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#### 1. Preface

Every year we look forward to our Christmas Open Days. The days are not only special because the store is decorated with our most beautiful Christmas models, lights, baubles and Christmas greenery, but especially because we see a lot of customers again. You could almost call it a reunion.

This year these days are extra special. It was uncertain for a long time whether they could continue because I learned in August that I had breast cancer. Fortunately, the operation was successful and the cut edges and gland are clean. And although I still had several setbacks after the operation, I know that I no longer have a tumor in my breast. And that's something to be very grateful for.

What I am also very grateful for is the amazing support I have received from my family and friends, as well as from our customers. I'm really inundated with cards, emails and presents. That support has really done me good in the rather challenging process of dealing with the cancer diagnosis.

This week we really want to enjoy our Christmas Open Days, an annual tradition we started in 2011. Of course, the Christmas Open Days also include a Christmas catalogue and that is in front of you. A little different from other years, but we think there is still a lot to choose from. So that in the coming weeks you can stitch on a Christmas pattern, try out a new fabric or yarn or maybe make one of the Christmas recipes.

This year's gift is 5 stickers that you can stick on the back of your framed embroidery. This way, in a few years' time, you will still know when you embroidered it, who the designer was and what the pattern was called. Optionally, you can also fill in information about the fabric and yarns.



And because we are also introducing the full silk collection of Dinky Dyes during these Christmas Open Days, you also get 2 meters of silk yarn. So you can experience for yourself how nice it is to embroider with the Dinky Dyes silk. You will receive the gift when you spend 15 euros in the store or in the webshop during the Christmas Open Days (14-16 November) and while supply lasts.

We hope to see you during these Christmas Open Days, and if that doesn't work out, that you get a taste of the Christmas spirit through this Christmas catalogue.

Warm regards, on behalf of the team of De Handwerk Boetiek, Annemiek

> Do you see something you'd like to order, Then you can order it from Thursday 14 November 10.00 am via the webshop:

> https://dehandwerkboetiek.nl/cat/kerstcatalogus-2024/

PS: In the week of November 18, my radiation treatments will start. For me, those days are really about my health. It is therefore possible that it will take a while before you receive a message about your order.

We will therefore start sending the orders in the week of November 25th.

All patterns, fabrics, yarns and accessories that are limited in edition, will be set aside for you as soon as possible during the Christmas Open Days.

#### 4. Artful Offerings

A while ago, Winter Wood Thrush was released. I ordered the pattern right away and set it aside. To be honest, I still had wild plans to stitch it for the Christmas Open Days. It didn't happen, but the pattern is so cute. I would stitch it on the Belfast or Edinburgh petit point (color 5379) so you don't have to stitch those white snowflakes. And then you can get started.

The Winter Pears is also an older pattern, a pattern that I didn't really know what to do with at first. Until I saw it embroidered in a Flosstube video. Well, embroidered is different from a photo. And what I think would be very nice is to embroider 1 pear and either finish it like a pear like Annie Beez Folk Art does, or to frame it in a separate frame. And I would take a picture of the embroidered work and make Christmas ornaments for presents.

### Winter Wood Thrush



Winter Wood Thrush 13,95



Winter Pears 13,95

Joyeux Noel has been on my list to stitch for a while and I started at the end of 2023. It was the first embroidery I finished this year. And I still think it's such a great design. I made the sides a bit longer, so that I would really have an elongated pillow. And Coby made a beautiful Christmas pillow out of it.



Joyeux Noel 13,95





At the last minute we received this beautiful winter sampler from Artful Offerings. I love the atmosphere that her patterns radiate. You can also use those stars very well for a card or, for example, on a guest towel. And only the house with one or two of the Christmas trees would do very well as an ornament.

Cozy Winter Sampler 13,95

#### 2. Crafty Bluebonnet Designs

I really like these bobbin patterns. Ideal for quick embroidery and of course you can play endlessly with your favorite colors. We have embroidered the Tree Farm Spool with the yarn from the <u>Dinky Dyes Christmas sample kit</u>. It's a kind of double indulgence, a pattern that embroiders quickly and silk thread, what more could a person want?

There are more colors used in the pattern than in the yarn package so I just alternated the green colors for the trees and used the brown color for both the bobbin and the trunks of the trees.



Tree Farm Spool 7,25



Of course you can also embroider the Santa Spool with the Dinky Dyes or choose the DMC colors used for this. Or put your yarn box next to you and experiment with hand-dyed yarns. I embroidered the Santa Spool with the Dinky Dyes silk yarn and used the new Filaine yarn for his beard. You have to brush the yarn carefully, because you are not supposed to go over the silk yarn with the brush. But oh, what a beautiful beard Santa Claus gets.





Santa Spool 7,25

## Crocette a Gogo

From Michela we have a beautiful collection of Christmas patterns. When we receive such a box, it is really a pleasure to look at everything. And I'm probably totally biased





2024 Santa 11,75

Believe 13,95

but Michela's Christmas colors, are also exactly MY Christmas colors. It makes me so happy, all those bright colors. And another advantage is that you can use the same colors for all her other Christmas patterns.

Her annual Santa Claus is always popular, this year she also released the Believe Santa. Personally, I think I would leave the word out. I think the animals that accompany Santa Claus are so sweet. You can also embroider them separately for a Christmas ornament or card. Santa 2024 has brought the same reindeer and is on his way delivering presents everywhere. If you've embroidered a Santa Claus from Michela before, you know how much fun these Santas turn out to be.



If you like a challenge for the finishing of your Christmas ornament, then Christmas Joy is just the thing for you. This shape seems like a bit of a puzzle to me how you can best do this, but oh, what nice ornaments you have. And for everyone who doesn't like this, leave out the word and you can "just" finish the patterns in a small hoop.

Christmas Joy 13,95

Another new pattern is another release in her "Basket" series, this time a real Christmas basket with two cardinales. If you've already embroidered all four seasons, you can use this Christmas cushion to store your needles and pins in style. We also have the Winter Basket pattern in the store, those two deer want to feast on the few leaves that can still be found in the basket.



Christmas Basket 10,95



Winter Basket 10,95

A few weeks ago Michela showed me a sneak peek of a whole new pattern and I suddenly thought, that could be a Christmas stocking. Sure enough, she released her first Christmas stocking and I love it. You can embroider the sock for everyone, I think even Poekie would be happy with this sock. And the sock has a nice size so that it can really hold a number of presents, that's also important .

Finally, Michela has released a new nativity scene, what a sweet pattern to celebrate a special day.





Ho Ho Ho Stocking 14,75





Not necessarily new, but oh so much fun for this Christmas is the Christmas in the City. You can use this pattern for so many things, I can already see the top edge as a pin drum. And I also think that snowman would be a lot of fun to stitch on coarser fabric and then finish it off like an Animal Cracker. Or embroider one of the large houses and frame it separately. There's so much on this pattern, it's almost like a book with Christmas motifs.

