

## Prick 'n Stitch Designs

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## **Dear Fellow Stitchers**,

And so we get to that time of the year again: Christmas carols, twinkling lights and shiny decorations in the shops, families starting to plan who will be hosting Christmas lunch, wondering what you will be putting in the Christmas stockings... and we stitchers get to pack out all the red, green, silver and gold threads!

We see many of you are very good at planning ahead and already started using the Xmas designs in early October, but we trust these new designs will make for some relaxing holiday crafting fun. We also tried to fulfill a few requests for some more non-religious Christmas designs.

- **"Xmas lights"** Add a bit of extra sparkle to your Xmas wishes. *Pricking - 15 minutes, Stitching - approx. 2 hours.*
- "Ginger mates" Use them together or separately. When used separately, you will have enough space for a greeting as well. Dress them in different icing colors... have fun! Pricking - 15 minutes, Stitching - approx. 1.5 hours
- "Santa" This little guy looks like he is ready to say: "Ho ho ho!" Pricking - 15 minutes, Stitching - approx. 2 hours



## \*\*\* Freebie Motif \*\*\* "Xmas Cane"

Work in silky red, metallic green and metallic silver.

Backstitch the entire design, start with the red for the bow and the red ribbons, then the green stripes and finish off with silver for the remaining outside border of the sugar cane.



Hello Stitchers,

Maretha and Ansa haven't asked for their money back yet so hopefully they are now getting into the swing of things and they have come up with some really cute designs for Christmas. Don't forget to pass on any ideas you may have for new designs!

Well, after a beautiful Summer and a relatively mild October here in the UK we are now into a really cold November. Zero degrees in the morning and the first frost on the lawn. The birdbath will freeze over soon – so I expect to see skating robins (now how's that for an idea for a Christmas card?)

Like the swallows I will be heading back to the Cape for 3 months with my husband from December to the end of February. It will be harder to adjust as I have finally sold my house (it has taken a year) and we will be in an AirBnB for the 3 months. I will be suffering craft withdrawal symptoms but I have decided I can paint, sculpt or crochet anywhere, so my gear will come along with me.

I have chatted to Liz on Skype and she is beginning to feel more like her old self – losing Ned was a great blow but, as we all know, dementia is a cruel affliction and it is so painful to watch a loved one dwindle to a shadow of their former self. Her daughter flew out from Bulgaria to be with her for 2 months and this has helped enormously, so she is slowly picking up the pieces and trying to decide what to do with her future. I'm know you all wish her well – she WAS Prick 'n Stitch for such a long time...

Fond Regards to you all, Sue

November Design Specials			Downloads or Mail Order (+ P & P)	WEBSITE Downloads
		Normal Prices	SA Rand	US \$
X040	Xmas Lights	(Code A)	22.50	1.80
X041	Ginger mates	(Code B)	25.00	2.00
X042	Santa	(Code B)	<u>25.00</u>	2.00
			72.50	5.80
		All 3 designs less 10%	ZAR 65.25	US\$ 5.20

## Most Important - To our South African Customers:

<u>Please do not use the old bank details</u> – we will give you the new details when we invoice our mail order customers.

On the following page Maretha and Ansa have come up with some interesting ways to use the new designs. Layering card of different colours always adds an extra dimension to the designs and you can be creative and play with all sorts of backgounds, even fabric and textured card. Enjoy the new designs!



To all of you: May your Christmas season be filled with joy and light!

Happy Stitching, Maretha & Ansa