



Vaune's May 2015 Newsletter

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May is here, and all I can think is "Where has the time gone?!" It has been a busy spring, with lots of things going on, including a week back in Boston where I was a 'mom helper' in my daughter's first grade classroom. She teaches 1st grade in an inner city school in Chelsea, a Boston suburb. I straightened out her library and leveled about 500 books, and came home with a list..... lookslike this summer I will be making chair sacks. No heirloom sewing involved (other than maybe some cute bias binding), but I am going to use my embroidery unit for the first time to put a letter of the alphabet on each sack. This will serve two-fold! First, it will let the kids know which chair is theirs without having their name on it (as I am only going to make these once!) and 2nd, it will give me a chance to practice on my embroidery using my embroidery module from my new 580. For those of you who have taken a class from me, you know I like to say "It takes a dress...." to learn a new technique. This will give me plenty of practise!



Cindy Foose and I are hosting our August Santa Barbara school again, for the final time. The retreat facility is closing at the end of August, so this is our last time there. Our focus is not only on learning techniques, but having you use your creativity (if you choose) to put your own touch on it. We will be focusing on pintucks and pin stitch (by hand AND machine), as well as hand embroidery.

For those of you who don't want to make a little girl's dress, you can choose to use the same techniques to make a **woman's nightgown!** Information is inside - spots are going fast, so if you are interested, please let us know!

Have a wonderful Mother's Day - treat your self to some stitching! Check out the goodies inside and the info on Madeira applique'!

Happy Stitching,
Vaune

Where I'll Be.....

June 26 - June 30, 2015

*Sewing Weekend
Santa Barbara, CA*

***No classes, just sewing. All are welcome! This will be our last sewing weekend here, as the facility is closing 8/31/15 If you are interested in joining us, please email me. The more the merrier!*

July 16-19, 2015

*American Sewing Guild Conf.
San Diego, CA*

August 20-25, 2015

*Vaune Pierce & Cindy Foose
California Confection
*details inside**

October 8-12, 2015

SAGA Valley Forge Retreat

Checkout the info on our "California Confection" school in Santa Barbara. This is our final year in SB, as the facility is closing.

Vaune Pierce and Cindy Foose present
A California Confection

August 21-23, 2015
Pre-Day August 20



Join us for our last event at St. Mary's in Santa Barbara, CA, ***A California Confection*** - a sewist's version of a kid in a candy store! Over the course of 18 hours, you will start by learning several

Delectable Design Choices, both hand and machine: Petit Pintucks, Ambrosial Applique', Exquisite Embroidery, Scrumptious Sleeves, and Confectionary Collars! Next, you will Design your own decadent dress, choosing the elements that tempt you most! Finally, you will create a California Confection of your very own using Swiss Lawn and Swiss voile. Pre-Day Class is a Sweet White Sweater, Sprinkled with Embellishments. Optional Mon & Tues stayover available. Registration opens April 15, 2015

*** For those of you who want to learn the techniques but would prefer not to make a little girl's dress, you have the option of making a Woman's Nightgown, There will be an addition fee for the extra fabric in the kit. Please make anote on the registration form.



Vaune Pierce and Cindy Foose present
A Classic California Confection

*August 21-23, 2015
with pre-day August 20
Santa Barbara, CA
Opt. Mon. & Tues stayover*

We invite you to join us for our last Event at the St. Mary's Retreat Facility in Santa Barbara. For those of you who have attended, you know what a special place this is. They will be closing and selling as of August 31, 2015. We are lucky to have been able to create so many memories with stitching and friends here.

\$545 for the All-Inclusive Weekend

Includes:

Tuition for 18 Hours of Class (Class is 9 hours on Friday, 6 hours Sat., and 3 hours on Sun.)

Kit: Swiss Lawn, Swiss Voile, MOP buttons.

9 Meals (Thursday supper through Sunday lunch)

3 Nights - Thursday - Saturday

* Kits include materials for up to size 3. Size 4, 5, and 6 available at additional cost.

Pre-Day - Sweet Sweater Sprinkled with Embellishments - **\$160**, which includes Wednesday night lodging, 3 meals, and kit, which includes sweater and materials.

Registration begins April 15, 2015

\$250 Deposit will hold your place with the balance due by August 1, 2015.