Christmas in the City 16,25



Finally, we have a new pattern in the "Little" series, the squirrel. Can I say I'm a little bit in love? What a cute little squirrel this is, with his green scarf on, the stubborn look and the way Michela shapes the letters, sigh. All I have to do is set aside some time to start working on this pattern.

Little Squirrel 10,95

#### 13. Kerstrecept 1 - Meloensoep (tussendoortje)

You can prepare this in the morning and store it in the fridge:
Ingredients (for 4 people):
1 large galia melon
Red port
Fresh mint



#### Preparation:

- 1. Remove the seeds and hard skin from the melon.
- 2. Put the chopped melon in a bowl and liquefy with the blender together with a good dash of port and the mint until all the pieces are gone.
- 3. Serve in a small soup cup cold with a piece of mint on top.

Enjoy your meal.

Thank you Marjan for this delicious recipe.

#### Dinky Dyes zijden collectie



We are very happy that we have the full collection of silk yarns from Dinky Dyes in stock from this Christmas Open Days. It's a yarn I've stitched with before and I'm very excited about. A strang yarn is 8 meters long and has 6 strands, just like DMC. It feels wonderfully soft and has a nice shine on it. And also important, the yarn is readily available. That is certainly very nice for us to know that

if we order something, we will receive it.

A few years ago, when we added part of the Dinky Dyes collection to the store, Kathy, the owner of Dinky Dyes, answered some questions about the yarn. You can read that interview below.

Where does the silk come from?

"I import the silk from China. It is made according to my specifications. The unique thing is that it feels very soft and has a nice shine."

Do you treat it before you start painting? "There's no need for pre-treatment, unless I want to paint very light colours. Then I have to bleach the silk first. I boil the silk in water for a few minutes with the color remover, it makes the silk a few shades lighter, similar to our #000 Natural."

Can you describe the dyeing?" There are 2 different methods.

For the even colors, the strands lie in the paint until they are just slightly lighter than the desired color. Then a mordant is added that causes the paint molecule to react with the silk.

The strands that get more than 1 color are first placed in cold water until they are completely soaked. Then they are



centrifuged. In the meantime, the various pots of paint are being prepared with mordant. Then the strands are dipped in the different colors until the desired result is achieved.

For both methods, the strands are then steamed in plastic bags in the microwave. After cooling, the strands are rinsed several times to remove excess paint and bite nid. During rinsing, a softener is also added to the water to make the silk even softer. After that, the strands are air-dried."

What is the inspiration for new colours?

"Designers often ask for a certain colour to be used in a new design. Sometimes the color is exclusive to them, but most of the time the color is added to our collection. 2 times a year I design 3-6 new colors. I base these colors on what I think is missing in the collection. Sometimes they are solid colors and sometimes multicolored. It depends on what I feel like designing!"

What is your favorite color and why?" That's tricky! To be honest, I think #41 Tea Tree is a beautiful color. Green is my favourite colour and the subtle green in Tea Tree goes beautifully with the very light pink."

What tips can you give us for working with Dinky Dyes silk?" Dinky Dyes is 6 thread silk. You can split the wires. Always splice all threads before inserting the desired number of threads into the needle. Despite the fact that we use dyes that are among the most permanent dyes available, some colors can still rub off when you rinse your embroidery when it is finished. When that happens, put your work in cold water and rub the smudged piece until the color of your fabric is gone."

#### Free graph by Dinky Dyes

If you want the free pattern by Dinky Dyes, sign up for our newsletter. Please note, you have to confirm your registration and then you will receive an email with the password for the page on which the Christmas catalogue with the pattern is listed.

You can register here:

www.dehandwerkboetiek.nl/nieuwsbrief

Please note, you will first receive an email asking you to confirm your registration. Click on the link in the email. After that you will receive a second email with instructions on how to find the Christmas catalogue WITH free patterns.

With the gift of the Christmas Open Days you will also find 2 strands of 1 meter of Dinky Dyes silk yarn. This way you can try out for yourself how this yarn embroiders. And to get you inspired, you can use the pattern in this interview.

#### Dinky Dyes Kerstproefpakketje

In honor of the introduction of the entire collection of Dinky Dyes silk yarn, we have created a special Christmas sample kit. In the package you will find 8 colors that I love to use for Christmas patterns. As inspiration I used the free pattern from The Artsy Housewife and added a few colors



so you can use it for more Christmas patterns.

You can already see that I embroidered the Tree Farm Spool and the Santa Spool from Crafty Bluebonnet Design with it. Both with 1 thread and with 2 threads the silk embroiders great. I got the colors for the face from my collection Soie d'Alger, but you could also stitch those crosses with DMC. It is precisely the difference in shine of the two threads that gives an extra dimension to your embroidery.

In the Christmas sample package you will find the following colours:

000 - Natural, white

117 - Jindalee, orange

118 - Ironbark, bruin

302 - Pine, dark green

303 - Avocado, light green

131 - Desert Pea, rood

065 - Charcoal - dark grey

062 - Aussie Gold - golden vellow

You get half a skein (4 meters) of each color, so you can also embroider a larger pattern with it. My mother has lovingly split

the yarns for you and added the yarn drops and wrote the numbers on them.

The Christmas sample package costs € 24.95 especially for these days and is valid while stocks last.



Dinky Dyes Kerstproefpakketje 24,95

Of course, you can also order other colors of this amazing silk. You can find the collection of Dinky Dyes silk yarn here in the webshop.

Dinky Dyes zijden garen



#### 14. Erin Elizabeth Designs

From Erin Elizabeth we have two delicious patterns for Christmas. I'm really impressed with Believe. It is quite difficult to get depth in a pattern with 1 color of yarn. What I find very special is that in the moon you save the motifs, while on the right side (on the moon to put it bluntly) you embroider them.

In addition, she has released a cute, new etagere pattern with all kinds of forest animals, ooooohhhhh I would like to start right away.





Believe 11,75 (zijden garen erbij 6,25)

Woodland Critters Tier 12,50

You can embroider the Believe pattern with a skein of Natural silk (color number 000) on grey fabric. Think, for example, of the <u>Cashel</u>, <u>Belfast</u>, <u>Edinburgh</u> and <u>Newcastle</u> 705. Then you have a nice contrast with the yarn.

The Woodland Critters Tier pattern is simply embroidered with DMC and you can embroider on any fabric that shows off the white of the etagere. The Brittney 7095 that is in the Christmas fabric package would be very suitable for this. The fabrics of this fabric kit are big enough for the pattern.

