



Vaune's December Newsletter

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Thanksgiving has come and gone - hard to believe that we are knee deep in December! My youngerst daughter just came home from college for winter break, so it must be true!

Things have been as busy as ever and of course I always wish for more sewing time. All I want for Chirstmas is 30 hours a day! I am working on a few different projects that I will tell you more about later.

Cindy Foose and I are working on our 4th Annual Santa School, even though it will not be at the regular place. We are looking at different options (both East and West Coast), so stay tuned for more details. Keep your fingers crossed that we will find a place that will accomodate us as well as our stitching paraphernalia.

For my Christmas Specials this year, I have several items (especially for your wish list) that are 25% off - some are wish list' items and some are stash items.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays, and
a Blessed 2016

*Happy Stitching!
Vaune*

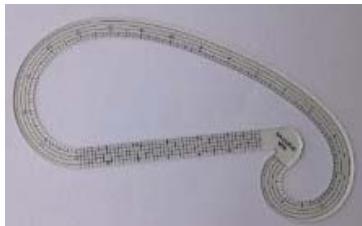
Christmas Wish List
A Sale for
YOU!
The 25% Off Sale

- Dovo Scissors all are 20% off!
- German Interfacing -
- Japanese Interfacing
- Fabrics that are 25% off:
(See more details inside!)
- Swiss Voile
- Swill Flannel
- Swiss Lawn
- Swiss Pique'
- Ulster Linen
- Sea Island Cotton
- Stella Lights are 25% off
- Beam 'N Read - 25% off

Where I'll Be.....

February 25- 28, 2015
Puyallup, WA
Sewing and Stitchery Expo

New and Nifty



Brand New!!!! 3/8" mini-Curve is now available. Cindy Foose couldn't say enough good things about this ruler, and I have to agree. It is the perfect curve for necklines, armholes, etc., and has a 3/8" seam allowance, marked in 1/4" increments (can use it for 1/4" seam allowances as well! I have the last of the first run of these. More will be coming in the next month or so.

Reg. \$19.50, **Special is \$14.63**

Get yours today!



This is a nifty new product from Clover - a **Fabric Folding Pen!** The pen is empty in the package - you add water up to the line and 4 drops of solution. Then run the tip over the fold line and the fabric creases itself! Solution refills are available!

Reg. \$17,

Special \$12.75

Refil, Reg. \$8.50

Special \$6.38



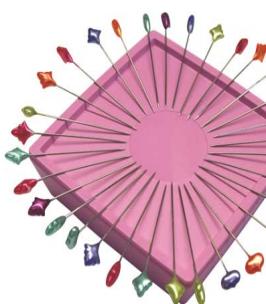
Iron Cleaning Pen

Used like a pen, rub this over your iron soleplate to remove buildup of starch and adhesives to leave your iron sparkling clean! Can be used on metal or coated sole plates, and is water soluble.

Reg. \$17

Special \$12.75

For Home



This is one of my favorite new tools this year - the Zyrkel magnetic pin holder. When you drop your pins, the heads all point to the outside! Reg. \$20, with 25% off, only **\$15**

The supplier has had a hard time keeping these in stock. If the color you want is out of stock, I will ship it when it gets in.



Colors: Pink, Turquoise, Lime, Purple, Red, Black

These items will be making their way to my website..... For Newsletter special, please send me an email with the items you are interested in, along with your phone number and I will call!



IF you have ever taken a class from me, you know I find my travel pin caddy indispensable! When you put the pins on, they line up with the heads North or South, so you don't poke yourself! It also comes with A LID so the pins stay in place if you are traveling to a class, etc., to sew on the go! these come in purple,pink, and green. Reg. \$16.50, after 25% off,

\$12.38

I See the Light! (on sale)

Stella Lights

Stella lights bring you the best light in which to stitch (or read!). The LEDs produce very little heat, which make it comfortable to use. The lamp lasts 50,000 hours (oh to have that much stitching time)! Tri-Color Technology gives 3 color spectrums - warm, natural, and cool color spectrums, which enables you to see the true colors of your fabric and threads. With a simple touch, you can turn the light on/off, dim up or down, or change color spectrum. They have a flexible arm, so it is easy to focus the light on your project, your sewing machine, or your fabric. They come in 3 different models - a table top, a clamp on, and a floor lamp. Each model is available in both white and black. NEW!!! The Table Top model is available for a short time in PINK (my favorite color!). All models are 20% off the Regular price.



