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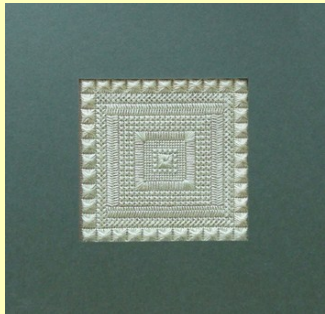
Nine stitches are illustrated in this kitted project with two canvas and thread sizes provided to allow the exploration of two options for canvas stitching



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The Stitchers' Village Sampler Project

In the School House "Exploring Canvas"



ON THE COVER

The latest from the School
House
“Exploring Canvas”

This kitted project includes 18
count mono canvas, 24 count
congress cloth 1 skein each of
Caron Watercolours and
Impressions threads

I have received the first two sections for The Stitches’ Village Sampler project! This is so exciting. The project will start out on a scroll frame so that it can be viewed by scrolling from one side to the other. As it grows, I will adjust the frame size to accommodate the entire project. Let’s see how many can get here by October 1, 2011 so that they can be added and on display for the debut of the project at the October online wholesale show and then at the November retreat!

I am talking with designers and the shops of TSV to schedule some chats in the social area in the near future. Watch for these!

Hope all our Village neighbors are well and happy!

*Patty Hurwitz
The Stitches’ Village*

Questions or comments? Email to pattytsv@gmail.com

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THE JULY DRAWING WINNERS

The July 15 drawing was for a length of stitch band fabric and the name drawn was:

Sarah Marchuk

The July 31 drawing was for a section of stitch band fabric and one of the Prairie Schooler alphabet books with eight more names drawn for the remaining alphabet books in the series. The names drawn were:

Deb Arnold
Betty Washburn
Heather Ashley
Cheryl Perry
Reba Scott
Pamela Fox
Sherry Moses
Mary Vancil
Heather Orn

Sampler Project Viewing

A page has been set up for viewing the sections of The Stitchers' Village Sampler Project. Each section will show as an image on the page. If you click the image, the information for each section will pop up. The url for this page is: <http://www.otwd.net/Samplerproject.htm>

The project will also be on display any time I have the opportunity such as any needlework shows or events which I attend. There will be a link to the viewing page on the TSV "booth" page during the online wholesale show in October. The physical debut will be at the November 3, 2011 Needlework retreat in Abilene, KS. I am hoping to receive several more sections by October 1 to have them included in the first public showing.

Please consider participating by stitching a section for the project. The information sheet is the last page of this newsletter. The section can be stitched to represent your favorite things, the place where you live, a small design from your favorite designer, or whatever you wish. But most of all it represents you as one of the treasured members of our virtual community.



THE AUGUST DRAWING FOR TSV

The August drawing will be a chance to receive a set of 5 Autumn/Halloween themed charts.

To enter the August drawing, send an email by August 14, 2011 with AUTUMN as the subject to: pattytsv@gmail.com

**Registration is now on for the
Stitchers' Village/Picture This Plus
2011 Needlework Getaway
To be held in Abilene, Kansas, November 3-6**

**Space is limited
Go to the Travel Agency building on
the TSV site for the link!**

Classes are available for

**COUNTED THREAD from Picture This Plus
QUILTING from Material Girl Quilt Shop
KNITTING from The Shivering Sheep**

This is a unique opportunity to gather with fellow stitchers and visit shops dedicated to a variety of needle art forms in a quaint downtown area!

The Stitchers' Village Sampler Project

Get Inspired!

Here are the first
two to arrive!

What will you stitch to represent
YOU???



The Stitchers' Village sampler project is an opportunity for every member of TSV to contribute a personalized section of stitching to be part of a 6 ¼" wide band sampler. The length of the sampler will be determined by the length and number of stitched sections contributed by members. Each section will be stitched by an individual and will represent something personal and be "signed" with the name, date, and location, of the member. Yes, you may stitch more than one if you wish. I know many of us are full of ideas. We may even be able to submit to the Guinness Book of World Records if we all stitch a section.

To participate, you will need to stitch a section and mail it, along with an information sheet, to:

**Patty Hurwitz
The Stitchers' Village
5636 SW 38th Street
Topeka, KS 66610**

The stitched piece must finish at 6 ¼" wide to retain uniform width when joined to the other submissions. The length can vary, but must have at least 1/2" unfinished, unstitched top and bottom for joining purposes.

I am recommending that we use a stitch band in order to retain uniform width for joining purposes. The stitch band fabric comes with finished side edges. I have found Zweigart has linen #72022C/001 and aida #7421/001 that fit the width parameter. If you do choose to use a fabric piece instead, please finish your side edges so that your finished width is 6 ¼" and leave at least 1/2" top and bottom for joining purposes. Top/bottom edges should be unfinished.

This project was suggested one evening in the social area on the chat module. The suggestion was that we could make a sampler stitched by all of the approximately 6000 members and have a world record sampler. Of course, we had to figure a way to put our idea in motion. So, the idea progressed to the "sectional" idea. That too, needed some details and a plan to implement, and here we are!

We will call July 1, 2011 our start date. As the sections are received, they will be recorded, photographed and joined. The information will be posted in the discussion forum in the social area of TSV. The progress will also be put in the monthly newsletter. The sampler will be kept by the owner of The Stitchers' Village (Patty Hurwitz) and it will be put on display at appropriate opportunities. Hopefully, there will be a number of sections sewn together and the sampler will make it's debut at the upcoming TSV/PTP Needlework Getaway in November 2011.

If you wish to purchase stitch band fabric from me, I will try to keep some on hand. The options are:

32 count Zweigart white linen (72022C/001) 6 ¼" x 12"	\$9.00 includes us postage
32 count Zweigart white linen (72022C/001) 6 ¼" x 6"	\$6.00 includes us postage
14 count Zweigart white aida (7421/001) 6 ¼" x 12"	\$9.00 includes us postage
14 count Zweigart white aida (7421/001) 6 ¼" x 6"	\$6.00 includes us postage

Please send me an email with your choice and shipping address and I will send you an invoice: pattytsv@gmail.com

*For the latest releases and new supplies -
Visit the shops of The Stitchers Village
Along with the boutiques and wholesalers*



SHOP #6
www.3stitches.com



SHOP #26
www.acornsandthreads.com



SHOP #21
www.laurelsstitchery.com



SHOP #9
www.picturethisplus.com



SHOP #3
www.saltyyarns.com



SHOP #29
www.stitchersworkshop.com



SHOP #12
www.pineglen designs.com



SHOP #31
www.nordencrafts.com

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There is currently no end date for this project as we would like to keep this ongoing. Please try to get your section in as soon as you are able so that we have plenty of time to get them connected. Thank you!

Please fill out the following information and submit this form with your stitched section.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY, STATE

COUNTRY/POSTAL CODE

DATE COMPLETED:

PLEASE PROVIDE A LITTLE INFORMATION ON THE STITCHING YOU HAVE DONE:

Thank you so much for your participation in the TSV Sampler Project. Please remember that the section you submit will be attached permanently to the TSV Sampler Project and will remain the property of The Stitchers' Village.