

The Stitchers' Voice

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*Designer chat with
Tracy Horner of Ink Circles*

Sampler Project Update



*Practice Together
2012 Stitch Sampler*



ON THE COVER

The two most recently received sections for the TSV Sampler Project

The new year has arrived and I look forward to many fun events, sharing of project photos, and fellowship with fellow village stitchers. Our first event is Bingo on the 14th. The second event of the year will be a Designer Chat hosted by Tracy Horner From Ink Circles on January 28th. These will both be held in the social area chat room. The details for the Bingo are in the Forum topic under "Games".

I will be posting the 2012 Stitch Sampler project on the 7th in the Forum of the social area under "Stitch Along". The first Stitch Sampler pdf is still available as a link on the main page of the social area.

2011 saw the start of the TSV Sampler Project and the first sections are connected to bring the length to 141 inches. That is an exciting start! Let's get those sections in and added in 2012

Thank you to all of those who participate in TSV and make the Village a great place to be.

*Patty Hurwitz
The Stitchers' Village*

Questions or comments? Email to pattytsv@gmail.com

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The Stitches' Village Sampler Project Update



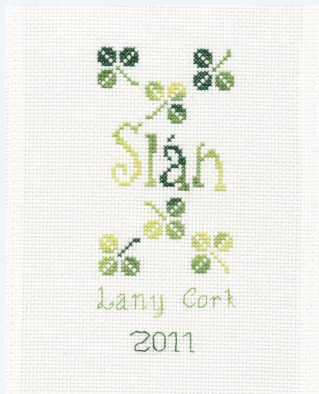
The Stitches' Village Sampler Project is an ongoing project in which all members of TSV may participate by stitching a 6 1/4" wide section to be joined into one long sampler. The project began in July 2011 and does not have an end date so that new members may represent themselves by stitching a section to be included.



Members have been very creative and diverse in the sections we have received to date. The very first section received was from Twig in New Mexico. Her section has a southwest theme to represent New Mexico. We have several states honored in the stitched sections as well as New Hampshire's state symbol, The Old Man of the Mountains. Sections have been received from Bermuda and Ireland. The Canadian flag has been included in several of the sections. This prompted one member, Abigail, to submit a second stitched section representing "Stitching in the USA".

The sections are stitched together and separated by a bias tape made from a multi-colored cotton fabric. The sections are being joined as they are received and a notebook is being put together to accompany the project. Photos are taken and a web page is online so that the project may be viewed -

<http://www.otwd.net/Samplerproject.htm>



The sampler is currently mounted and displayed on an Images Stitchery Doodle frame and will be on display when an opportunity presents at industry events. The next showing will be during the TNNA Nashville wholesale needlework market February 25th - 27th, 2012.

We look forward to each section that is received and anticipate the growth of The Stitches' Village Sampler Project as members stitch and send in their personalized section. Let's see if we can get a few more sections before the middle of February. The instructions and information are at the end of this newsletter.



The Stitches' Village Sampler Project currently measures 141 inches!





December Drawing Winners

From the Fabric “Orphan” Adoption Event

**Cindy B
Louise L
Julie B
Elaine M
Darlene C
Annette G**



The Stitchers' Village Calendar

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 <i>BINGO in Chat</i>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 <i>CHAT Hosted by Tracy Horner Of INK CIRCLES</i>
29	30	31	<i>May 2012 be filled with stitching</i>		<i>Have you stitched a section for The Stitchers' Village Sampler Project?</i>	
<p><i>GAMES are varied and you will want to read in the Events listing in the social area to see if there is a corresponding topic in the Forum to give instructions for the game being played</i></p> <p><i>HOSTED CHAT details under Events on the social area.</i></p> <p><i>Be sure you check the time which is listed Central Time to convert for your time zone</i></p>						

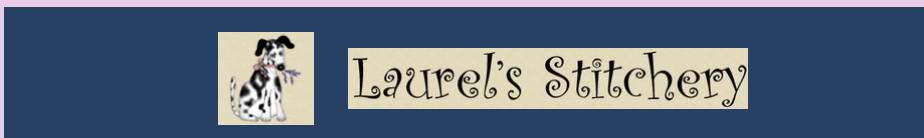
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The Stitchers' Village Sampler Project

Get Inspired!

Here are the first
two to arrive!

What will you stitch to represent
YOU???



VIEW THE
SECTIONS

<http://www.otwd.net/Samplerproject.htm>

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 1/4" 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.

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 information sheet is included as the last page of this newsletter)

The stitched piece must finish at 6 1/4" wide to retain uniform width when joined to the other submissions. The length can vary, but must have at least 1" 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 1/4" and leave at least 1" 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. There will not be a deadline for the project as we wish new members to participate in the future. Please send your section as soon as possible, please, to have a good showing.

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 1/4" x 12"	\$9.00 includes US postage
32 count Zweigart white linen (72022C/001) 6 1/4" x 6"	\$6.00 includes US postage
14 count Zweigart white aida (7421/001) 6 1/4" x 12"	\$9.00 includes US postage
14 count Zweigart white aida (7421/001) 6 1/4" 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

The Stitchers' Village Sampler Project

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 from 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. [VIEW IT www.otwd.net/Samplerproject.htm](http://www.otwd.net/Samplerproject.htm)

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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.