time!

If you have any ideas for my newsletter, let me know!

Please feel free to pass this along to any friends who might be interested.

I have a few new ceramic items that have come in. I am expecting one more shipment (I am keeping my fingers crossed for 2) before Christmas. If you are thinking about ordering the children's tea sets or the purse banks, let me know. I can always hold one for you. I know I was caught short last year and their November shipment didn't arrive until March.

Check out the new DOVO embroidery scissor with the oxidized blade - perfect for your Christmas list - and the sale on Sea Island cotton! And there are a few clearance fabrics at the end.

Happy Stitching,

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One of my new favorite pair of DOVO scissors is the embroidery scissor with the oxidized blade. It comes with a leather pouch that the scissor blades fit into. The handles and bows are gold and the sharp, oxidized blades are 'blue'

Reg. price is
\$75.00, special

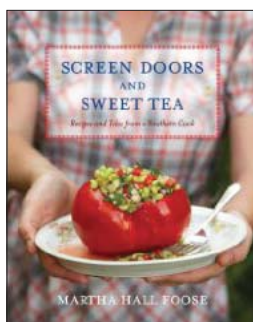
\$65.00



For those of you who have DOVO scissors, you can send them back to the DOVO factory for sharpening. You give them your cc#, to cover return shipping, and they are sharpened right there at the factory!

Scissors are something that will last a lifetime, if they are properly cared for. I can remember my grandmother telling me not to cut paper with her good sewing scissors. Scissors are like any other tool - there are different types for different jobs, and using the correct scissor or shear can make your sewing easier. Use your scissors and shears and let your children and grandchildren see you use them - who knows that may be something special that they remember you by!

Congrats to Martha Foose on her cookbook, "Screen Doors and Sweet Tea" - it won the 2009 James Beard Foundation Award for Americana Cookbooks. Wonderful food!



For fabric this month, the special is Sea Island Cotton! Sea Island cotton grows in the climate of the Sea Islands, located off the southeastern coast of the United States. Not only is the fiber white and lustrous but its fiber length is longer than that of any other type of cotton, (about 2 1/2 inches), which permits the spinning of extremely fine yarns. It is often used for men's dress shirts, and women's nightgowns and is wonderful for little dresses.

If you have not felt this fabric, it is wonderful - it feels smooth as silk. It is 100% cotton, 45 inches wide and I carry white, pink, blue, and grey. Reg. \$28/yd, this month's special is

\$22.00 yd.

One of the things that we all make an effort to do is to make sure we pass along and nurture our love for needlework and sewing in others, especially young children! One of my favorite pictures from Madeira is of one of the embroideresses sitting outside stitching, with her 6 year old daughter stitching at her side. My oldest daughter had no interest whatsoever in sewing, but there is hope for my youngest! She is not a needlework person (yet!), but she does have an interest in fashion and sewing. She watches out for the pattern sales at Joann's and when they run them for 99 cents, she will sit for an hour or so going through the pattern books and picking out designs that she thinks are cute. She has a nice little collection going!

For a long time, she just collected - when she would start 'sewing' and ask a question, in the typical teenager fashion, she would roll her eyes and tell me I didn't know what I was talking about. She is starting to come around, though, and I hope she connects her love of fashion and creativity. I know it will give her much pleasure and satisfaction!

Here is a new covered Tea Mug that I have - the pattern from last year has been discontinued and this is the replacement. The Sophie pattern Covered Mug includes a cup, saucer, lid and mesh strainer.



\$15.00

Tea for One - this is a full sized Teacup and Saucer, along with the teapot that fits perfectly on top!



\$25.00

The Mini Tea for One is a smaller version - the cup holds about 4 or 5 ounces. The teapot sits on top of the cup, keeping the tea warm!



\$15.00



Sugar Bowls - these are the perfect size to hold packets of needles, etc. You can embroider a little cover for it to hide your accessories!

\$5.00



Banks, Banks, Banks!!!

The Birthday Bank, Cupcake Bank, Heart Cupcake Bank, and 6 different styles of Purse Banks. All banks are

\$10.00

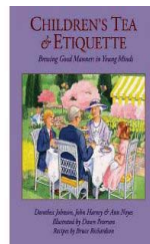


Eloise

Pin Stripe

18 piece children's Tea Sets

\$50.00



Children's Tea and Etiquette Book has etiquette and manners, along with recipes for a tea party!

\$20.00

Put your orders in now, so you are sure to have them for Christmas!

A is for ...

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Armscye

The armscye is the armhole opening in the garment. In general, the midpoint of the armscye is where the arm meets the torso. When making gathers on a sleeve, this is the 'stopping' point. Gathers that go beyond this point start to pull the gathers to the inderside of the sleeve, which takes away some of the 'puff'.

Awl

An awl is a pointed tool, used for making holes in wood, leather, or, in our case, fabric! It is different from a stilleto, in that the pointed end is graduated - the tip is smaller than the base. This is helpful when graduated eyelets are made.

B is for...

Basting

(and NO, this is NOT a 4 letter word!)

Basting is long stitches, used to mark or hold pieces in place until the final stitching is done. Hand basting is more accurate than machine basting and can be especially helpful when working on dark fabrics that are harder to mark.

Button Hole

Cutter

A tool used to cut...button holes! The end is about 1/2 inch wide and graduated and very sharp. It usually comes with a wood block to cut the buttonholes on.

C is for ...

Cutting

Cutting sounds so simple and yet is so very important! Use appropriate shears or scissors, keep them clean and sharp and keep the scissors and the fabric on a flat surface - do not cut 'in the air', as this allows the fabric to shift. One of the most important things to remember when cutting is to follow the grain line! If the grain is off, the garment will not hang correctly.

Comfort

While this is not a tool, it is a notion that is important to think about! If the garment is not comfortable, it will not be worn, especially if it belongs to a child. Use fabric that is good quality and has been dyed well. Pay attention to construction so the seams are smooth and even.

Clearance Fabrics

limited supplies, so email with the fabric and yardage. First come, first served! Send me an email if you want any of the fabric - I have not posted this on my web site. I'll let you know if it still available.



Plaid silk - Reg. \$14 /yd
Sale \$7.00/yd



Washed Silk - waffle pattern, Mint or Cream



Reg. \$12.00 /yd, sale, \$7.00 /yd



100% cotton Velveteen
Black or burgandy
\$8.00 /yd

These fabrics are all 100% cotton and all 60 inches wide except for the cherry twill, which is 45 in. Top 2 florals are cotton sheeting, the stripes are seersucker, the stripe/polka dots is pique' and the red plaid is a med. t heavy cotton - great for tablecloth, tree skirts, as well as jumpers and john john suits. Reg \$8.00 /yd

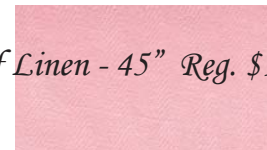
Sale \$4.50 /yd



Peach Herringbone Washed Silk

Reg \$12 /yd Sale \$7.00 /yd

Peach Handkerchief Linen - 45" Reg. \$14/yd



Sale \$8.00 /yd

Well, there it is! Hopefully by the time I do my next newsletter, I will be past the 'learning' stage and figure out which format I want to use! Please bare with ,e - I think the end results witll be worth it!

Happy Stitching!

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