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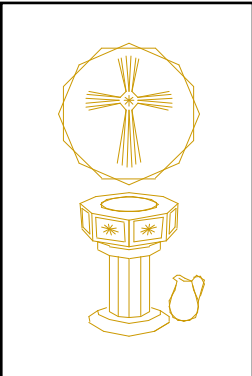

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Dear Stitchers,

Well, another year has come and gone - I hope you all had an enjoyable festive season - we certainly did! At the moment all I hear is cricket, cricket, cricket, so it was "earplugs in, new designs out"!

- First up is "All my Love", the Love Bouquet - suitable for both Valentine's Day and also for family members or friends who are in need of a little bit of extra attention. For a smaller notelet card, stitch just the top 3 flowers and two tendrils - makes it even quicker. Layer it on a red or green backing for greater impact! Just a note for stitchers - the instructions for the stems and tendrils says Back Stitch but I often find that a simple running stitch up a stem, turn around and come back, is also easy.
Pricking - 15 minutes, Stitching - approx. 2 hours.
- The "Christening Font" was a special request which I hope others will also enjoy this is a Quick and Easy Design. I chose to work it in Gold on White but you might like to do it in Silver on a darker colour. The Window alone would make a simple smaller card - look at your other patterns and see if you can take "bits" to use in this way.
Pricking - 10 minutes, Stitching - approx. 1¼ hours.
- "Easter Teddy", in his brightly coloured eggshell, wishes your family a Happy Easter and Happy Egg Hunting.
Pricking - 30 minutes, Stitching - approx. 2 hours.

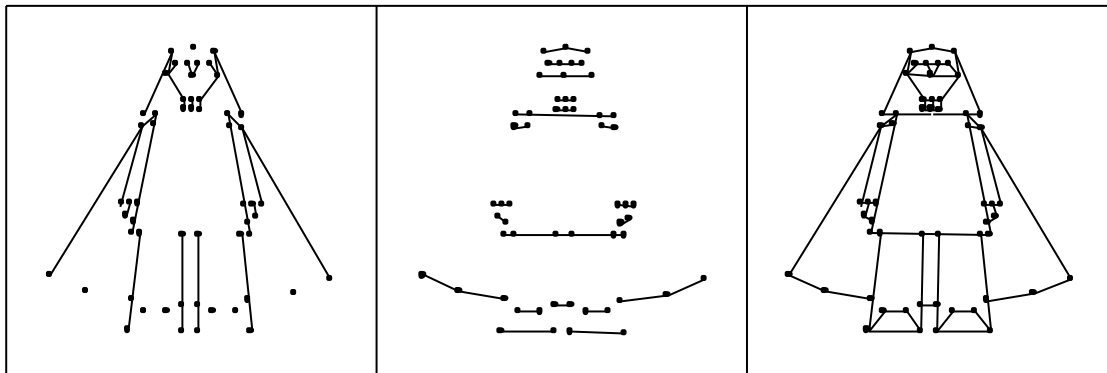
Happy Stitching from Sue in Cape Town and Liz in Albury (who are both still taking mail orders)

		
C039 Love Bouquet Code A	C040 Christening Font Code A	C041 Easter Teddy Code B

January Design Specials			<i>Downloads or Mail Order (+ P & P)</i>	<i>Downloads or Mail Order (+ P & P)</i>	<i>WEBSITE Downloads</i>
	Normal Prices	SA Rand	AU \$	US \$	
C039	Love Bouquet (Code A)	20.00	4.45	2.00	
C040	Christening Font (Code A)	20.00	4.45	2.00	
C041	Easter Teddy (Code B)	<u>22.50</u>	<u>5.00</u>	<u>2.50</u>	
		62.50	13.90	6.50	
	Special Price for all 3 Designs (Available until 15th February 2016)	ZAR 55.00	AU\$ 12.50	US\$ 5.85	

P.S. Liz & Ned send Best Wishes to all for a very Happy & Prosperous 2016 – most of all Good Health!
 We would especially like to thank all the customers that have kept in touch over the past couple of years even though we have not been too good with E-mailing with news - your notes of encouragement and concern for us both have been very touching and much appreciated.
 Thank You!!

***** Freebie Motif *** “Darth Vader”** Something for the boys
 Straight Stitch with Charcoal, Work all the vertical stitches, then the horizontal ones.



Reminders to our South African Customers:

As there is less demand for our printed patterns now that they can be downloaded, we are offering designs (excluding the current 3) on paper at 20% off and free postage while we still have stock.

Minimum order 3 patterns.

Also remember that you don't have to use your foreign exchange to buy from us - order direct and pay to the Capetown FNB account and we will email you the downloads.

PLEASE NOTE: WE ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTING CASH PAYMENTS TO FNB

The bank charge was R50.00 for the most recent payment of R95.00 in cash into FNB!!!

I'm sure you can appreciate why I suggest rather asking a friend or family who can do internet banking to pay it for you and you can give them the cash instead.

Using the 'Glitz' threads can be somewhat of a challenge so here are a couple of tips:

Threading:

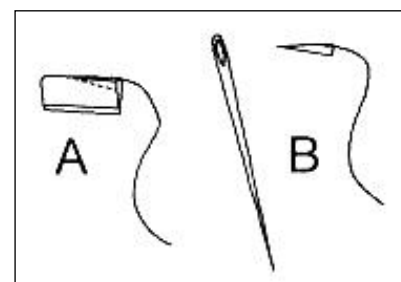
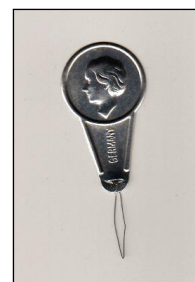
Easiest is the needle threader pictured (right, top), This is usually included in the Household pack of needles available from haberdashers.

Failing that, the masking tape method also works well (below right). Fold the small piece of tape around the thread, making sure the thread lies tight against the fold. Trim to a tiny arrowhead as shown.

Stitching:

Use lengths of no more than 30 to 35 cms at a time then you are less likely to develop breaks or shredding.

Straighten out the thread from time to time as the filaments sometimes slide loose from the lurex and you want to keep them even so as not to develop loops and bobbles.



**Happy Stitching,
 Sue and Liz**

Next newsletter mid-April