#### Christmas bling for your thread ring

You can now add some extra bling to your thread ring. Coby has made various pendants with great care that give your yarn ring that little bit extra. For example, you can choose a pendant very appropriately for a (Christmas) house project, an animal project or a bird project. The ring comes with it right away, so all you have to do is attach your yarn to the ring. And then every time you pick up a new thread, you can enjoy the atmosphere of your thread ring.



From left to right: <u>huisje 1</u>, <u>huisje 2</u> en <u>huisje 3</u>



From left to right: vosje, egeltje, roodborstje

The pendants cost 7,95 each.

#### 17. Fiber on a Whim handgeverfde linnens

We also received a new stock and new colors of hand-dyed linen from Fiber on a Whim. I'm more of a fan of the more neutral colors for this hand-dyed linen, because then you can actually embroider everything on it. This time I also ordered Belfast linen (12.6 dr/cm). We sell the linens in pieces of about  $45 \times 67 cm$  and  $cost \in 45.00$  per piece.

#### Belfast linnen



Milk & Honey

**Oatmeal** 

#### Edinburg linnen







Milk & Honey

**Oatmeal** 

**Affogato** 

#### Newcastle linnen







Milk & Honey

**Oatmeal** 

**Sand** 

In the shop you will also find a number of fabrics with different sizes, which are very suitable for smaller embroideries.

#### 19. Hand on Designs / New York Dreamer

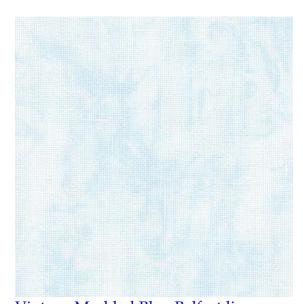
Last year I embroidered First Frost from Hands on Designs and Coby made a cute snowman out of it. When we saw this pattern from New York Dreamer, we immediately knew, that snowman has to keep Frosty company for a while. As a fabric we took the Belfast 5139, Vintage Marbled Blue, which is a blue clouded fabric with a white background. Coby knitted a tie for it, we liked that the most and so the two snowmen have their own place in the store.





First Frost 13,95

Snow Angel at Night 13,95

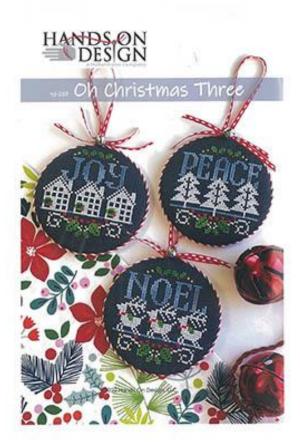




Vintage Marbled Blue Belfast linnen

By the way, speaking of First Frost, the ladies of Shepherd's Bush have done something completely different with this. They have embroidered the two patterns next to each other so that you get a great scene. I would use it to fill an oblong tray.



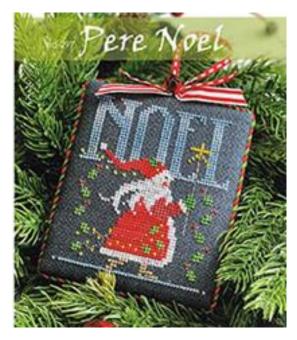






The Tree Lot 13,95

These colorful Christmas trees from Cathy can be finished in various ways. You could embroider all three on a piece of linen, or embroider them separately and choose three frames for them. Or finish them like Cathy did on a piece of acid-free cardboard. You can also stick them on a bobbin if you finish them like this, I would really like that.



This Santa Claus from Cathy is going on a light tour, what a cutie this is. It's really an embroidery that you can stitch fairly quickly, although the anthracite grey fabric is a bit of a challenge. But it is precisely because of that fabric that the colors come into their own so beautifully. And another advantage, you don't see at the front if you skip.

Pere Noel 9,50

#### Heartstring Samplery - exclusief kerstsokje en interview

This summer I was thinking about what I wanted to have in the Christmas catalog. And suddenly I thought that I would really like an annual, exclusive ornament for De Handwerk Boetiek: a collection of ornaments from favorite designers. Every year you can add an ornament to your Christmas tree.



Exclusief van Hearstrings Samplery: Winter Waltz pakketje 19,95

It was very easy for me to think of who I would ask for this first ornament, Beth from Heartstring Samplery. You can read the reason for this in the interview with Beth. Beth was immediately enthusiastic and quickly sent me two patterns to choose from. Winter Waltz stocking is really

what I have in mind when I think of old-fashioned winters. Enjoy ice skating on the local ice rink, in the woods, with snowflakes on your face.

The pattern was quickly embroidered and Coby finished it perfectly. As you can see, our stocking still has a beautiful, red cord around the sock. In the package you will find everything you need to stitch and assemble this Christmas stocking. You need an extra skein of DMC 347 to make the cord. The package also contains:

- 1. 14 ply Edinburgh linen
- 2. Fabric for the back
- 3. Interfacing for the front and back
- 4. Yarn card with enough yarn to stitch the pattern with 2 strands
- 5. Needle
- 6. Pattern
- 7. English description of how to assemble the sock. Coby carefully glued the red cord to the seam of the sock.



We are very happy with this first ornament and are looking forward to seeing what your Christmas stocking will look like.

If you like these Christmas stockings, Beth has the first two patterns of the series in store for you. I think I'm going to stitch them all, a sock for each month, I think that would be really great. And then find a nice ribbon or cord to hang them all on.





Autumn Leaves 11,75

Turkey Talk 11,75

And if you want to embroider a beautiful winter stocking, you can also choose Winter Snow, one of the first Christmas stockings in this great series. I embroidered the sock years ago and it's still one of my favorite ornaments.



Winter Snow 11,75

#### 21. Hello from Liz Mathews/Kathy Barrick

You've been able to see how my progress is on A Visit from St.Nick for a while now. Last year I received the package from a store in the US, and I couldn't resist starting with Christmas. With the idea that it would probably be ready in 2024 before the Christmas open days. Anyway, sometimes a year doesn't go the way you thought it would, but I'm making good progress. And I still think it's a great pattern. It's a collaboration with her mother, Kathy Barrick, and I think the ladies can definitely continue with this.





A Visit from St. Nick 13,95

Of course Liz also has a Christmas tree in store for us, from the series 12 Days of Christmas and day 11. So we're almost at the end of the series. The cheerful whistlers fit perfectly with the wish: it is the season to be cheerful. I really enjoy how she works out motifs every time in a way that fits both the framed embroidery and the finished tree.

Santa and the Wool Makers is another great collaboration with her mother. Have you seen the little owl hiding in this pattern? And who doesn't love embroidering sheep? Or embroider houses? In my head I might leave out the bottom border and finish the embroidery like a pin drum.







