

Dear Fellow Stitchers,

What an honor to send out our first newsletter.

Just a short introduction as we will get to know each other in newsletters to come. We are sisters, grew up on a farm in the Overberg and are both still located in the Western Cape. We saw Prick 'n Stitch at a Hobby-X exhibition guite a number of years ago – needless to say, we have been hooked ever since ^(C) We both have full time jobs, but since we enjoy doing crafts in our spare time, we thought it would be a great opportunity to invest in a business that we grew to love. We are so happy and proud to be the new owners and hope to build on the solid foundation that Sue and Liz created over the years.

It will probably still take some time to get up to speed and get everything sorted, but we are willing to learn and taking it one step at a time. Sue offered big-heartedly to continue with the designing for the time being. The three lovely designs below are also from Sue's "pen". A big thanks to Sue for being such great help and having loads of patience with all our questions amidst her relocation to the UK and organizing their wedding. May she be truly happy with her new life in the UK.

Please do feel free to contact us (phone, sms, whatsapp or email) if you have any questions and also send us suggestions on new designs that you would like to be added. Julle is ook welkom om in Afrikaans met ons te kommunikeer, dit was veral lekker om 'n briefie van Alta van Niekerk van Kleinmond te kry.

- "A New Beginning" As this is all new to us, we thought it rather apt that this should be our first design we all have times when starting over seems the thing to do - hopefully this will be of some use to you. Pricking - 10 minutes, Stitching - approx. 90 minutes.
- "Tulip" Ready for Spring a lovely floral design that is suitable for a thankyou note or almost any occasion.

Pricking - 10 minutes, Stitching - approx. 2 hours

"Wedding Invite Lettering" Sue needed smaller lettering when she used the Wedding Bells design for her wedding invitations. She added R for Roger and S for Sue as a decoration and to make it more personal. So here you have a smaller version of our Ornate Alphabet.

Pricking – 10 minutes, Stitching – about 10 mins at the most per letter.



*** Freebie Motif *** "Bud & Baby's Breath"

Very simple – work Bud in Pink or Red Crossover Stitch (miss 3)

Stem in Leaf Green double thread and Leaves in single thread. Baby's Breath in Silver or Mother of Pearl on White or Cream card.



Signing off,

I am now happily settled in not-so-sunny England and our wedding arrangements are now well under way. I took the opportunity to use our lovely Wedding Bells design for my invitations and although it is fairly labour intensive, the response was gratifying!

I am now looking forward to some "me" time, to paint, sculpt my little mini people and generally get involved in life here in Swanage. I thought it was going to be a very relaxed environment but so far it has proved hectic! Having got involved with volunteer work as well as the local painting club I am certainly not bored!!

I am delighted that Prick 'n Stitch will continue under the young and eager control of Maretha and Ansa and hopefully they will provide you with some much-needed stimulation to keep on stitching!

Liz and Ned trundle on, life is not easy for her but at least Ned is now in a care home although she still sees him every day. She reports that some days are better than others as tends to be the case with dementia. Ned is now confined to a wheelchair, but it doesn't stop him enjoying himself - whizzing around the corridors and presumably chasing the nurses!

Fond Regards to you all, Sue & Liz

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Happy Stitching, Maretha & Ansa