

# Vaune's Newsletter

Please feel free to pass along to your friends!

## January / February 2009

Well, the holidays are over and (almost) everything is put away. For us in sunny southern California, it actually was a cold and wet Christmas week. We needed the rain, and at least it was cold, which puts me in a Christmas mood! I had plans to do a lot of sewing, but never quite made it! I have been working on new class projects as well as a few other things..... I have found a wonderful silk dupioni source and I will offer a Silk Service read more about this a little later in the newsletter. Check it out!

- ❖ Clearance sale on fabrics – cotton/54” Reg \$16 Sale \$8
- ❖ New Country Bumpkin Books
- ❖ Silk Dupioni matching service
- ❖ Hear cupcake banks, perfect for Valentine's Day!

New A-Z on the horizon from Country Bumpkin – A-Z Books!



A-Z of Sewing – due in May (general sewing)

A-Z of Heirloom Sewing – due in Aug (no picture yet)



Beautiful Jackets – (Gail Doane)

And just FYI, A-Z of Whitework 2 is going to be published sometime next year.

Retail on these will be \$32-\$35, and I will have them for \$27. If the retail ends up being less, I will pass the savings on to you. [Just send me an email if you want any and let me know which ones](#) – when they come in, I will send them to you!



I also have the new  
Inspirations #60

And

Australian Smocking #85



The Inspirations had a really cute baby bag (boys version is included also) and wonderful step-by-step directions for the cast-on stitch flower (think Gail Doane) with a button center



Now for some fabric.....Silk!

## Silk Service – I will get the color of your dreams!

I have also found another silk source, and they have silk dupioni in about 250 colors. It is good quality, 54" wide and \$20 / yard. Since I do not have the space (or inclination) to have 250 bolts of dupioni, I am going to offer a color service – I will do this in February and see how it works out. If it goes OK, I will offer it 2 or 3 times a year. This is how it works:

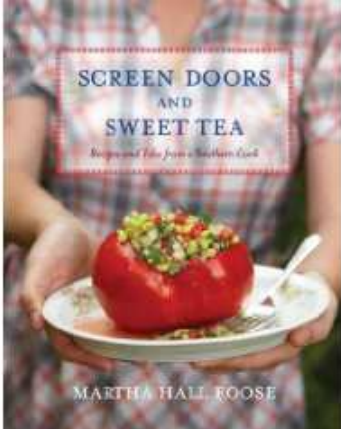
If you have a particular color of silk dupioni that you would like, you can send me the color (I can match to a swatch or a DMC or Anchor floss color number). I will go into LA and match the silk to your color and purchase your silk and send it to you. They are continually getting new colors and because of this they do not have a swatch card. Minimum purchase is 1 yard per color. Please have your colors choices to me by Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.



**Valentine's Day** is just around the corner and I have just the thing for your special ones! I am giving these to my girls and instead of putting money in them, I am putting coupons good for me doing one of their chores, a Jamba Juice, etc. just **\$10.00 each**

## \*\*\*FEBRUARY SMOCKING\*\*\*\*\*

For those of you who are local, I am having a smocking day on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. If you want to learn how to smock, have questions about pleating, or want to learn how to perfect your stitches, this is the day for you! The fee is \$40, the time is from 9:30 to 4:00. You are on your own for lunch – being your own, or there is a Subway and Panda Fresh about 2 blocks away. Please call (805-529-5005) or email and let me know what you want to work on!



Another wonderful find that I want to tell you about is a great new cookbook from Martha Foose. For those of you who know Cindy Foose, this is her daughter, and boy can she cook! The blueberry muffins are delicious, as well as the sweet potato biscuits. Fried chicken, gumbo, you name it – these recipes are mouth watering! We are slowly but surely working our way through! You can get this at Amazon for a bit over \$20 – a bargain!

And finally, a little something that I want to share – most of you who know me know that I love stitching baby clothes! A friend of mine, Dottie Evans, gave me an old layette pattern with a daygown jacket, bib, dress, bunting and slip. As I was looking through it, I found a letter, written by a mother to a seamstress that I want to share with you.....

Thurs. P.M.

The dough has finally got here so am sending the money and patterns with this letter.

Here's what I'd like to have if you can manage it. All long length

- 4 Kimonos (flannel)
- 2 dress (any fine material)
- 1 nightgown (nainsook)
- 2 nightgowns (1 blue or peach) flannel
- 4 slips (2 flannel) (2 fine, thin)

I haven't priced any thin materials so maybe I've put in too large an order here for the coin I'm sending. If so, leave out one the nighties (flannel) or one thin slip. If by chance there is any money left, don't send it back. Use it up one way or another. I paid 15¢ yd. For the diaper cloth. Do you think it too heavy for the kimonos? I'm going to tackle a couple later on. Think I'll make 2 doz. Diapers then buy the rest, hemmed. I have 1 doz. Hemmed and laundered and one nightie made with pink ribbon and embroidery (blanket stitch). I think Stephen prefers the blue but I'm gonna make about half and half in my selections.

I sure appreciate you gals doing this for me as I know I'd never get them all made myself. I rather enjoyed making the nightie, though, after I got started. My machine is a big help now, too.

As I said before you can't get them finished too soon to suit me. Don't think I'm being bossy, but I like seeing my "baby drawer" filling up.

I'm making the diapers 27" square. That's what the clerk said everyone made theirs that bought from her. I think that's what Emmy made hers, too. Did you make yours larger? Must hurry to mail this,

Love, N

I'm feeling fine except my side bothers me now & then if I stay on my feet too long at a time. Dr. said not to worry about it.

Write promptly & tell if you get the pattern OK

Is this not a wonderful peek into the past? The copyright on this pattern is 1937 – 70 years ago!

Nainsook is a soft, lightweight cotton material (muslin) that was used for baby clothes



This is a neat little notion – a pencil sharpener that looks like a thimble. The front and back are shown here. It is approx. 1 ½ inches tall. Reg. \$8.50, on sale for \$7.00

## Fabric Clearance!

This fabric is a closeout – it will no longer be carried by the manufacturer, so the price is perfect! The fabrics are all 100% cotton and 54 inches wide. They regularly retail for \$16.00 / yd, but until they are gone I will have them for \$8.00 / yard! This is first come first serve, so if you want any, please email me right away and let me know. I will not put them on my website until Feb.1, to give my newsletter ladies first dibs!



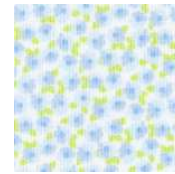
**Pink Floral Twill**



**Blue Floral Twill**



**Pink Floral Pique'**



**Blue Floral Pique'**



The twills are a nice weight – a bit heavier than Swiss Flannel and a bit lighter than regular flannel – very soft!

**White Petitpoint Pique'** – Sorry it is hard to see! Wonderful for dresses, blouses and collars!

I hope you have enjoyed this trip to the past! I hope you have a restful January and a wonderful February! Happy Stitching!

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PS – congrats to Lisa Rainey, grandmother to twin baby girls!

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