Santa And The Wool Makers 13,95

#### 24. JBW Designs

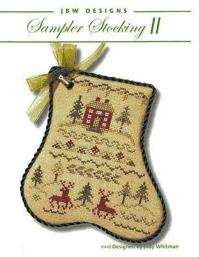
We have 3 cute Christmas stockings from Judy. You can stitch these socks in a few hours. And then use them for a card, make a Christmas stocking out of it (with a small gift perhaps?) or a regular Christmas ornament.

What I really like is that for the Quaker and Enchanted Village Stocking you can choose your own color. Or the recipient's favorite color. You don't need a lot of yarn for these socks, so it's ideal for using up your leftovers.



A Quaker Stocking 13,95

Enchanted Village Stocking 13,95



Sampler Stocking II 13,95

#### 26. Just Cross Stitch kersttijdschrift

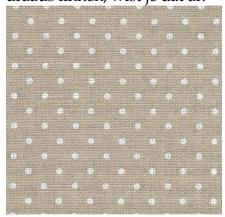
This year's Christmas magazine looks a little different than previous years. In addition to all kinds of Christmas ornaments, a number of larger patterns have also been published. This way you can completely immerse yourself in Christmas spirit. Of course you will also find many Christmas recipes in the magazine. I always like to try out one or two.





JCS Christmas magazine 13,50

Mijn moeder is begonnen met een van de kerstornamentjes en heeft hiervoor Belfast Petit Point voor gekozen. Dan hoef je namelijk niet al die losse sneeuwvlokjes te borduren, die staan al op de stof. Het patroontje is van The Little Stitcher. We hebben deze stof trouwens ook in Edinburg 14 draads linnen, wist je dat al?



**Belfast Petit Point** 



**Edinburg Petit Point** 

#### Liebvolle Kreuzstichentwürfe

Back with a vengeance, the very nice (and nicely priced) packages from Liebvolle Kreuzstichentwürfe. One evening in October I was looking around on the internet (always dangerous) and came across their latest packages. And I liked them so much that I ordered them right away for the Christmas Open Days and the Christmas catalogue.

The kits are all very friendly priced, you get the pattern (a color pattern that also serves as an image of the embroidery, the 12 thread fabric and the thread. You have to take care of a needle yourself;-). That's useful to know if you're thinking, I'll take such a package with me for the train, a weekend away or a holiday. And I also really like them for a Sinterklaas or Christmas present. You can also easily send them to us.

The kits are complete with 12 strands of linen and all the yarn you need. The Minis are small embroideries that are very suitable for a card or ornament. But, below you can also see the picture of the Kleine Weihnachtsvorfreude 1,2,3 and 4 that are embroidered next to each other. You do need an extra piece of fabric (Belfast 53, 35x50cm), but oh, what a beautiful embroidery you have when it's finished.

First we have the series Kleine Weihnachtsvorfreude, I really love these patterns. Especially if you embroider the four packages next to each other, what a beautiful Christmas street you have.

KleineWeihnachtsvorfreude 7,50 per pakketje







Kleine Weihnachtsvorfreude 1 Kleine Weihnachtsvorfreude 2 Kleine Weihnachtsvorfreude 3





Kleine Weihnachtsvorfreude 4

Or embroider the four packages next to each other!

Then we also have a series of the small packages with birch branches as a theme. To me, they really radiate Christmas spirit. You can also embroider these packages separately and then frame them with 1 passe-partout with 4 openings, for example. You can also frame these pieces in a small, square frame of 10x10cm. And then you can put or hang 3 next to each other, for example. Super fun. These packages also cost  $\in$  7.50 each.



Birkenast mit Weihnachtsschmuck 7,50



Birkenast mit Laternen, rot 7,50



Birke mit Blechhäuschen 7,50



Birkenast mit Blechhäuschen 7,50

And finally, two packages that work very well as ornaments or for a Christmas card (€ 7.50 each).



Weihnachtszapfen 7,50



Glaskugel 7,50

The Midi packages are a bit bigger and are still very nice to finish as a Christmas cushion or ornament. The embroidery patterns are about 11 x 12cm, so also very nice to put in a frame.

My eye has fallen on the Eulen im Birkenwald, what a beautiful owl pattern that is, it fits very well with my collection of owls. The Adventshaus, Lebkuchhaus and Geschenkehaus can also be embroidered next to each other. I think it's really striking how different the patterns look all of a sudden.

These packages cost € 13.95 each!





Vogel im Birkenwald 13,95

Eichhörnchen im Birkenwald 13,95



Eulen im Birkenwald 13,95



Birkenstrasse 1 13,95



Birkenstrasse 3 13,95



Birkenstrasse 2 13,95



Birkenstrasse 4 13,95

Finally, we also have a very nice street of these great packages. That is to say, you can certainly embroider the packages separately, but together they also form a very cute Christmas street.



Lebkuchenhaus 13,95



Adventshaus 13,95



Geschenkehaus 13,95



#### 31. Kerststoffenpakketje 14 draads stof

Our favorite fabric supplier Zweigart has introduced a new 14 ply fabric, Modena. This fabric is evenly woven and is a combination of cotton with modal. And perhaps the best thing about this new fabric, it's also available in black!

The Modena fabric is available in white, antique white, taupe and black. The reason for the introduction of this substance is actually a bit less fun. Flax, the raw material for linen, is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain. A large part of the flax production comes from the Ukraine and we all know what is happening there. The global demand for flax remains high, so it is very good that Zweigart has started looking for an alternative.

The fabric feels a bit thin and especially on the light colors it is advisable to embroider neatly, that is, not to make large crossings with your yarn. But especially on the taupe and the black fabric it is very nice that you can see the holes of the fabric well.

In addition to this new fabric, Zweigart has also released 2 new 14 thread linen fabrics, the vintage beige (1079) and the Vintage marbled grey (7729). We are very happy with these additions, they have been around for a long time in Belfast linen, but now you can also choose these fabrics in the 14 thread linens.

We have bundled these 6 new fabrics for you in a Christmas fabric package on which we think you can embroider all kinds of Christmas patterns. This way you can try out the new fabric and also the new colors of the Edinburgh linen. The fabrics are about 25 x 35cm and the package costs 16,95.



Kerststoffenpakketje 14 draads stof 16,95

PS: the Modena fabric will also be available in the webshop after the Christmas Open Days so you can buy in the usual sizes.

#### 32. Leuke accessoires: threadkeepers by Willoughby Ann

Deze tijd van het jaar is toch ook een beetje de tijd van jezelf verwennen, of iemand anders verrassen met een leuk cadeautje. En wij vinden deze garenhouders van Willoughby Anne daar echt bij passen. Een prachtige garenhouder om het garen van een speciaal project aan te bevestigen. En iedere keer als je dan je garenset pakt, krijg je een warm gevoel van binnen. Gewoon omdat het er zo mooi uit ziet.

