

The Stitcher

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Hello and welcome to our third edition of "The Stitcher" for 2011.

We have some great news this issue—our website is now finally live and working! It has been a long time coming but we are very happy with the result. For more details about our new website see page 3.

As promised last issue we have a photo of the Nitschke clan. It was wonderful to all be together over Easter. Dad (Bruce) had us all over for lunch including Victoria's parents and Grandmother. This was one of the first times since Margaret's passing that he has catered for the family which is something he likes doing. Dorothy (Bruce's mother) came down from the Barossa over Easter and has also spent some time down in Adelaide since then. It's been great to see more of her. She is a remarkable lady who we really cherish. Dorothy turned 88 in April this year. She really cherishes all of her 4 great grandchildren and loves to spend time with them. Jacob and Grant love also to see Grandma and really love the beanies that she knitted them, so much so that they wore them to bed a couple nights ago!

During their stay Julian and Tresca went to a friends wedding which they really enjoyed. Julian and I spent a lot of time working on the website and have made a lot of improvements and we are all really impressed with the results. Both Jacob and

Grant loved spending time with Uncle Julian and Tresca and they enjoyed all the silly things that Uncles can do and generally get away with.

It has been very interesting lately spending more time helping Dad as I now understand more about the products and stitch types than before. Having spent this time getting to know the products has given me more respect for my Mum's work than ever before. We are continuing to look over all the products and update the notes and covers. Dad continues to look for new and exciting products that he knows you will enjoy.

We expect to release the 2011 catalogue by the end of July. It will contain updated products and improved photos. See page 4 for more details.

Bruce wishes to thank everyone for their continuing support, as without it, Sew Stitchable and Margaret's legacy would cease to exist. Your feedback is very important and if you would like us to look into stocking a particular product, please contact us.



Meet the Nitschke Clan
From back left—Victoria, Damien, Bruce, Julian & Tresca.
Front left—Jacob, Dorothy & Grant

We hope you enjoy this edition of 'The Stitcher' and look forward to your feedback and processing your orders.

Damien

VASES OF FLOWERS BLOCK OF THE MONTH CANDLEWICK QUILT

This issue of "The Stitcher" sees the release of the THIRTEENTH block in the "VASES OF FLOWERS" Quilt – "Arum Lillies".

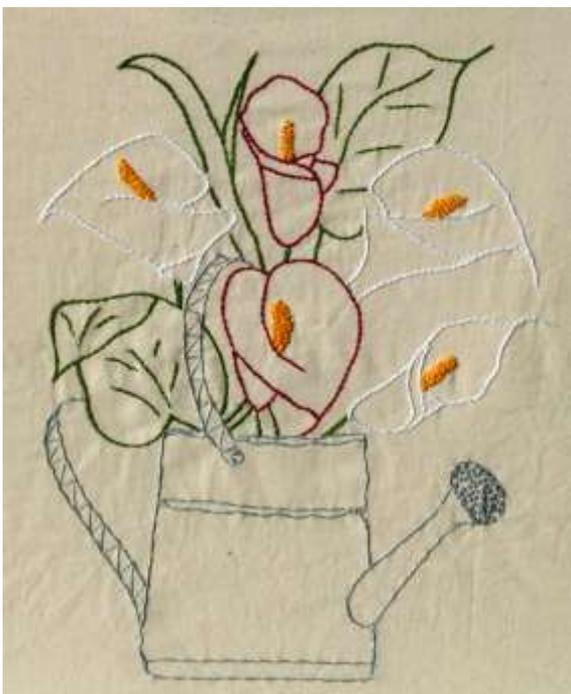
In all 25 x 16 blocks will be released. In every issue of "The Stitcher", we hope to release at least one new block pattern. We need to thank five wonderful ladies for their hard work and contributions in getting these designs released: Jill McGregor, Margaret Sampson, Pat Loose, Kris Petty and Barbara Lugg.

Margaret originally designed the quilt in colour but it also looks great stitched in cream thread. The patterns will be available indefinitely.

The pattern packs now available are - Arum Lillies, Tropical Frangipani, Anemones, Hibiscus, Freesias, Cooktown Orchids, Roses, Daisies, Tulips, Dahlias, Gerberas, Poppies and Pansies.

All "Vases of Flowers" pattern packs

\$10 each



"HEXAGON PINWHEELS"

BY MARTI MICHELL QUILT KIT



This quilt is designed by Marti Michell using her 60 degree triangle ruler. Easy to cut out and construct. Pretty floral prints against a soft tone on ivory tone background.

The size of the quilt is 147.5 cm x 155 cm

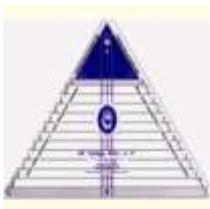
Quilt Kit - \$85.00

Marti Michell
60° Triangle Ruler

Using this ruler makes the cutting of the material in the above quilt a breeze!

Ruler - \$21.50

Kit Containing Quilt Kit
and the 60° Ruler \$100



Limited stock available



NEW SEW STITCHABLE WEBSITE



As mentioned on the front page the new Sew Stitchable website is now live. We currently have around 40 products listed but we expect this to grow to over 100. We will continue to add products and if you would like us to add a particular product please contact us. We have plans to have some of our great range of patchwork fabric and torchon lace added very soon. The website postage cost is linked to Australia Post to calculate the amount. The minimum charge for postage and handling is \$4.75.

