

Nancy Reed  
**‘Can’t live without projects’**

Nancy discovered Always In Stitches through word of mouth, and we couldn't be happier that someone told her about us. She's our inventory specialist, the staff musician and our friend.

“I came in with my daughter looking for Civil War fabric,” she explains. “After a few more trips and an apron class, the addiction was evident!”

As our inventory specialist, Nancy is the first person to see every item that arrives. (Well, except for all the times we can't wait to tear open a box and see what's inside for ourselves.) You'll often see her working on the floor, too. As a multi-skilled needlecrafter, she has made samples for nearly every department.

“I enjoy working at AIS because of the friends I've made, whether they're staff or customers. Where else can I go that I am surrounded by the things I love except home?

**Specialties:** I love knitting/crochet/cross-stitch/quilting/sewing (I guess I love it all.) because it keeps me somewhat sane, keeps my hands busy, and I love using my talents to make wonderful works of needlecrafts.

**Favorite designers and fabric:** I like Stacy Nash, Blackbird Designs and other primitive designers for cross-stitch; Civil War and 1930s fabric.

**I love** seeing the cross-stitch designs appear on the cloth.

**Most memorable project:** I made a very large delft sampler for my stepmom. It was all in blues on white cloth. My son got red Kool-Aid and fingerprints on it, and I left them as a memory for her.

**Best way to spend \$30:** Take one of my best friends to lunch

**I can't live without** projects – sewing, quilting, cross-stitch, gardening, etc.

**Next project:** There are so many! It's hard to pick one.

**In my spare time,** I play flute and piccolo for the Lapel Community Band and the Pendleton Heights High School pit orchestra. Gardening and grandchildren fill the rest of my time.

**A funny, memorable shop moment:** I came into the shop to quilt on the longarm. Betty greeted me with, “Hello. Is there anything I can help you with?” When I replied “no,” she then said, “Well then, would you please leave?” I was *not* prepared for that!

**Favorite quote:** “Better to have and not need than to need and not have.”