Je kunt kiezen uit diverse modellen, de zwaan is van plexiglas (met de uitstraling van parelmoer), de andere garenhouders van hout. De gaatjes waar je je garen doorheen haalt, zijn heel mooi glad.



Garenhouder bij 9,95



Garenhouder bloemen 9,95



Garenhouder hond 9,95



Garenhouder octopus 9,95



Garenhouder poes 9,95



Garenhouder uil 9,95



Garenhouder zwaan 13,96

All in all, these are really small pampering gifts that just make you very happy. Treat yourself to it or make an embroidery lover happy with it.

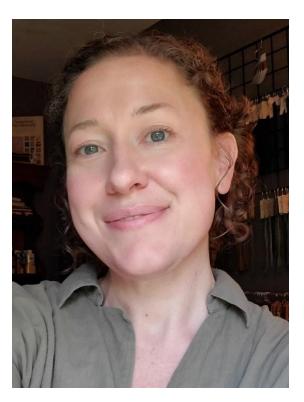
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#### **Interview with The Artsy Housewife**

It's always nice to meet new designers at the Nashville fair. I had been thinking for a while about asking Gigi for an interview for the Christmas catalog. She has a style all her own and I really love her animal patterns. I've already stitched Byron Blackbird and Bedelia Bunny and there are still a few on my "to stitch" list.

Can you tell us a bit more about yourself and how you got into the design business?

"I grew up in Portland, Oregon, and was an artsy kid from the very beginning. Before discovering cross stitch, I was an oil painter and mixed media artist who loved to do big, wild abstract paintings. But it was my animal portraits that paid the bills! Oil paint can be tough to work with safely due to the toxic nature, and once I had a small child in the house I became uncomfortable with keeping and using oil



paints in the home. I was searching for a new creative outlet when a cross stitch video meandered across my Youtube feed. I will be forever grateful to the Youtube algorithm!"

#### What is your favorite design and why?

"My favorite design is the one I just finished - every single time! If I had to choose an all-time favorite, It would be October Blooms (an August 2024 release), because of the color palette. It has every single one of my favorite floss colors, and I would absolutely bathe in that rainbow if I could."

#### What do you do besides designing?

"I homeschool my teenage son, cook and bake quite a bit, sew a little here and there, and I still love to paint and draw when I have the time."

#### Do you stitch your models yourself?

"Almost never! I'm not a great stitcher, though I enjoy it and stitch other people's designs all the time. My husband (who is an integral part of The Artsy Housewife business) has just picked up cross stitch and is now, officially, a better stitcher than me! He has stitched one model for me and is working on two more! I have a lovely crew of model stitchers that do fabulous work for me, as well."

If you wouldn't be a designer, what occupation would you have?

"Something in the health and fitness field, I think. I toyed with the idea of being a physical therapist, a nutritionist, and a health coach at different times in my life. However art has always had the biggest chunk of my heart."

#### Where do you get your ideas from?

"All kinds of places! Rugs, curtains, art books, flyers, advertisements, wallpaper, my scrap fabric bin... there's inspiration everywhere!"

Where can we find you on social media?

Instagram: @the\_artsy\_housewife

Patreon: patreon.com/TheArtsyHousewife

#### Free chart by The Artsy Housewife

If you want the free pattern by The Artsy Housewife, sign up for our newsletter. Please note, you have to confirm your registration and then you will receive an email with the password for the page on which the Christmas catalogue with the pattern is listed.

You can register here: www.dehandwerkboetiek.nl/nieuwsbrief

Please note, you will first receive an email asking you to confirm your registration. Click on the link in the email. After that you will receive a second email with instructions on how to find the Christmas catalogue WITH free patterns.

#### **34. Kerstrecept 2 –** Classic stew

Ingredients (four people): 500 gr. beef steaks cut into cubes 60 g Boat salt, pepper flower 2 Good UI 1 large sour apple 2 bay leaves ca 8 geplette jeneverbessen approx. 12 pearl onions 2 cloves 1 dl red wine 1 spoon of vinegar 2 dl water of bouillon Mashed potatoes of 1/1.5 kg potatoes butter.



#### Preparation:

- 1. Dip meat in flour with salt and pepper. 2.
- 2. Heat the butter, sauté the onions and the chopped apple, remove this from the pan after about 5 minutes, then quickly fry the meat on all sides in the remaining butter, add onion and apple again, all the herbs and onions and the equally preheated wine, the vinegar and the stock or water.
- 3. Stir well and let it simmer gently for about 1.5 hours.
- 4. Add a firm puree of 1-1.5kg of potatoes, milk, butter and some nutmeg.
- 5. Transfer the meat and sauce to a heatproof dish, spread the mashed potatoes over it, a knob of butter on top, and let it get a crust on it in a good hot oven.

Enjoy your meal and have a nice Christmas day.

Thank you Jitty for this winter recipe, delicious.

## 36. Winter fabrics sample package

Last summer I embroidered a pattern for the first time on Lugana. I was looking for something for the plane and the Lugana is ideal for that. I loved embroidering, easy to see, it fits smoothly in your hand and I could stitch with two threads.

So for this Christmas catalogue there "had" to be a 10/11 thread fabric kit. Choosing the fabrics is actually one of the most fun things to do. We then look at what color fabric is available and which colors you can use for Christmas or winter patterns. The fabrics are about 25 x 35cm. Daarom hebben we gekozen voor de volgende stoffen:

Brittney 7095 (blue/grey 10 wires) Lugana 713 (grey, 11 wires) Lugana 100 (white, 11 wires) Lugana 309 (warm brown, 11 threads) Yarn linen (natural, 10,5 threads) Surprise!

The last fabric is a surprise, but I can assure you that it is a real Christmas color.



Warme winterstofjes 17,95

## Pansy Patch Quilts and Stitchery

From Canada, we have three Christmas patterns that you can use for many different projects. For starters, Mistletoe Manor, Sampler and Smalls. Here the designer has already worked out a number of small cushions for you, but of course you can do that yourself. If you don't like Mistletoe Manor as a text, just stitch more hearts, add a different border or embroider a Dutch text.

<u>Mistletoe Manor Sampler and Smalls</u> 22,95







Winter Garden at Cranberry Manor 14,75

Santa's Patchwork Cloak 18,50

Winter Garden at Cranberry Manor gives you a lot of options. Of course, you can embroider the edges and loose motifs separately. For me, the colors are really the most striking, so many cheerful colors. It's not always my Christmas colors, but I think it's a very cheerful whole.

I think my favorite is this Santa Claus, I like him so much. With that coat blowing behind him. There is enough space in the pattern to translate the words into Dutch words or a piece of text that has meaning for you. And maybe it's also an idea to stitch Santa Claus separately and then finish it off as a stand up. Then you can place it anywhere you want.

