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Happy St. Patrick's Day! I hope everyone is celebrating in a safe and healthy manner. We here at Louise's love our Irish Soda Bread and Reuben Dip every March along with some Bailey's Irish Cream of course!

I am off to Market this month and cannot wait to see new designers and new designs. There will be Cash and Carry along with orders. I will be posting from the show so if you see something you would like on social media, please let us know and we will order it or bring it back for you. This is my first show since 2019 and I am so excited. I have made so many friends in this industry and I cannot wait to see them all again.

Since I am traveling, I wanted to talk about what supplies I take with me when I travel. Most of us pack our needlepoint before we pack our clothes. I usually take more than 1 project because sometimes a project needs a time out or I get an itch to stitch something else. Several projects allow me to stitch whatever strikes me at any given moment. First and foremost, I always have a pack of needles and a couple of beading needles. I also keep one or two needles in the change section of my wallet, these are emergency needles only as they are not new needles. It is best to use a new needle for every new project. I choose a magnet that makes me happy at the moment to hold my needles and scissors on my canvas. The next item is small scissors that have blades less than 4 inches. Scissors with blades less than 4 inches are allowed on planes so the Super Snips are the perfect travel scissors. I usually have a couple of those with me just in case I lose a set. Next up is a laying tool, I love stranded threads and laying stranded threads gives the stitches such a smooth and fabulous look (more on laying threads next month). I also bring my little stitching tweezers as you never know when you need to take something out and have to pick out little threads left behind after frogging. I love sparkly and shiny threads and many of those will fray so taking a bottle of fray check or rice paste is a must for me. A stitchers Best Friend is also a good tool to have with you as you may need to grab a thread that is poking up from the back and push it back to the back of the canvas. And last but not least, extra tacks.

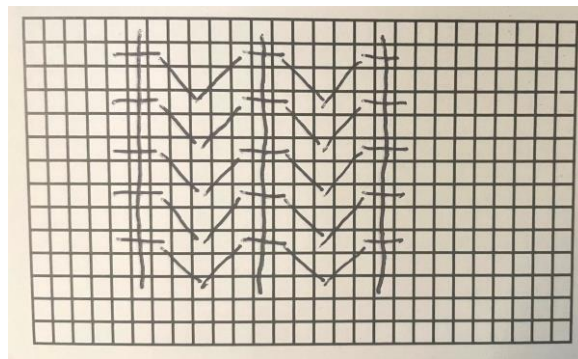
We all know that tacks bend and sometimes fall out of the stretcher bars so extra tacks never hurt. I carry all these amazing little items in one of my small project bags and the one I am currently loving one from Penny Linn Designs. The small bag goes into my larger tote or carry-on bag. The two totes I have been using lately are either the large Penny Linn Designs bag or the Kirkland Designs tote bag, both bags are a great addition to any needlepoint bag collection. I pack my Jansjo light from Ikea in my luggage. Hotels never have good lighting, and this light is very bright and folds in half and has a very long cord to plug in. I clip the light right on to my stretcher bars and stitch away!

Now that we are all traveling again, I hope that these tips are helpful. All the products, with the exception of the light, are available at Louise's and we are happy to help you set up your travel kit.



Our Trunk Show this month is Kate Dickerson. This is a huge show and has so many wonderful things to choose from. There are many price point options from small key fobs to small rugs. Kate is known for her bright and beautiful colors so stop in and see these darling canvases.

The featured stitch this month is one I found online, and I cannot wait to use it. I love the fine thread used here and I can see this stitch with 2 threads, a fine, think #4 Kreinik, for the laid stitch and a corresponding color for the rest of the stitches. I see this as upholstery, wallpaper and just a great background as it is here.



Cool weather is still hanging around a bit so who doesn't love a warm rich meal to stay warm. This Beef Burgundy Stew is an amazing meal to serve to guests or family with a salad, crusty bread and a good bottle of red wine. Happy stitching!

