

Vaune's July Newsletter

I hope all of you are having a wonderful summer, and hopefully staying cool! It has been hotter than normal here and seems to be the same all over the country! Back to School is just around the corner, and then Christmas will be here before you know it!

I have found a few new things for you! When my youngest daughter was a baby, I found some wonderful white leather Mary Jane crib shoes. I bought a pair in each size – they were one of my favorite things for her to wear! I have found a new supplier for these. I have a Mary Jane style, and a ballerina style with a ribbon tie. Both of them come in white or pink, and are available in sizes 0, 1, 2, and 3. These are perfect not only for everyday, but also wonderful for those special occasions – Christmas, Christenings, Blessings, etc.

Mary Jane
White
Pink
Size 0,1,2,3
\$34.00



Ballerina
White
Pink
Size 0,1,2,3
\$34.00



July Special \$30 each pair

*****Tip! If you are going to save a special outfit or shoe, don't forget to label it! Make sure you put not only the child's name, but the dates that it was worn. That way, when it gets passed on to the next generation, they know not only who it came from, but how old they were when they wore it! *****

Last newsletter, I had the wonderful DOVO lace scissors, and the response was soo good, I have decided to carry a few more of their scissors. In addition to the 1-nub lace scissors, I know carry the 2-nub scissors, a 3 ½ inch embroidery scissor, the 5 inch shear, the 6 inch shear, and the 7 inch shear. In addition to these, I am also introducing a new style that DOVO has just released – a 3 ½ pair of SHEARS!



Shears
5 inch - \$36
6 inch - \$43
7 inch - \$48



Embroidery
Scissors
\$32



2–Nub Lace
Scissors
\$38



1-Nub Lace
Scissors
\$34



These new shears are wonderful! They are not embroidery scissors, but 3 ½ inch shears! The bows (holes for the fingers) are 2 different sizes, and the blades are different shapes, just like the larger shears! Great for when you have to cut little bits and pieces of fabric!

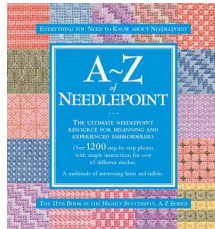
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This month, ALL DOVO scissors and shears are
10% off!

***I also just received my new order information from Germany, and all of DOVO's prices are going up as of August 1st, so order now, before the price increase!

Next, the latest needlework book in the A-Z Series from Country Bumpkin is **A to Z of Needlepoint!**

Regularly \$31.50
This month's special
\$25.00



and keep your eyes open! On the way is A to Z of Knitting and also a beautiful Monogramming Book! I will let you know when they get a bit closer to being released.

This month I have a few sewing tips for you! I have been asked to talk about French seams. Remember that when you are sewing a garment the goal is for it to look 'Handmade not Homemade'. One of the telltale areas for this to show through is on your seams. Seams should be even, smooth, and flat. You do not want puckers or wrinkles on your seam lines. If you follow these steps, you should be pleased with the results!

French Seams

The first sewing pass should be made with WRONG sides together.

Using a shortened stitch length sew a ¼ inch seam.

Press the seam 3 times – closed, open, and then closed again.

***this helps to set the stitches in the garment and give the seam a nice crisp finish ***

Being vary careful to only cut in the seam allowance, trim the seam to 1/8 of an inch.

Turn the garment so the RIGHT sides are together, with the first seam enclosed.

Make sure that the first seam is in the center of the new seam. Fingerpressing can help!

Using an edge foot, place the ridge that runs down the center of the edge foot just to the left of the enclosed seam. (The ridge should run right against the enclosed seam).

Move the needle one place to the left of center.

Stitch, and then press the seam.

This technique produces wonderful, tiny French seams!

I had another question about scorch marks. There is a wonderful paste (and unfortunately, I know this from experience) that will get out even the most stubborn scorch marks. Make a paste of salt and lemon juice, and rub the paste well into the scorch mark. Rinse and apply again, if necessary. This works wonders, especially on linens!

Finally, a tip for boy's button-on suits! I have 2 active boys and I sewed for them both when they were little. If you are making a boy's button-on suit, use elastic thread when sewing on the buttons! Little boys are seldom stationary – they squirm, wiggle, crawl and anything else they can think of! The buttons of a button-on suit are under a lot of stress, and using elastic thread helps! It provides a little more 'give' when your little guy is doing what he does best – being a boy!

If you have any questions, please email me and I will try to address them. Have a wonderful rest of the summer, and
Happy Stitching!
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