#### 39. The Prairie Schooler

Of course, it couldn't be any other way, The Prairie Schooler's annual Santa Claus simply belongs in the Christmas catalog. It's my annual embroidery for the month of July. Or rather, I'll start with it, it doesn't always work out to finish the pattern in July. Like other years, I replaced the DMC 221 with DMC 815 and I added a little bit of gold thread to its belt. For me, that's just part of Christmas. Coby finished Santa Claus like we have done for the past 2 years, on his own shelf.







2024 Santa

## 2024 Schooler Santa 7,25

And this year we also have Evergreen in the store. I had so much fun embroidering this pattern. It was so much fun to ask every month which block I was going to stitch. In the end I filled in the block with the dove of peace in my own way, I didn't like the word Peace so I used some twigs and leaves from other blocks. Just like my Santa Claus from The Prairie Schooler, this pattern is also embroidered on 10.5 thread Weddigen fabric, really my favorite fabric for these patterns.





Evergreen 13,95

#### **Quaint Rose Needlearts**

From this designer, which is fairly new to us, has two lovely Christmas patterns. The first one is a great pattern with no less than 3 projects in it. You can choose what you want to embroider but also how you want to finish it. For example, I think it would be very nice to make a pin drum from the elongated cushion. That immediately looks very different. Of course, you can frame the square pattern, but you can also see if you can find a box for it that fits it. And all the individual elements from the various patterns are super suitable for small ornaments or cards.



## Gingerbread Village 18,50

The fact that Macey has monthly urn patterns had completely escaped me. This one for December is very cheerful. I think it's remarkable that she chose to embroider the pattern on two different fabrics. It immediately gives an extra dimension to the cushion. You could very well use one of our fabric kits for this.



Stitcher Urn 10,75



December Urn 10,75

#### **Robin Pickens**

This was really one of the big discoveries for me this year. I'm really impressed with Robin's designs. Her Seasonal Courier series is very popular and my mom embroidered this pattern for the store. I think it turned out so much fun.

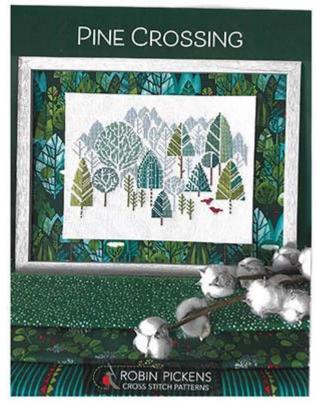




Cardinal's Winter 11,75

In addition to the winter pattern of this series, there are more winter and Christmas patterns. The Pine Crossing is another favorite of mine. These trees together form a beautiful winter forest. But have you also thought about embroidering the trees separately? And to hang as ornaments in the Christmas tree? Or embroider them for a card? But also just as a whole, Pine Crossings is a beautiful pattern.

Finally, we have the Winterly Sampler, such a lovely patchwork pattern that you can use in all kinds of ways. First of all, you can of course just embroider it, as it says on the pattern. But as you can see in the picture, you can also make all kinds of separate ornaments out of it. I would say, add a metallic silver thread or very light blue metallic thread and you also have a real Christmas glitter in your pattern.



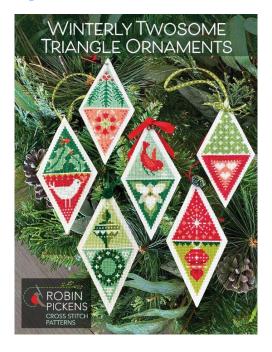




Winterly Sampler 11,75

En voor nog meer ornamentjes is er het Winterly Twosome Triangle Ornaments patroon, dat bestaat uit 4 diamantvormige ornamentjes. Maarrrr, je zou ook de helft van het ornamentje kunnen borduren en er een kerstboompje van maken. Dan heb je ineens 8 ornamentjes.

Winterly Twosome Triangle O)rnaments 11,75



## 41. Serenita di Campagna

Eigenlijk kwam deze ontwerpster pas echt bij mij binnen toen ik haar patroontje Follow your dream zag. Dat vosje vond ik echt zoooooo bijzonder lief. En daarna kwam ze met herfst- en Halloweenpatroontjes die ook al zo leuk waren. Dus gelijk maar eens gekeken of ze ook leuke kerst- en winterpatronen had. Nou, die zijn er zeker.

De vlaggetjes voor de kerst zijn echt een unieke manier van afwerken. Je kunt zo'n serie vlaggetjes natuurlijk in de kerstboom hangen, maar je zou ze ook voor een raam kunnen hangen.

Voor de winter kun je ook een van deze twee Let it Snow patroontjes borduren. De sneeuwmannetjes hebben wel een beetje een kerstuitstralinge, maar kunnen zeker in januari en

februari ook blijven staan. Ik vind het leuk bedacht om twee verschillende stofjes te gebruiken en er dan zo'n mooi ruitje tussen te zetten. Maar ben je niet zo'n expert in afwerken, dan kun je ze natuurlijk met de hand aan elkaar vastmaken of maak er gewoon een kleiner kussentje van.







Let it Snow no.2 13,95

Deze groepsfoto kan in elke kerstuitstalling neergezet worden. Je kunt zelf beslissen of je de tekst ook borduurt, die zou je wat mij betreft ook weg kunnen laten. Of borduur de "poppetjes" apart en maak er ornamentjes van.

Foto di gruppo Merry Christmas 12,75



#### **Shannon Christine Designs**

It may sound familiar to you, you are sitting on the couch or in your comfy chair and take a look at Instagram. And then you can just see something pass by that makes you think:

Oooooooohhhhh, that one is so beautiful. That's what I had with this nutcracker. What a great detail this was and I soon found out that it was a pattern from Shannon Christine Designs.

So in August I ordered these nutcracker cartridges, because there was now also a nutcracker for 2024. I have a bit of a love/hate relationship with nutcrackers, because I don't always like to watch them. But these are really cheerful nutcrackers that you can very well add to your Christmas décor.







Nutcracker 2023 18,50

Nutcracker 2024 18,50

If you are thinking, I would also like to embroider a smaller pattern, then these mug patterns are very suitable. These patterns make me so happy. You can understand that I really like the one with the, but actually all three are equally cute. The embroideries are not completely square, but fit perfectly in a 10x10cm frame from the Hema or Action, for example.

Or embroider them on my beloved 10,5 thread Weddigen fabric and finish them in this frame from the Action. I would then attach a border of e.g. 3cm winter fabric or winter paper to the bottom and then the embroidery above.





Warm Wishes Mug 7,50

Snow Day Mug 7,50



Cozy Mug 7,50

## Shakespeare's Peddler

As you may know, I start a new project every month on the 14th until my sixtieth birthday in 2029. That's exactly 60 projects. And one of those projects is Merry Little Christmas. I really love the letters Theresa used for this pattern. I started with the letters first, then I can add the motifs later. I chose <u>Greggio by Graziano as the fabric</u>. I don't know if the work will be finished before Christmas, but yes, next year it's Christmas.