Table Top Stella

Pink, White or Black are available. \$220 after 25% off,

\$165

Clamp-On Stella with Remote

Neck is 3" longer than Table Top model. Reg. \$220,

after 25% off, **\$165**



Stella Floor Model

Adjustable from 4-6 feet, and also comes with a Magnetic Infrared Remote!

Available in white or black.

\$389
less 25% is

\$291.75

Gift Certificates

available!

Perfect for Christmas!

Perfect for you!

Available in any amount!

Make a Wish List along
with my phone number
805-529-5005

D is for DOVO all 25% Off!

Yes, all DOVO scissors are on sale for 25% off - even the sets! Now is the time to make your Christmas wish list!!! I just received an order and have a nice supply - if it happens that I will not have them to you before Christmas, I will let you know. If you place your order online, I will apply the discount before I charge, as it does not show up through my website. Questions? vaune@vaune.com or 805-529-5005.

New Color! DOVO 3 piece Set

When DOVO makes a 'special' scissor or case, they make so many and then retire production on that particular item and replace it with a new treat! 2013 has seen several of their embroidery scissor styles become obsolete, but they have introduced a few new goodies. The picture on the right is one of these - the new 3 piece scissor set that has a beautiful black leather case along with 3 pair of scissors - 6 inch shear, a 5 inch shear, and a 3.5 inch embroidery scissor. Gold handles make these look stunning, but they are functional as well, not just to look pretty! Reg. \$320

New Color!



Here are a few of the styles that I carry. Please check the website for more. If you want the pink or black case with other options, let me know. If I run out of stock, I will send them as soon as they get in. Prices shown are Regular price, and then **take 25% off.**



Choose your scissor!
Black crystal case with:
Mini Scissor: \$105
Black Teflon: \$97
1 Nub: \$84
Mini Shear: \$107
Gold Embroidery: \$96



Pink Crystal Case
Mini Scissor: \$127
Black Teflon: \$118
1 Nub: \$105
Mini Shear: \$128
Gold Embroidery: \$117

All DOVO
scissors
are
included
in the
sale!

Make
your
Christmas
Wish
List
Now!

More favorites!

One of my favorite (and most used) scissors is my serrated scissors. I use these for trimming, as the serrated blade gives a clean cut with few if any whiskers (wonderful for French seams and trimming piping). The pair that is available now is 4.5" with a silver satin finish. **\$72 (a)**



Another great choice is the 4" silver satin scissor with an Ice Silver sheath. The bows are larger for easier access! **\$57 (b)**



A beautiful 3 piece set with a gray/black embossed leather zippered case. Includes 6", 5", and 4" scissors with silver satin finish. The case is big enough to carry an extra pair or 2 of scissors - I keep my serrated scissors in here as well. **\$270**

Fabric Makes Me Happy!

The Fabrics Listed are all 25% off
for the month of December!

Soft White Silk Organza

- 54" wide. Besides making a great base if you are building a lace bodice, it also makes a great pressing cloth!

Reg. \$20/yd, S25% off, **\$15 /yd.**

Swiss Lawn - the fabric we

used for our California Confection dress! Similar to fabric used for embroidered dresses from the Phillipines in the 40s. A dream to work with! Perfect for embroidery, tucks, and pulled stitches. **White, Pink, Blue**
54" wide 100% cotton

Reg. \$40 after 24% off, **only \$30 /yd**

All Swiss Voile - 25% off

54" wide, 100% cotton

White \$36/yd **\$27/yd**

Pink/blue/black \$39 /yd **\$29.25/yd**

Striped Voile - (this is being discontinued, so when it is gone, it is gone)

White/white \$33 / yd **\$24.75/yd**

Pink/pink, blue/blue \$35/yd **\$26.25/yd**

All Ulster Linen - 25% off

You know when you see Ulster, that you are working with the best of the best! This does not go on sale often, so stock up now!

