



Vaune *December 2009*

Happy Holidays to you all! It seems like the time between holidays gets shorter each year - even my kids have noticed.

For all of you that I saw on my travels to Indianapolis, Tulsa, Long Beach, Santa Barbara, and Boston - it was wonderful to see you! One of the things that I enjoy is making friendships with stitchers from all over. We all seem to speak the same language and no matter how long it has been since I have seen someone, we pick right up where we left off the last time.

The SAGA convention in Indianapolis was wonderful. I hope you get a chance to come next year - it will be in Norfolk, VA. We have had a convention there

before - the hotel is right on the water. Every morning when I walked, I would go down and walk around the huge ships - it was wonderful!

I am going to be heading up north at the end of February - I am going to have a booth and do some teaching at the Sewing and Stitchery Expo in Puyallup, WA. I am excited! If you have any tips or suggestions, please email me and let me know. I am starting to look at hotels - where is the best place to stay? There doesn't seem to be much in Puyallup. Is Tacoma far?

I have a few new things in the newsletter - send me an email if you want to order!

Have a wonderful Christmas Season!

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AS&E #89 Inspirations #64

Wonderful as always, with great ideas! Cover dress by Gail Doane

\$18.00

December Special! Both AS&E #89 AND Inspiration #64 for **\$30.00**

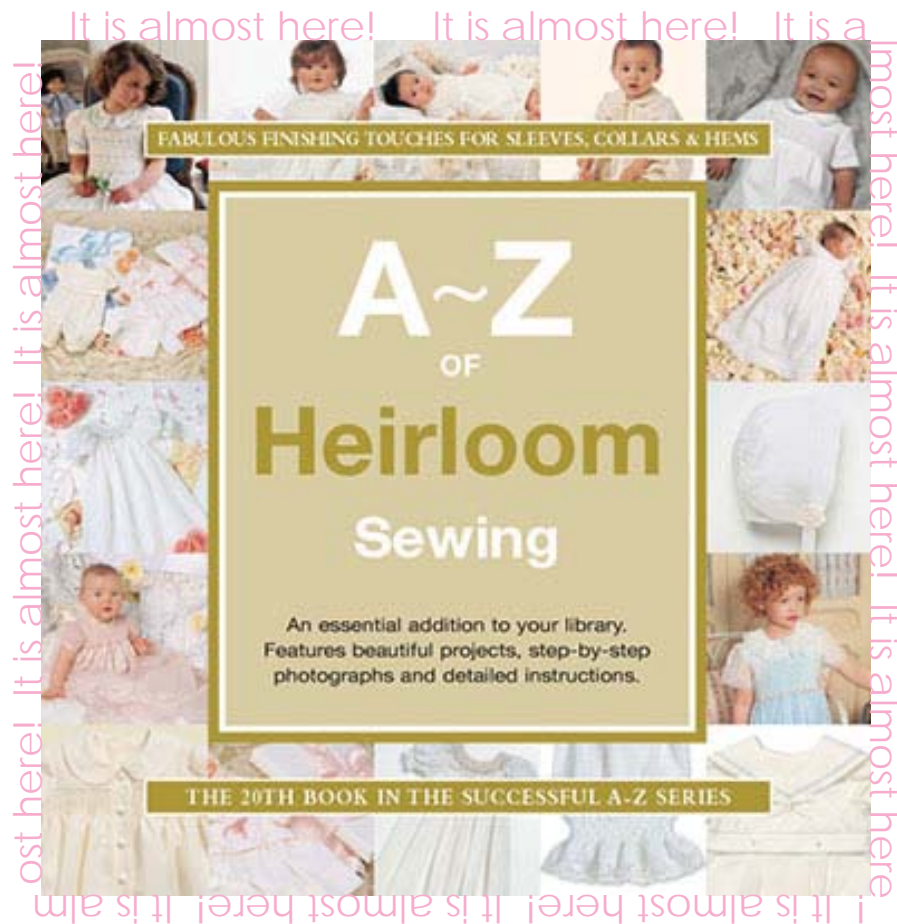


Ginger has a new RETRACTABLE seam ripper, or what I call my "unsewer"! I know this would save me a poke or two! Regularly \$28, for December it is on special for

\$23.00

Sewing Tip

When sewing or stitching with white, remember that not all whites are equal! Even DMC has 2 whites, a stark white, which is B5200, and the original white, blanc or blanc neige. Use good lighting and hold the thread to the fabric. Make sure you hold the amount you will be working with. For example, if you are smocking and will be using 3 strands, then hold 3 strands next to the fabric. The more you hold, the stronger the color will be, so holding a skein next to the fabric will give a different look. The same holds true for the fabric. If you are using a sheer fabric (such as Swiss voile), hold the thread up to one layer of fabric (or 2 if there will be a slip). When the fabric is on the bolt, it will give a stronger color than if it is in a single layer. The purpose of matching is to give you an accurate idea of what the fabric and thread will look like together, so do all that you can to make sure that the fabric and thread are showing their actual color proper-

