

Hello everyone! (feel free to forward this to your friends!)

Summer is here (almost)!

June is here, and for the next three weeks I will have one child or another going through finals and wrapping up school for the year. I love summer – lots of plans to sew and create in my free time (ha!). Even if I don't get as much accomplished as I'd like, it is still fun to think about it.

This is going to be a short and sweet newsletter. I am introducing a new section in my website – Vaune's Fabric Closet. I have found a wonderful source for end run fabric that I can pass along to you at a great price! These are fabrics come from the LA garment district and have been used in manufacturing ready-to-wear garments and are left over after the run is finished. Most of these are one shot deals – there are usually 20 yards on the bolt, and once the bolt is gone, I usually can't get any more, so if you see something you like, don't wait too long.

I am getting ready to leave for the Martha's Sewing Market in Arlington, TX, and I will be taking all of my fabric with me. I want to give you first choice on this fabric – I doubt I'll have most of this available by the time I get back.



A notion for you! As I have been working on patterns, I have learned a thing here or there.....I knew that you use French curves to draw curves – years ago I got my set of 3 from Office Depot, just to have on hand. Well, imagine my surprise when I found out that there is a French curve that is specifically for armholes and necklines! The curved shape is perfect if you have to redraw a neckline that is too large or an armhole that is too tight! A wonderful notion to have on

hand..... **\$5.00**

White batiste – 60 inches wide - 100% cotton Not Swiss, but VERY close! \$8.00 / yd



Lawn - 100% cotton – 58 inches wide – a nice hand to this fabric \$8.00 / yd



Lawn – 100% cotton – 58 inches wide – think Liberty! \$8.00 / yard



Pima - 100% cotton – 60 inches wide. Fun print for summer! \$8.00 / yard



100% cotton shirting – 60 inches wide – I used this for the sample for my new sundress pattern – Summer Fun. There is a sporadic mark on the wrong side of this fabric from when it was rolled on the bolt, but it wahses righ out. \$8.00 / yd



Pique' – 100% cotton – 60 inches wide. This fabric is light and airy – wonderful for summer, and pleats like butter! \$8.00 / yard

ALL fabrics on this page regularly retail for \$16 - \$20 / per yard. In Vaune's Fabric Closet, they are **\$8.00 / yard**
Scroll down for silks and linen

Vaune's Fabric Closet cont....Silk and Linen

For these silks and linens.....the silk are all 58 inches wide, the white handkerchief linen is 45 inches wide. The silk is a good quality dupioni – the slubs are few and fine! Most of the silk bolts are small – usually 5 – 10 yards on the bolt. All the silk and linen on this page is

\$14.00 / yard, while it lasts!



Magenta Sulk Dupioni –58 inches wide! I used this fabric for my sample garment for my new pattern Evening Elegance (a woman's blouse). \$14.00 / yd (6 yards)



Mulberry Silk Dupioni – again, a nice quality fabric with a beautiful sheen! 58 inches wide \$14.00 / yd (10 yards)



Royal Blue Silk Dupioni – beautiful fabric for a blouse or a dress! 58 inches wide, \$14.00 / yd. (7 yards)



White Silk Organza – inches wide. Wonderful for a slip or an overskirt. Also great for embroidery and pinstitch! \$14.00 / yd (I have about 6 yards of this)



White Handkerchief Linen – 100% linen, 43 inches wide. This is a great linen for collars, blouses, baby day gowns, etc. Perfect for embroidery and pinstitch! \$14.00 / yard (I have 30 yards of this)

I am in the processing of publishing some patterns! I have a woman's blouse and a girl's sundress (see pictures below).



Evening Elegance is a princess line woman's blouse with smocked inserts at the side waist. On my sample, I have used Austrian crystals in the smocking. The sleeves are $\frac{3}{4}$ length, with a cap sleeve option. Pattern comes in 2 size ranges:

Missy approx size – 4 - 24

Woman's (bust size 32.5 – 49)

\$12.00



Summer Fun is a girl's sundress with ruffles going from the front waist to the back waist. Elastic inserts at the side waist give plenty of movement for little girls! Instructions for a smocked insert is included, but the bodice can also be embroidered or left blank for a quick and easy summer dress! Size 1-6 is included in the pattern

\$10.00

The artwork for the patterns is being done, even as I write this. Pre-order now! This has been a very interesting and informative experience! I am a perfectionist and have gotten very frustrated with the way women's clothes are sized! I will be doing more patterns, as I have really learned a lot along the way! Enough so that one of my new classes will be on basic fitting and altering patterns for women. How can you expect to sew for yourself if the patterns don't fit?!!! Next issue I'll talk about my sizing journey!

On a final note – The A-Z of Whitework and the Monograms books have arrived (and the distributors are already sold out!). They are absolutely wonderful! The instructions and the photos are excellent – a wonderful resource as well as beautiful to look through! I still have a few left, and even better, my source for the A-Z of Whitework has a

special that I am passing on to you. They run \$33 retail, and I had them on special for \$28 in my newsletter – they are now only **\$22!** Those of you who pre-ordered from me, I gave the extra sale price to also! I don't know how long I'll be able to get them at this price, but I will pass this savings on to you as long as I can get them!

A-Z of Knitting should be heading this way soon!

*****Tip*****

Needle Threaders – To make the little silver needle threaders (3 in a pack) last longer, when you get them, take Superglue or Krazyglue and put a drop on the needle threader where the wire is attaches..This will really extend the life of the needle threader!
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For those of you that I will see in Arlington – If you know something that you want to order, let me know before hand and I'll write it up so you don't have to pay tax. Every little bit helps!

I will also have the French monogram magazines (8 pag newspaper-type periodical that have all sorts of monogram and embroidery designs). They are hard to put online, as they are all different, but I will have a stack of them in Arlington.

See you soon!

Hope you have a wonderful month!

Happy Stitching,

Vaune