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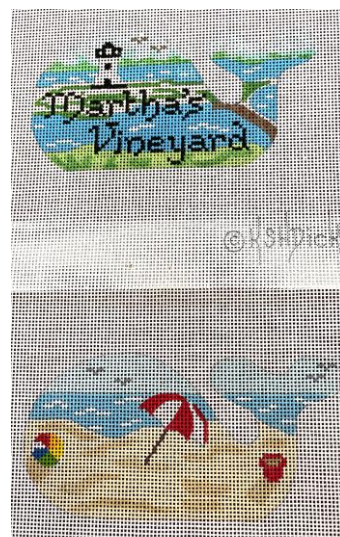
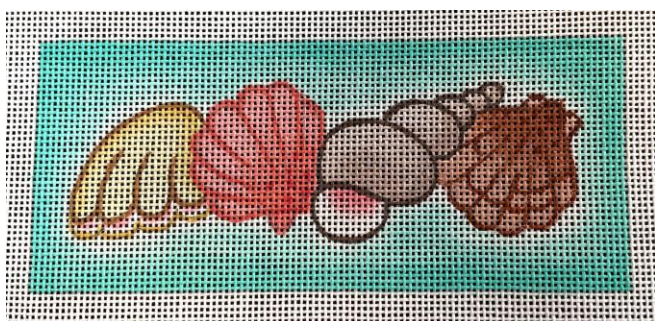
KATE DICKERSON TRUNK SHOW

So many canvases in this trunk show – where to start...

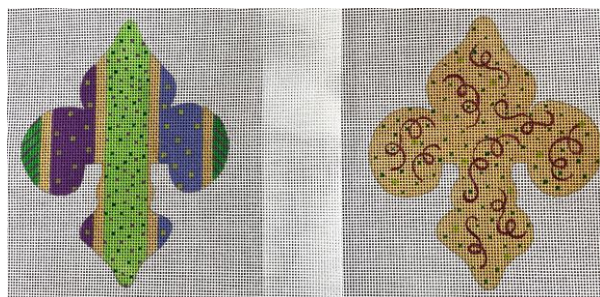
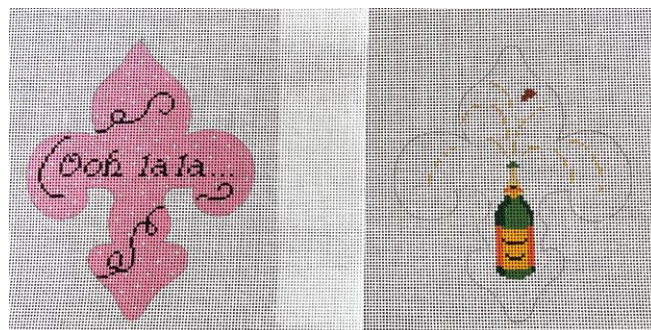
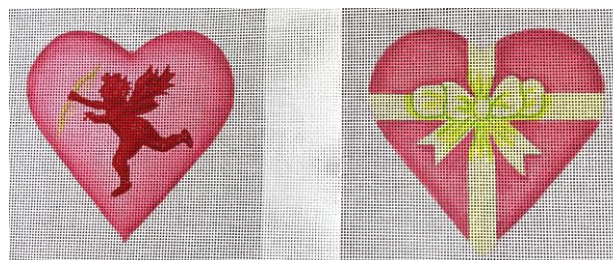
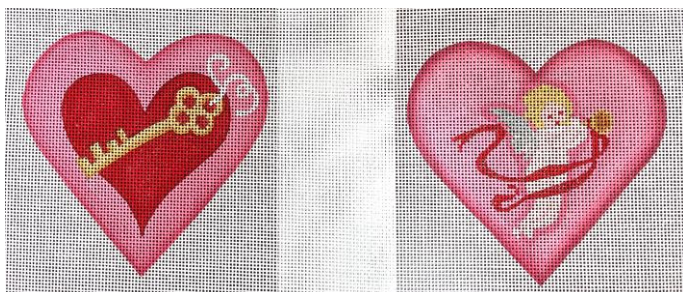
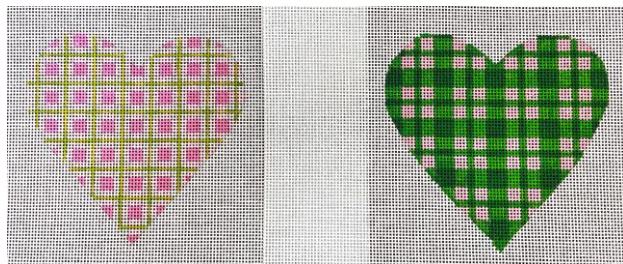
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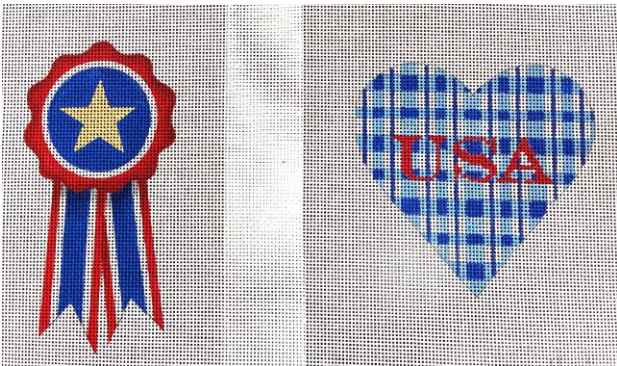