Ulster 1200, 58" wide

White/ pink/pink, yellow

Reg. \$50/yd **\$37.50/yd**

All Sea Island Cotton - 25% off

100% cotton

White / Black 60" wide \$40/yd **\$30/yd**

Pink/blue 45" wide \$32 /yd **\$24 /yd**

All Swiss Flannel - 25% off

54" wide, 100% cotton

White \$30/yd **\$22.50 /yd.**

Pink/blue/wintergreen (mint)/ navy \$33 /
yd **\$24.75 /yd**

All Swiss Lined Pique' - 25% off

***Just a note - Swiss lined pique' is lighter weight than what you normally find. The Swiss pique' goes through the pleater like butter and it is fine enough that you can do shadow work and pinstitch on it.

The pique' that is most common is a bit heavier (I use it for dresses, pant, rompers, etc.), but for blouses, embroidery, and anything that is going to be against a baby's skin, the Swiss pique' is wonderful.***

54" wide 100% cotton

White \$30/yd **\$22.50/yd**

Pink/Blue/Sunny yellow

\$33 /yd **\$24.75/yd**

Odds and Ends

German Interfacing

German interfacing is 36" wide and usually available in optic white, soft white, ecru, and black (although currently I only have optic white in stock). It's 100% cotton making it compatible for pressing cotton & linen heirloom fabrics (unlike Touch of Gold, a rayon which melts when subjected to the linen heat setting separating it from the glue sheet, so it bubbles and free floats in the collar with the risk of being reattached in the wrong place with future pressing).

This fine fusible is real light weight batiste fabric and remains bonded after washing when steam set. It can be used anywhere traditional interfacing is (and is a favorite of the garment industry), plus it makes a great substitute for an under collar or lining (to give single layer Madeira, heirloom, cutwork, and appliquéd edge stitched tea towels, cuffs, or collars body); applied directly to uncut fabric to prevent shape distortion of peter pan collars and reduce piping color show through; as a garment interlining to add structure in haute couture and reduce wrinkling of linen sheath dresses and inexpensive cotton piques: applied under the smocked design area to produce more substantial pleats in netting & light. wt. fabrics and prevent color discrepancies between the pleated and non pleated areas in sheer fabrics like Nelona; and to eliminate the visibility of securing stitches and trailed threads in beading and hand embroidery projects. Truly the uses are endless!

Currently I have white and (finally!) black in stock. I usually package it in 1 yard pieces, but if you want more than 1 yard and want it in a continuous piece, let me know and I will cut it that way. Reg. \$15 /yd, after 25% off, it is **\$11.25 / yd Stock up now!**

All Fabrics on my website are included in the Christmas Wish List Sale, including Swiss fabrics and Ulster linen.

Sit-Upon Hoops are back again!



You sit on the frame to allow 'hands free' stitching! comes with an 8.5" hoop-on-a-stick and the frame stand.

\$65

Other sizes also available: (only hoop-on-a-stick, fits into frame stand)

6.5" **\$32**

7.5" **\$34**

10" **\$36**



Add a '**Duckling**' to your collection! Only 4.5" long (vs. 6" for regular applique' scissors) this small duck-bill scissors is perfect for trimming applique'. Reg. \$14, after 25% off

\$10.50

Japanese Interfacing

is a VERY lightweight, fusible interfacing that comes from Japan. It is perfect for verylight weight fabrics. It is NOT woven, but a tricot type fabric. It comes in 4 different colors - **white, ivory, nude, and black**. It is perfect for backing the smocking area of a garment, especially knits! Reg. \$20/yd, after 25% off, **only \$15/yd**



Beam 'N Read
Wonderful LED lighting for handwork - great for class.
Reg. \$30 after 25% off,

only \$22.50

Needles and More

This is a repeat from dare I say 15 years ago! Enjoy!

When I learned how to sew, we always changed the needle when it broke! Sometimes it would be weeks or months before my needle would break and I would just keep on stitching, happy as a clam, until I heard a crunch or a pop, and then it was time for a new needle! Now that I have been sewing for a while and have lots of practical experience in this area, I can tell you to please change your needle after every 4 – 5 hours of sewing or with every new project! Sewing machine needles do wear, and can have burrs, chips, and dullness. These can lead to missed stitches, snagging threads, tension problems, and a stitch that doesn't look nice!