Optional add-on: Stay over thru Tuesday, August 25th, \$60 per night.

[Please circle that days that you plan on attending.](#)

**For those who do not want to make a little girl's dress, you have the option of making a woman's night gown (added kit fee), using the same techniques.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Supply list will be sent upon registration. Sewing machine and accessories required.

For more information, please contact:

Vaune Pierce at vaune@vaune.com or (805-529-5005)

Email registration info to vaune@vaune.com or mail to :

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Tantalizing Tucks

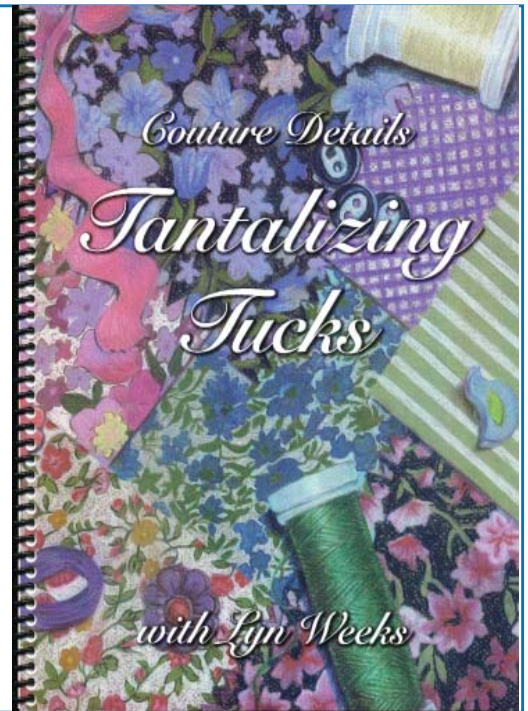
by Lyn Weeks

is finally available again! Inspired by her 'Tucks' chapter in her OOP book Precise and Professional, Lyn has expanded the information and pictures into a 80+ page book.

Filled with information on everything tucks, from types of tucks (basic, inverted, underarm release) to pin-tucks (whipped, shell, double, corded) and everything in between, this book is an excellent edition to your sewing library! She even includes Setting charts for your sewing machine for each different technique.

To make it even more user friendly, it is spiral bound, making it easy to use!

\$28.50



Inspirations #85 from Country Bumpkin

This issue has a beautiful beaded cuff, a charming scissor sheath and fob, a gorgeous embroidered poppy purse and a stunning Stumpwork Rose

**Inspirations
#85 \$23.50**



Sew Adorable Classic Clothes for Boys and Girls

This book includes the patterns for 23 projects, including the cape on the cover, a cute floppy rain hat, a skirted romper, fuffle buns, a fairy princess dress and wings, a pirate hat, and a tabbard that can be used for all kinds of costumes! Sizes are from infant to about Size 3.



Reg. \$20,

Special for \$18.00

What's New... (again)



Sit-Upon Hoop

If you use an embroidery hoop for your embroidery, the Sit-Upon Hoop gives you the 'hands free' ability to stitch. You sit on the base, allowing you to use both hands to stitch, instead of having to hold the hoop with one hand and stitch with the other. These were out of stock for over a year, as my supplier quit carrying them because of shipping problems from Germany. I am happy to say they are back in stock - both the base and 4 sizes of hoops. The hoops are interchangeable with the base. These are made by Hardwicke Manor and imported from Germany.
Base (does NOT include the hoop on a stick) \$38.00

Hoop on a Stick (this is the embroidery hoop that fits into the Base - does not include the base)

6" - \$29
7" - \$30
8" - \$31
10" - \$33
11" - \$35
12" - \$37

Newsletter Special for Mother's Day:

Purchase a Base and 2 or more Hoops on a Stick, (or if you already have a base, 3 different hoops on a stick) and

get 10% off



Bobbin Buddies

The perfect way to keep your bobbins and spools together! If you are like me, you have MANY different types of white thread. Typically, I have Mettler 50wt, and 60 wt, Madeira 80 wt., DMC 50 wt., YLI 70 wt. and 100 wt., along with Metrosene 50wt. I also have pinks, blues, reds, etc., that are in several different weights. In order to keep my bobbins with the corresponding spool, I have used Handi-bobs. Unfortunately, they don't fit easily on all of the different brands.