Fun Summer canvases...

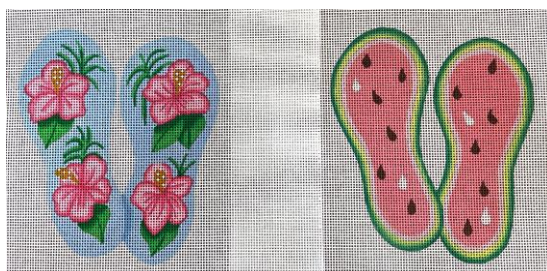
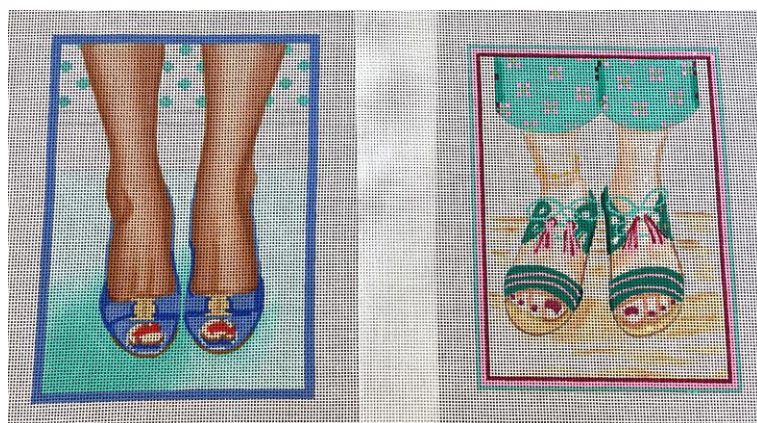


Holidays...





What fun shoes and flip flops...



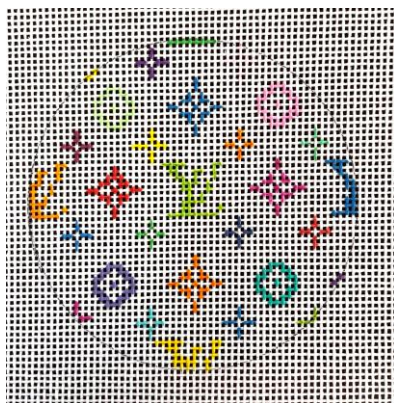
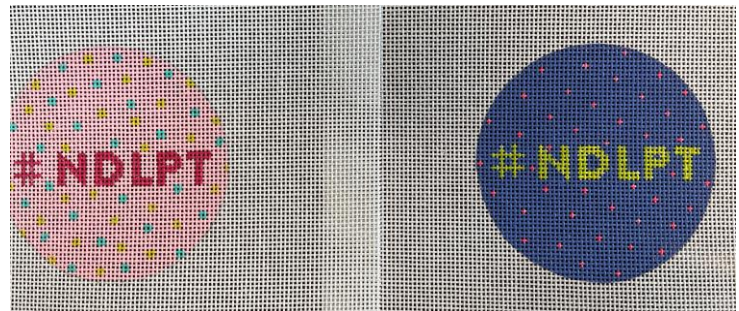
Pillows, Brickcovers, Boxes...