When you change your needle, you want to make sure that the needle you choose matches the fabric you are sewing on and the thread you are using. There are many different types and sizes of needles to choose from, and making the right choice will help you stitches look their best!

(Although there are several machine needle manufacturers, the machine needles that I am referring to are made by Schmetz. Schmetz needles will fit most machine, Please note that Singer needles are made for Singer machines ONLY!).

The sewing machine needle consists of :

Shank – the top of the needle with one side that is flat. This end of the needle fits into the machine.

Blade – the long part of the needle. It has 1 or 2 grooves that guide the thread.

Groove – is on the blade on the same side of the needle as the rounded shaft. The groove acts as a guide as the thread lays in it.

Scarf – the indentation above the eye of the needle

Point – the point contains the eye of the needle and can be one of several designs, depending on the purpose of the needle. These include sharp, rounded, and ballpoint.

The thread that you are using needs to match the needle. If the needle is too small, the thread won't be guided by the groove and the thread will shred. If the needle is too large for the thread, the holes in the fabric (from the needle) will be visible because the thread is not large enough to fill them. You can test the thread to see if it fits the needle by doing the following: thread a 15 inch piece of thread through the needle. Hold the thread vertically and taut with the needle at one end of the thread. Spin the needle. If it slips down the thread, YEAH! If not, your thread needs a larger needle!

TIP! I usually use a 60 or a 70 Microtex / Sharp needle for all of my sewing. If I am sewing on my favorite fine fabrics, such as Swiss voile, Swiss baby flannel, Swiss pique' or Ulster handkerchief linen, I will use a 60 Microtex and the corresponding thread (usually Madeira Cotona 80, YLI Heirloom Sewing Thread 70 or Mettler Fine Embroidery 60). If I am sewing on a fun fabric, such as a K.P. Kids, Hoffman, or Kaufman print, I will use a 70 Microtex with the corresponding thread (usually Mettler Silk Finnish 50).

Needles and More cont.

The Number Metric or NM system is used to size the needles. The Number Metric is the diameter of the needle blade in hundredths of a millimeter measured above the scarf (the indentation above the eye of the needle). A needle with a blade diameter of 0.70 mm is a NM size 70 needle. If you see a needle that has a low number (8-19), these needles are numbered using the American system.

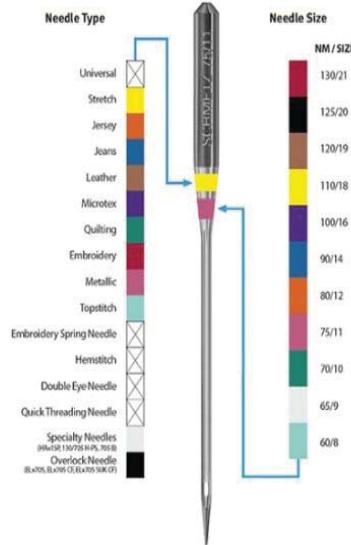
The conversion chart is as follows:

NM American

60	8
65	9 Remember! For Machine
70	10 Needles, the higher the
75	11 number, the larger the
80	12 needle, the larger the eye!
90	14
100	16
110	18
120	19



Color Code Chart



Schmetz has added a dual coding system - one color for the Needle type (microtex, quilting, etc.) and a 2nd color for the needle size!

Types of Needles:

Universal (H) – the most common type of needle. The point of the needle is not sharp and not rounded, but somewhere in the middle. As its name indicates, this needle was designed as a basic machine needle to sew on woven or knit fabrics. Available in sizes 60/8 thru 120/19.

Microtex / Sharp – purple stripe on the round side of the shank – this needle is wonderful for microfibers and lightweight and silky woven fabrics. The needle is slender and has a finer point. These come in sizes 60/8, 70/10, and 80/12. This type of needle is wonderful for heirloom sewing!