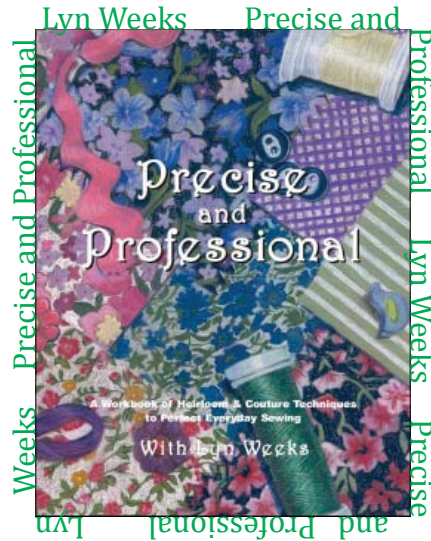


In case you can not tell, the new A-Z of Heirloom book is almost here, and I can't wait! 2010 is just around the corner, and it should be in sometime in March or April (depending on that slow boat from China)! The whole series of the A-Z books provides us with great directions and step by step pictures, and I am looking forward to the same with this book. Retail for this is

\$35.00, and for this newsletter, it is on special for **\$29.00**. If you have already emailed me your name, I still have it. If not, send it along now for the sale price. As soon as I get them in, they will be shipped out to you!

Want to order? Your best bet is to email (vaune@vaune.com) me or call (805-529-5005) with your name and phone number, and let me know what you would like. My specials start out for my e-letter subscribers, so the sale prices are not reflected on my website right away. Many times I have limited quantities and I give my e-letter readers first crack at them. Please remember that I live in CA, so take into consideration the time difference.

Precise and Professional



If you are looking for Precise and Professional by Lyn Weeks, I have copies! This is a wonderful 'How-To' book for constructing heirloom sewing garments. Her instructions will help to you to create a garment that is not only beautiful but well made!

\$37.50

This recipe is a favorite in our house all year long - but is our neighbors' favorite at Christmas! We make about 50 of these to pass out to friends and neighbors.

Mrs. Marshall's Coffee Cake

1 cup white sugar
1 cup brown sugar
3 cups flour
1 cup (2 sticks) butter

Heat oven to 350°

Put sugars and flour in mixing bowl. Cut in butter with pastry mixer or dough hook until mixture is crumbly. Remove 1 cup of crumb mixture.

2 eggs
1 tsp vanilla
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. Baking soda
1 cup buttermilk

Add to crumb mixture and beat until smooth. Pour into a 11" x 13" pan or 2 - 8 inch round pans. Pour the reserved crumble mix over the batter.

Bake at 350° for 45 - 50 minutes until golden brown

Merry Christmas and Enjoy!!!

Coton a Broder #25 and More Coton a Broder #25 and MORE Coton a Broder #25!

*And then there were more.....*I started out with 17 colors of Coton a Broder # 25. It is a great thread - 100% cotton, it comes in a skein (started out in a hank, but they are switching over to skeins), made by DMC, and is wonderful for padded sat- ing stitch and monograms, as well as all types of embroidery. I couldn't wait to get some new colors, and boy has my wish been granted. I can now get almost 100 colors, with several more on the way.

209	353	553	738	798	955	3688
210	367	554	739	799	959	3689
211	368	561	740	800	964	3713
223	369	562	742	813	973	3756
224	414	563	743	815	3033	3782
225	415	601	744	818	3325	B5200
304	469	602	745	819	3326	Blanc
309	471	603	746	895	3328	Ecru
310	472	605	754	904	3345	
312	498	677	758	905	3346	
320	502	699	760	909	3347	
321	504	700	761	911	3348	
322	517	701	762	912	3607	
334	518	702	775	945	3608	
335	519	725	776	946	3609	
351	550	726	793	948	3685	
352	552	727	794	954	3687	

As you can see, quite a few colors and there are another 60 or 70 colors. The skeins are \$1.50 each, For December's special, if you order any **30 or more skeins**, the discount will be **10% off**. If you order **60 or more skeins**, the discount will be **15% off**, and if you order **90 or more skeins**, the discount will be **20 off%!** A nice way to start your collection. I will also offer the option of ordering them now, but having them shipped in 3 shipments, (Dec/Jan/Feb) and they will be billed when they ship.

Well, I have to run - coffee cakes are baking! My hope for you all is to have a wonderful Christmas and a Blessed New Year, with plenty of time for stitching. Hope to see you in Puyallup, and don't forget to email me any helpful info!

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