Noel Tuffet 7,25 Merry Little Christmas 13,95



From the first moment I saw Pennsyvania Christmas Deer, I was intrigued. What a great idea to embroider with white thread on red fabric. Luckily we have 14 strands of Aztec Red from Weeks Dye Works in the shop, which is a really great fabric for Christmas embroidery. You could choose Sulky's new color, soft white 1002, or choose Dinky Dyes Natural.

A lovely customer embroidered the two cushions from Pennsylvania Christmas no.2 for us. And we have chosen antique white fabric and Soie d'Alger 3414. As you can see, you get a completely different effect. And that's the nice thing about these patterns, you can choose all kinds of color combinations and each combination gives a completely different effect.



Pennsylvania Christmas no. 1 13,95



Pennsylviania Christmas no. 2 13,95





#### 43. Stacy Nash Designs

We don't have any new Christmas patterns from Stacy Nash in the Christmas catalog this year, but 3 of my favorite Christmas patterns from her. First of all, the Merry Merry Pinkeep. Don't let the word pinkeep fool you, Stacy apparently loves big pinkeeps. The pattern is 134 x 136 crosses. Unless you're going to stitch it over 1 thread, it's a bit too big for a pillow for me ;-). It is very nice to frame and because the pattern is almost square, you can also do that yourself with a square frame.

The Deck the Coop Pinkeep is 132 x 141 crosses and therefore also a sturdy pincushion. I think it's such a romantic scene. And although I don't really associate chickens with Christmas at all, Stacy knows how to design a pattern that just splashes with Christmas.



Merry Pinkeep 13,95



Deck the Coop Pinkeep 13,95

Verder hebben we een bijzonder leuke uitstalling van de Animal Crackers die we nog op voorraad hebben.. Verder zie je van links naar rechts: <u>Jenny</u>, <u>Henrietta</u>, <u>Miss Hazel</u>, <u>Nettle</u>, <u>Reynard</u>, <u>Humprey</u>, <u>Clovis</u>, <u>Maggie Mae</u>, <u>Harrison</u> en <u>Bobbin</u>.



And then the Wonderful Life Pinkeep Drum, this pattern has been in my head ever since I saw it as part of an exclusive club of Country Sampler. It took a while for the pattern to come out and all that time it's been upstairs in my closet. I thought for a long time about whether I should start this big pattern (88 x 298 crosses) or not. And apparently it was meant to be, because I have now decided that in December, when hopefully everything is over and I have had the last conversation about the radiation treatments, I will start with this pin drum. I don't dare to say whether it will be finished next Christmas, but for the next few weeks we can borrow it from Coby first, so you can admire the pin drum in the store.



## Wonderful Life Pinkeep Drum 13,95

#### Stitches by Ethel

Nog een leuk ornamentje voor je kerstboom of voor een schaal of etagere is Holly Bird Ornament. Ik ben erg fan geworden van een klein stukje gewone stof naast je borduurwerkje en daar nog een lintje oid tussen bevestigen. Je kunt aan de achterkant een lintje bevestigen als je het ornamentje wilt ophangen.







Wat heeft Ethel met dit patroon weer een superleuk borduurwerkje afgeleverd.Ik heb inmiddels 2 van haar patronen geborduurd en ben dol op de serie met deze kraai. Hier in de tuin ben ik niet zo dol op deze vogels, maar zo op een borduurwerkje...... Je kunt het patroon ook afwerken als een pindrum, dat zou ik zelf heel leuk vinden. Voeg nog een beetje gouddraad toe en de kerstsfeer is helemaal aanwezig.

Christmas Delivery 13,95

#### 44. 70 new solid Sulky colors and sample packages

Sometimes it is very difficult to keep a piece of news a secret until the product is actually there. At the fair in Nashville I heard that there would be 70 new, solid colors of Sulky petite. I was so happy, that's exactly what we were waiting for. The multicolors are fun to use for certain patterns, but we can use these solid colors for a lot of patterns.

To celebrate the introduction of the new colours, we have put together a Christmas and a winter package. First of all the Christmas package, the new colors include beautiful colors of green, a face color (which was really missing), a brown/gray color that resembles DMC 839, a warm orange color, a soft white color (think of DMC 3865) and two more red shades that we found very suitable for Christmas. And if you think the skin color is a bit too pink, I would dip it in tea.

The winter package consists of 8 new shades of blue, which were very much needed. We now have a real dark blue color, but especially a number of medium blue and light blue shades. They were really missing from the collection. These colors are ideal for snowflakes, snowmen, and anywhere you want to add a blue accent. Or use the entire collection for a geometric pattern.





Sulky wintergarenpakketje 2024 12,80

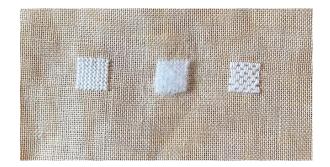
Sulky kerstgarenpakketje 2024 12,80

### New yarn: Sulky Filaine

Another new yarn I discovered in Nashville is the Filaine yarn from Sulky. At first glance, there is nothing special about this yarn. It's an acrylic yarn, something you might not associate with embroidery. Butrrrrrr, there's something special about this yarn.

When you're done stitching your crosses, run a brush over them and the yarn suddenly comes to life. It really gives a woolly effect. That makes the yarn ideal for embroidering Santa Claus beards, hair in general, bunnies, cats, mice, in short, animals that have hairy skin.

I think it's a really great yarn to work with, it takes some getting used to with the embroidery and I would use it on fabric up to 12.6/13 threads per centimeter. You can just embroider crosses and then the yarn will also be nice and woolly. However, I have also tried flat stitching over 4 fabric threads and then the effect becomes even more obvious.







Sulky Filaine garenpakketje 2024 9,60

The colors in the package are as follows:

1000 - white

3977 - grey

3400 - ivory

3406 - ecru

1001 - black

3617 - brown



Filaine borsteltje 4,50

## 46. Kerstrecept 3 - Cranberry cake

In the context of, it can also be very simple and quick to prepare, a super simple recipe for Cranberry cake.

## Ingredients:

1 pack of cake flour (I use the one from Koopmans) 200 g roomboter 200 g caster sugar 3 eggs 25 ml milk (2 tablespoons) 200gr cranberries (vers)

PS: I love the sour taste of cranberries. If you prefer to make it a little sweeter, put the cranberries in some sugar for 1-2 hours.



#### Preparation:

- 1. Prepare the batter as indicated on the package and preheat the oven.
- 2. Add the cranberries to the batter and stir well.
- 3. Grease a cake tin and pour in the batter.
- 4. Bake according to package directions.