Now there are Bobbin Buddies, which seem to do the trick. Just stick the bobbin on the shaft and put the shaft in the spool. They do have a tight fit into the spool, but this keeps them together! They come in an assortment of colors (purple/pink/aqua) to brighten up your sewing room! The price on these is 3/\$1.00.

Special - buy 10 pks and get 1 FREE!

Thread Count - refers to how many yards of thread to make 1 lb. (km for 1 kg). The multiplier is 840 yds.

Ply - how many yarns or strands are twisted together to make a single thread

A 60/3 thread uses a thread that has the weight $60 \times 840 \text{ yds} = 50,400 \text{ yds}$ and then twists 3 together (3 ply) to create the thread.

Gift Certificates available! Perfect for any occasion!

Perfect for you! Available in any amount!

So Long, Farewell,.....



Red Pinstripe 18 pc Tea Set



'Eloise' Floral 18 pc Tea Set



Pink Pinstripe 18 pc. Tea Set

I have carried these tea sets, purse banks, and the doll tea set for several years - they are wonderful to share with your favorite little girl! With my recent shipment, I was notified that the manufacturer will no longer accept wholesale orders for these - they will only accept manufactures orders (need to order the whole-production run). Since I am not going to order several hundred of these at a time, when my current stock is gone, I will not be getting any more. I have already pulled out a set or two to put in my Grammy Hope Chest (for whenever that will be!), but the rest are up for grabs! Each tea set includes 4 plates/4cups/4 saucers/ sugar bowl & lid/creamer/tea pot & lid/tray. The plate is big enough to hold a couple of cookies.

All Tea sets are \$65

(Think early for Christmas!)



Doll's Tea Set

Includes 2 cups/2 saucers/tray/
creamer/sugar bowl&lid/tea
pot&lid.

Doll's Tea Set - \$25



Purse Banks - \$10 each

Specify Stripe or floral! these are first come
first serve - I can email you which patterns I
have left of these.

Stitch Sampler Alphabet

A Review and Link to Order

Mary Corbet has just published an e-book called the [Stitch Sampler Alphabet](#) and let me tell you, it is WONDERFUL!!! Each letter of the alphabet is stitched, using various stitches and threads (mostly coton a broder #25 with a pinch of floche and a sprinkle of floss thrown in!). To start, Mary gives all the information you need to get started, from copyright info to Guilds, Chapters, and Groups stitching as a class, to how to set up your stitches and fabric and more. For the Alphabet itself, each letter gets 3 pages - the first (see letter D below) is a picture of the stitched letter, along with the threads and colors that are used. The second picture (see letter C) gives detailed info on what stitches/threads/colors are used for each part of the letter. The third page is the Stitch Guide and Closeups and has many pictures of the different stitches in the letter, along with tips for stitching, placement and order. The next section is the Stitch Dictionary (think A-Z, step by step close up pictures), which has 32 stitches. Last but not least is the pattern section - it includes the patterns for each of the letters of the alphabet.

Since this is an e-publication, you can print off the alphabet designs straight from your computer! This is a great way to learn new stitches and combinations, brush up on old stitches, and practise! You can click on the link below to order yours!

[Click here for Stitch Sampler Alphabet](#)



Threads for Stitching your Alphabet Sampler!

To go along with Stitch Sampler Alphabet, I am offering the threads that Mary used to create her alphabet! You can email me for a list of all the colors of each thread type: vaune@vaune.com

Coton a Broder #25 - \$1.50/skein

There are 42 colors of coton a broder #25 used in this project. Reg. \$63.00, If you order all 42 colors, there is a 10% discount

\$56.70

Floche - \$6.25/skein

There are 26 floche colors. Reg. \$162.50, with my special of buy 5, get 1 free,

\$137.50

DMC Stranded Floss - 5 colors - \$3.50

Save Even More!!!

If you order the complete Stitch Sampler Alphabet thread collection, (42 skeins of coton a broder #25, 28 skeins of floche, and 5 skeins of DMC stranded floss) save 20%!

Reg. \$229,

Newsletter Special is only

\$183

Please see note on next page regarding Floche pricing as of June, 2015.

Floche news....

