

Vaune's Newsletter

Please feel free to pass along to your friends!
August 2009

I just sat down to write my August newsletter and realized that #2 son took an extra computer (with my publishing software) when he went back to college this week! The old format will have to do until I get it back!

Summer is over, school is back and the SAGA convention is just around the corner! I have kits all over my living room – maybe one of them has your name on it! If you ever have a chance to go to convention, don't miss it! Besides the raffle baskets, it is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with women who truly love to stitch! I always come home with wonderful ideas and a true appreciation of this beautiful art form.

For those of you who might be in the area, I am teaching.....
Tulsa, OK September 26, 2009
Pretty in Pink Daydress with Scalloped Overlay
Call Joan Burns at 918-341-3166

Long Beach, CA October 9-11, 2009
Education of the Textile Arts – California
www.etacalifornia.com/images/etac_booklet2009.pdf
This is a weekend that focuses on sewing – wonderful teachers and the classes are great. You can come for a class, a day, or the weekend.

Beverley Sheldrick update – the doctors have decided that the first course of treatment is radiation instead of a mastectomy. Please continue to keep her in your thoughts and prayers – her spirits are good, and she is planning on being at Martha's in February. If you would like to drop her a note, let me know and I will pass along her address.

New this month! Patterns from Old Fashioned Baby, A-Z of Fashion, Embroidery of the 19th Century, Inspirations, Australian Smocking & Embroidery, and new colors of coton a broder #25!



Emma's Smocked Baby Clothes
Size Infant to 6 mo (18 lbs.)



Baby Sacque and Wrapper with
Embroidery Designs



Here are 3 patterns from Old Fashioned Baby – 2 new and one revised

Emma
Baby Sacque and Wrapper
Baby Dresses (Revised)

These beautiful patterns from Jeannie Baumeister are a wonderful addition to your pattern library!

\$12 each, **Sale \$10 each**

Baby Daydresses (Revised)
Size Infant to 3 months and 6-9 months included

Coton a broder# 25 – New colors available! The original 18 colors that were available here in the US has expanded! The colors that are now available are:

209* 210* 211* 223* 224* 225* 310 321* 352 353 368 369
471 472 498* 552* 553* 554* 603* 744 745 760 761 776
794* 799 800 818 819 964* 3033 3325 3713*

B5200 blanc ecru

*indicates new color

These are from DMC and the colors follow the floss colors

Additional colors are on order – I will let you know as they come in.
Price for these is \$1.50 / skein

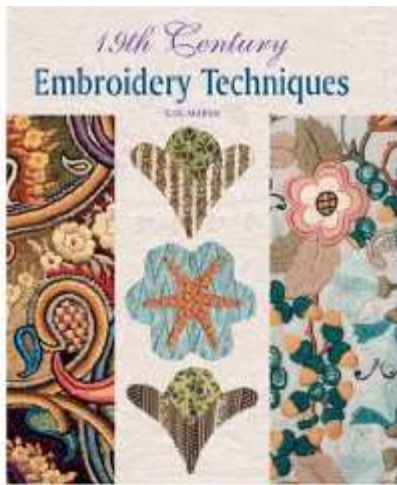
I also have coton a broder #30 available in white, \$1.50 / skein

*****Coton a broder #40 is NO LONGER AVAILABLE*****
#25 and #30 is from DMC, #40 was from Anchor, and is no longer available.

****Not all of the DMC colors are colorfast. They are:

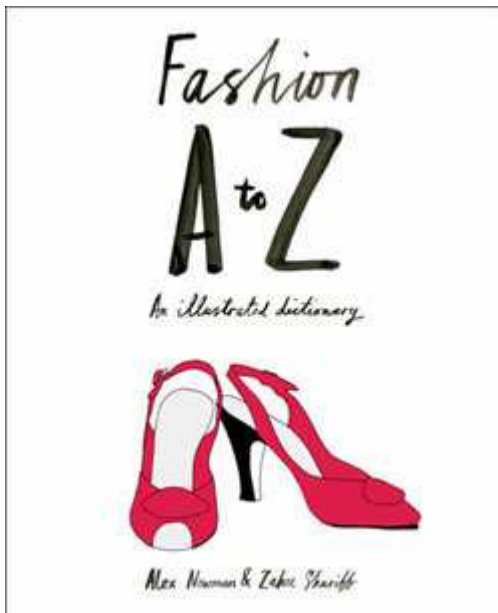
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To do this, take a bowl of water and dissolve some Epsom salts OR put a splash of vinegar in the bowl. Take the wrapper of the thread (floss, coton a broder, floche...) and soak the thread in the bowl for an hour or so. Rinse in clean water and then I roll it in a washcloth to remove excess water and then let it air dry. This works well on many of your dark clothes as well. I keep a bucket by my washer and I buy the gallon jugs of vinegar at Costco. When I have a new pair of jeans, black pants or shirts, or bathing suits, I always soak them to set the dye before I wear them.*****



This is a great book, with historical information, design details, stitch instructions, and pictures. Under the Whitework heading, there is information covering Ayrshirework, smocking, broderie anglaise, Carrickmacross, and Mounrmellick. The pictures of the christening gowns and the smocks are wonderful. Other categories are canvas work, surface embroidery, patchwork and fancy work. There is also a section on antique sewing tools, and learning to sew (antique samplers).

Reg. \$25.00 **Special \$20.00**



Fashion A to Z: An Illustrated Dictionary

Another excellent resource, for yourself and for young sewers that are learning! This is a dictionary with some illustrations and MANY definitions for everything from styles to accessories to fabrics. This is a great reference for experienced sewers and a fun way to interest those who are interested in sewing and fashion.

Reg. \$30 **Special \$25.00**

Adapting a neckline with a Peter Pan collar to a neckline with a bias binding

If you have a dress with a Peter Pan collar and you want to remove the collar and just use a bias binding around the neckline, this can be done in a few easy steps.

Determine the seam allowance around the neckline on the pattern. Trace the front bodice and the back bodice pieces, REMOVING the seam allowance at the neckline. Remember, on the original pattern, the seam allowance would be turned under after sewing the collar on, so this now must be removed!

When applying bias at the neckline, I cut bias strips that are 7/8 inches wide. On the right side of the fabric, I sew on with a 1/4 inch seam, trim the seam and then turn under the raw edge of the bias and stitch on the wrong side. This gives a nice small bias edge at the neckline.

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Australian Smocking and Embroidery
Issue # 88

This issue includes a sundress, a baby boy's bubble, several dresses and a beautiful smocked purse.



Inspirations Issue 63

Some of the designs included in this issue includes are a cute embroidered sweater, a beautiful stumpwork pansy design, an embroidered nightgown and robe (S-M-L for women, pattern included) and the tote, pictured on the cover.

Each issue is \$18, **Special – order both for \$30**

*****Keep your needles organized! Use the tomato type pincushions (or any pincushion that has sections). At the top center of the pin cushion, mark the needle type and size in each section. That way, when you put the needle back in the pin cushion, you can put it in the correct section to keep them organized. I use 2 of them – one has my Milliner and Betweens, the other has my Embroidery and Sharps*****

Happy Stitching and hope to see you soon!

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