Denim / Sharp – blue strip on the round side of the shank – this needle is used for firmly woven fabrics, such as denim or gaberdine. These needles have a sharp point and can easily pierce the fibers if dense fabrics. Available in sizes 70/10 – 110/18.

Needles and More cont.

Stretch - yellow stripe in the round side of the shank – this needle is used for knit fabrics. The tip is slightly rounded, which allows the needle to separate the fabric instead of piercing the fabric. This helps to prevent skipped stitches. Available in sizes 75/11 and 90/14.

Ball Point – the ball point needle is used on heavy knit fabric, such as spandex. Available in sizes 70/10 – 100/16.

Embroidery – red stripe on the round side of the shank – the embroidery needle has a light ballpoint tip and a larger eye to accommodate the heavier threads used for machine embroidery. This helps to reduce skipped stitches and to keep the threads and fabric from being damaged. Available in sizes 75/11 and 90/14.

Quilting – green stripe on the round side of the shank – quilting needles are specifically designed to penetrate multiple layers of cloth, which is often found when sewing quilts. Available in sizes 75/11 and 90/14.

Topstitch – this needle has a larger than average eye, which is used with the heavier topstitching threads. Available in sizes 80/12 – 100/16.

Leather – used on leather. The wedge shaped point on these needles enables the needle to cut through the leather instead of tearing it. Available in sizes 80/12 – 110/18.

Spring – these needles are for free motion embroidery, monogramming and quilting. It has a spring around the needle, which acts like a flexible presser foot. The spring needles are available in universal, stretch, denim, machine embroidery, and quilting, in various types and sizes.

Metallic – specifically designed to use with metallic threads. They have a fine shaft, a very sharp point and an elongated eye to accommodate the thread. The groove on the shaft of the needle is larger, to hold the thread and help prevent skipped stitches. Available in sizes 70/10 thru 90/14.

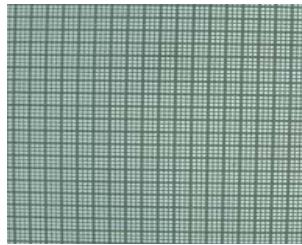
Self-threading – a general purpose needle that has a slot on one side so that the thread can slide into the eye of the needle. Come in size 80/12 and 90/14.

Wing / Hemstitch – the side of this needle's shank are flared and looks like a wing. Used to create openings in the fabric to look like hemstitching. Wing needles come in 2 sizes, 100/16 and 120/19.

Twin and Triple – these needles are constructed with either 2 or 3 needles on a crossbar. They are used for decorative sewing and making tucks. The sizing on the package consists of 2 numbers: the first number is the distance between the needles and the second number is the European or NM size. For example, 2.0/80 would mean that the needles are 2.0 mm apart and a size 80 needle. Twin needles are available in various sizes and types.

Remember! Change your needle often and use the smallest needle that is appropriate to help keep your stitches looking fine!

Last but not Least!



My new favorite toy!!! This is an LED light box that is amazing! The light itself is approximately 11" x 16". It is about 1.5" off the table, and the light board itself is about a quarter inch thick. The pictures above show (1) the light box (off), (2) the light box (on), (3) a close up of the LEDs (they look like a grid pattern when they are off, but when turned on, all you see is the light), (4) a picture of a navy linen over a circle pattern, and (5) the navy linen with the circle pattern and placement dots. I have always used a window but not anymore! A bit of a splurge, but worth every penny! ☺

\$175.00 25% discount is \$131.25

Nuts and Bolts

Sale prices are not shown on my website, but if you place an order, I will calculate the sale price and email it to you before I charge it! If you are looking for something and don't see it, let me know - I may have it and it has just not made it to my website yet.

If you want to email me with your order, include your name, address, and phone number so I can call for your cc info, ***DO NOT send your cc info in the email - VERY unsafe.***

Please feel free to pass my newsletter along - my email service is showing up as spam on several host sites (particularly aol, sbcglobal.net, and anything that ends in a .net). I am working on this, but it has not been worked out quite yet.

Have a Wonderful Christmas Holiday - spend time with your family and friends and loved ones! Give lots of hugs and bite your tongue when you don't necessarily want to - life is too short! and Spend some time stitching!

Happy Stitching,

Vaune