When I received my shipment of floche last week, my invoice reflected the new price increase. Floche will be going from \$6.25 to \$6.50/ skein. I will still continue to honor my buy 5, get the 6th free policy on regular priced floche. I will not put this price into affect until July 1. If you have thought about joining the Floche of the Month Club, now is the time, before the price increase. Once you enroll, your price is locked in. With the Floche of the Month Club, you get a shipment every month (like a Christmas present in your mail!) and at the end of 1 year, you will have the complete collection of 94 skeins, along with needles that are commomly used with floche.

Floche of the Month is \$44/month

(price will increase to \$46/month as of July 1.)

Also available:

Coton a Broder of the Month - \$22/month

DMC 50 wt Thread of the Month - \$22/month

It's like a Christmas present every month! and remember - if thread prices go up, your monthly price is locked in for the duartion of your Club!

Fabrics

Cashmere Cotton 100% cotton Flannel, 60" wide

Cashmere Cotton is a gorgeous cotton flannel - baby soft and wonderful for blankets, bedding, and warm snuggly clothes! I have this wonderful fabric in pink, blue, and white - perfect baby colors. It retails for \$14.00/yd, but this newsletter

special it is 25% off - **just \$10.50 /yd.**

Stock up now!

see baby blanket tips below!

Remember - babies grow fast!!! Using 60" wide fabric and squaring it off (60" x 60") makes a blanket that is sized to grow with the baby! Yardage for 60" square is 1.75 yds, which gives you 3 extra inches for straightening on grain. Use a fun print to make a bias binding and add a hood! You will be making a blanket that will be a favorite for years to come!

100% cotton pique' Turquoise and Raspberry floral



This is a great summer fabric - perfect for dresses, rompers, and jumpers! 60" wide, so it gives you

extra width for larger sizes. The turquoise &/or respberry 1/16" check gingham makes a perfect coordinating fabric for piping, collars, bias trim, etc. This is one of my L.A. Fabric Closet Finds! The pique usually retails for \$16.00, but this month's special is **\$10.00**, while it lasts!

Add a Big Fat Quarter (18" x 30") for only **\$4.00** each. Just let me know what color gingham you want.

Madeira Applique'



In this issue, I want to talk about Madeira applique', one of my favorite forms of embroidery! Let's start with applique'. Applique is simply taking a separate medium, usually fabric, and attaching it to a base fabric. You often see applique in quilting and on children's clothing.

What makes Madeira applique' unique is the way the applique' fabric is attached to the base fabric.

One of the stitches that is indicative of Madeira Embroidery is the pin stitch - a combination of stitches that create the look of tiny little holes (like entredeaux) in the fabric. To create an applique' that is a Madeira Applique', the applique is attached with the pin stitch. It does not matter what shape the applique' is. As you can see in the pictures above, there are scroll shapes (white linen pin stitched onto an organdy base that is pin stitched to the linen), scallop bands, organdy pin stitched to pink linen and then embroidery and flowers pin stitched to the organdy, and on the far right, linen flowers pin stitched to the white linen base.

Some tips when making a madeira applique':

- Your base fabric should be a natural fiber. If you are using a fabric that has polyester (Imperial batiste, for example), the polyester 'remembers' the way it is woven and will fight the thread making the holes when it is washed, causing your holes to lose their definition
- Match the grain of your applique' with the grain of your fabric
- Baste is not a 4 letter word!!! Baste your applique' in place, matching the grains, so your applique' will lay nice and flat with no ripples
- Use a fine needle and thread. If I am stitching on linen, I use a 28 Tapestry, so I can pick up just 2-3 threads. For thread, you want a fine thread that is strong enough to withstand the tension of pulling the fabric to make the holes without breaking. I use YLI 70 wt. Heirloom Sewing Thread. I have carried this thread for years - it is my absolute favorite for pin stitching, and works well with lace as well!

Extra Extra! I have a friend who is upgrading and is selling her Pfaff 7570. (Too bad I already have one). If you are familiar with this machine, you know it does a wonderful machine pin stitch and roll and whip - a real work horse. She is selling the machine, embroidery module (uses discs, which come with it) and hoop and a wheeled carrying case for \$500 plus shipping. If you are interested, call or email me!



Happy (late) Mother's Day!

Happy Stitching,

Vaune

The Fine Print

Some things never make it to my website, as they are one time buys and you all get first crack! Send me an email (vaune@vaune.com) with what you want and your phone number and I will get right back to you! If you need to call, my number is 805-529-5005