PPS: I used small cake tins of about 8 x 13cm. If you do this, pay attention to the baking time, which is shorter. I like to give them as individual cakes as gifts.

# 51. A box full of surprises - the grab box

For everyone who can't come by but still wants to enjoy our annual auction, we have the grab box on offer again this year. You will receive 100,00 euros worth of patterns, yarn and/or fabrics from our annual sale.

So we send it in a letterbox box, which is very handy. You don't have to stay at home for it. But yes, such a beautifully wrapped gift does better for the photo .

Be surprised and order such a grab box before it's too late.

Grabdoos 24,95



## Weeks Dye Works hand-dyed linen

We have a beautiful collection of hand-dyed linens from WDW in various colors. I chose mainly neutral colors because you can actually use them for everything. We sell these linens per quarter yard, i.e. about  $45 \times 67$ cm. If you order a color 2x, you will get a piece of cloth of about  $67 \times 92$ cm. A piece of cloth of about  $45 \times 67$ cm costs 40.00, which applies to both the 14 ply and 16 ply fabrics.

Choose your favorite color and treat yourself to one of these linens.





Linen



**Beige** 



Light Khaki



**Parchment** 



# 54. Different designers

Finally, a mix of all kinds of designers who have released very nice Christmas patterns. I always enjoy seeing what patterns are left for this part of the Christmas catalogue.

#### The Nebby Needle



#### Santa's Spool 9,50

This is also a pattern I had seen earlier in the year. And I thought it would be great to stitch this and then attach it to a bobbin. Now it's not always easy to find a bobbin that fits. The pattern is 49cm high, so if you were to stitch it on "normal" tape, you would need a 10cm wide tape and a bobbin that actually has 11cm of space between the top and bottom.

But you could also stitch the pattern over 1 thread on 11 thread tape. And then 5cm wide strap and a spool of 5.5-6cm high are enough. This way it is always fun to figure out the best way to use a pattern.

And if you don't want to look for a bobbin at all, you can also finish the pattern as a pin drum, or maybe even more fun, look for a cookie jar made of glass and attach it there around it. Finally, I wouldn't embroider the letters and the sled with black but with grey, I think it looks a bit harsh.

#### Heart in Hand Needleart

Every year we look forward to not only the annual Prairie Schooler santa, but also the annual Santa of Heart in Hand Needleart. This year, Santa Claus has brought two snowmen to keep him company. You can leave out the border with the text, turn it around (Be Merry) or put Christmas 2024 in it, for example. I really like patterns that you can give your own twist to.

Wee Santa 2024 9,95





## ScissorTail Designs

What I really like about these 3 patterns is that they form a beautiful whole. This way you can easily add a nice accent to your interior. You could also finish the two pads without text as biscornus. And adding a tiny bit of silver thread to the cushions makes it even more festive.

Winter on the Square 13,50



I don't know if you've seen Dasher and Dancer yet, but I see the pattern popping up regularly in Flosstube videos and on Instagram. I think it's a beautiful pattern, it takes a lot of hours of stitching time, but you can enjoy that. You can also just use parts from this. The Quaker motifs alone are worth using as Christmas ornaments.

PS: we have a limited stock of this so gone = gone.

Dasher and Dancer 14,95

If you prefer a smaller work, you can choose Prancer. I might use a slightly green color for the Christmas tree, I like that. Or embroider Prancer in a shade of brown and embroider the snowflakes with blue thread. This way you can completely customize the pattern to your own colors.

PS: we have a limited stock of this so gone = gone.

**Prancer 12,75** 



#### **Luminous Fiber Arts**

I embroidered this cute kitten a few years ago. The color green in particular was completely different from what I'm used to, but it fits so well with the whole. It's a square pattern, so you could also frame it in a square frame.





Catty-Cane 9,50

# 40. Primrose Cottage Stitches

Of course, the annual snowman of Primrose Cottage Sttiches cannot be missed in this Christmas catalogue. I love these snowmen. And because the pattern is round, you can easily finish it in a matching hoop. When you sand that hoop, you can also paint it in a suitable color.

Snowman 2024 13,95



## **Tiny Modernist**

This is a great Christmas tree, especially because you can embroider all the elements as a separate motif. I would almost be tempted to stitch them all side by side and then make a pin drum out of them. The pattern is embroidered with DMC colors, but I would definitely add a gold thread here and there.

Nordic Ornament Tree 10,75







At the Needlework Marketplace fair I came across these patterns and I just liked them too much. Also for these ornaments you can easily finish them in an embroidery hoop or, for example, on a round box.

I just get very happy with the colors that the designer has used. The patterns are embroidered with Weeks Dye Works yarn, but in the pattern you will also find a DMC conversion.

Vintage Ornaments set 1 13,95

PS: we have a limited stock of this so gone = gone.

From the same designer we have this snowman. He comes to a snowball fight well prepared, he has a whole supply ready on his sled. The bunny encourages him. Also nice to finish this pattern as a stand on From the same designer we have this snowman. He comes to a snowball fight well prepared, he has a whole supply ready on his sled. The bunny encourages him. Also nice to finish this pattern as a stand on.

Snow Day 13,95

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## **Blueberry Ridge Designs**

From this fairly new designer we have embroidered the Sampler Seasons: Winter for the store. A dear customer did this, and we are very happy with the result. It is a pattern from which you can take all kinds of pieces and use them for a smaller embroidery, an ornament or a card. We embroidered it with Threadworx, and then you need 2.5 skeins if you stitch with 2 strands. That's good to know.

Of course you can also choose your own color combination for this pattern. The new blue colours of our Sulky yarns would also be very suitable for this. Or embroider the pattern with, for example, 3 shades of blue, then you get a completely different effect.





Sampler Seasons Winter 16,25

## **Tempting Tangles Designs**

I think you understand why this pattern absolutely had to be in the Christmas Catalogue. I would really like to sit in that chair for a day or so and have fun with all the kittens that can be seen on the pattern. What a great way to get through the Christmas season. I haven't tried yet if Poekie wants to wear such a nice Santa hat, but I have the idea that it is better for my skin if I don't try that. So I just enjoy those festively dressed cats.



Santa's Kittens 22,95

PS: we hebben hier een beperkte voorraad van dus op = op.

#### Lindner

Every year we look forward to Lindner's latest Christmas pattern. The nice thing about these patterns is that they give you a range of possibilities what you can do with the motifs. And the patterns are very reasonably priced and are embroidered with DMC thread. My preference is for the scene at the top right, Santa Claus flanked by a cat and a dog. But the Christmas branch underneath is also beautiful. You can also finish these elongated parts of the pattern well as a pin drum. It's just an idea .

Bunte Weihnacht 8,95



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