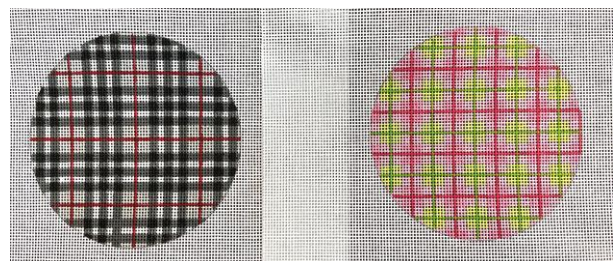
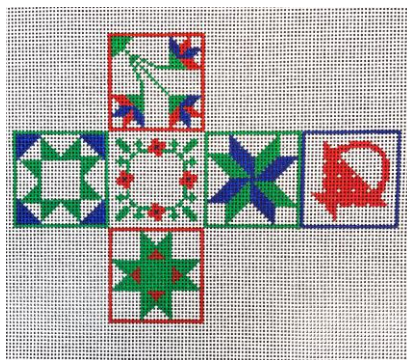
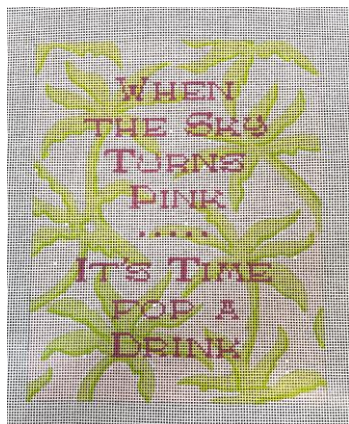


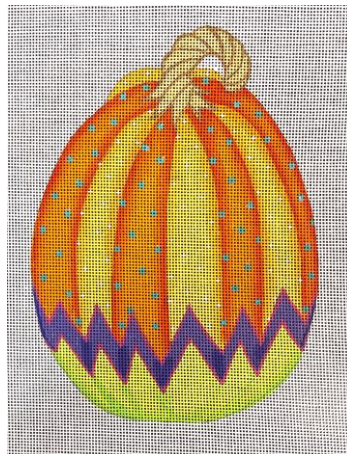


Inserts, Clutches and everything else...









Recipe Corner

Beef Burgundy Stew

6 slices bacon, chopped
2 pounds beef stew meat
1 (16 ounce) package frozen pearl onions – thawed
1 (8 ounce) package fresh mushrooms, quartered
6 small red potatoes, quartered
2 large carrots, cut into ½ inch pieces
1 (14 ounce) can beef broth
1 Cup Burgundy or dry red wine (or beef broth)
2 Tbsps. tomato paste
1 Tbsp. fresh thyme leaves
1 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. freshly ground pepper
3 cloves garlic, minced
2 Tbsps. cornstarch
2 tsps. cold water

Cook bacon in a large skillet over medium-high heat until crisp. Remove the bacon, reserving drippings in pan. Set bacon aside.

Brown the beef, in batches, in reserved bacon drippings until browned on all sides.

Combine reserved bacon, beef, onions and remaining - except cornstarch and water - in a 5 quart slow cooker. Cover and cook on LOW for 7 hours or until beef and vegetables are tender.

Wisk together cornstarch and water. Stir into the stew. Cover and cook on HIGH for 1 hour or until slightly thickened.

Makes 9 cups

Irish Soda Bread

4 Cups flour
¼ cup sugar
1 Tbsp. baking powder
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. salt
1 Tbsp. caraway seeds
1/3 Cup butter
1 Cup raisins or currants (or a combination of both)
1 egg
1 ¾ Cups buttermilk

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a large baking sheet or use a Silpat silicone mat on the baking sheet.

Sift flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt into a large bowl. Stir in caraway seeds. Cut in butter with a pastry blender (or 2 knives) until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in raisins/currants.

Beat egg in medium bowl using a fork. Add buttermilk and beat until well combined.

Add buttermilk mixture to flour mixture. Stir until mixture forms a soft dough that clings together and can be shaped into a ball.

Turn dough out onto a well-floured surface. Knead dough gently 10-12 times. Place dough onto the prepared baking sheet. Pat dough into a 7-inch round. Score top of dough with tip of a sharp knife, making a X about 4 inches long and ¼ inch deep.

Bake 55 to 60 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Immediately remove from baking sheet – brush with a mixture of 1Tbsp. sugar and 1 Tbsp. water.

Cool on wire rack .

Note: Can also make 8 small rounds – Use 2 baking sheets and bake 25 – 28 minutes.

March 2022 Calendar

Monday Threads, Stitches and More - 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm –
An informal canvas embellishment class taught by
Brenda Bell/Jill Elia.
Classes are \$11 for two hours and \$15 for three hours.

Sip and Stitch – Every Tuesday, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm* - an informal canvas embellishment class,
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