FLANNELETTE FABRIC



We have a great range of quality flannelette fabric on flat bolts at cheap prices.

Prices
from \$11
per metre

"CHEAP HOUSING" CLASS



Saturday 16th July

10am - 2pm

Cost: \$30

Finished quilt size - 164cm x 129cm

Contact for more details

Bookings and deposit essential

MONDAY NIGHT CLASS



Continuing on from last issue, our Monday night class is held fortnightly from 7:30pm to 9:30pm. The ladies are currently working on various projects including candlewicking, 3D appliqué and Foundation piecing projects. The ladies enjoy getting together, having a chat and getting Bruce to get them a cup of tea or coffee while working on their projects. (No. Bruce doesn't stitch but don't laugh, the ladies do try!).

We currently have places available in both the Monday night and Wednesday morning classes. The cost for each session is \$15 which includes a hot drink and biscuits.

In the next issue, we will be having a close look at one of the projects that one of the ladies is currently working on.

If you would like to attend or would like more information about these classes, please contact us.

"TUPLIP GARDEN" CUSHION KIT



You will enjoy stitching this simple 33cm square cushion using just four different stitches - Colonial Knots, Stem, Blanket and Fly. This was one of Margaret's early designs. Keep it for yourself or use it as a gift.

Cushion size - 33cms square

Kit pack \$21 Pattern pack \$10

"MATILDA'S OWN" WADDING

We stock a great range of Matilda's Own high quality wadding at prices that will amaze you. This wadding is made in Australia using the highest possible standards resulting in the highest quality products. We currently stock the following range.



100% Polyester	\$13 per metre
70% Cotton/30% Polyester	\$17 per metre
100% Bamboo	\$20 per metre
60% Wool/40% Polyester	\$18 per metre

SEEDED HOMESPUN

Quality 100% cotton seeded homnespun which is ideal for candlewicking and for quilt backing. Available in two widths with the 140 cm being a higher quality and ideal for candlewicking and the 240 cm better for quilt backing. We can post Australia wide!

140 cm wide	\$8.50 per metre
240 cm wide	\$9.50 per metre



QUILTER'S FINE POINT WATER SOLUBLE MARKING PEN

These EZ Quilting pens are made in Japan. Markings can be removed with water or damp cloth.

Available in blue only.

\$6 each
2 for \$10
3 for \$12



CLASSES

WEEKLY—WEDNESDAY MORNING

(except Public and School Holidays)
9.30 to 11.30am

FORTNIGHTLY MONDAY EVENING

(except Public and School Holidays)
7.30 to 9.30pm

Classes are general classes where participants work on projects of their choice. Advice and help is given as required.

A variety of stitching skills can be worked on including: Patchwork by hand or machine; Appliqué; Candlewicking; Crazy Patchwork; Silk Ribbon Embroidery and General Embroidery.

Class fee: \$15.00 per 2 hour session.
All classes include tea/coffee refreshments.

"CHIT CHAT" TIME



WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS

(except Public and School Holidays)
1.00 To 3.00pm

This is a new time we have available for people to come along to our studio with one of their projects to work on. This will be a great time to get together and work on your current project/s or even one of those UFO's you have lying around while you have a chat and a cuppa.

The cost for the afternoon will only be \$5.00 per person. So come along and have some fun!

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR ALL CLASSES

Phone bookings are accepted with credit card payment.

Class reservations may be made by phone during normal working hours, or personally on Fridays & Saturdays from 9.30am to 1.00pm. There will be no refunds for classes cancelled two days or less prior to the day of class.

"MARGARET'S CANDLEWICK DESIGNS" BOOK

- 50 candlewick designs for 10" blocks
- Designs use only Stem Stitch and Colonial Knots
- 4 Pages of Colour pictures
- Instructions for assembling quilt, cushions and table runner
- Spiral bound for easy access and use

Only \$35.00 per book

FORTNIGHTLY STUDIO SPECIALS

Here is our list of specials for the next two months.
These discounts can also be applied to mail orders.
Mail order customers, please request your discount.

2011 Specials

30th May - 12th June

10% off rulers, cutters, mats & templates

13th June - 25th June

10% off wadding

26th June - 9th July

10% off all Threads

10th July - 23rd July

10% off 240cm & 270cm wide backing fabric

24th July - 6th August

10% off all fabric on flat bolts

THESE DISCOUNTS DO NOT APPLY
TO ALREADY DISCOUNTED ITEMS.

GIFT VOUCHERS

Often when we are looking for a gift for someone, it is difficult to know what to choose. When such times of indecision arise, the dilemma may be solved with a gift voucher from Sew Stitchable.

We are happy to supply gift vouchers to the value of \$10 and upwards.
If you wish, we can personalize the voucher with the recipient's name.
Our gift vouchers can be redeemed on either goods or classes.

DISCLAIMER

Please note that all prices quoted in "The Stitcher" are in Australian Dollars. Prices quoted were correct at the time of printing but are subject to change without notice. Prices do not include postage. Please see our website or contact us for our postage rates.

WE WELCOME YOUR VISIT
TO OUR STUDIO

**FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS
9.30AM - 1.00PM.
WEDNESDAY
1.00PM - 3.00PM.***

Other times available by appointment.

Closed on all Public Holidays.

We especially welcome Interstate and Overseas visitors.

*During South Australian School Terms

2011 CATALOGUE

The Sew Stitchable Catalogue is due to be updated very soon. The new addition will contain more of our new products that have been added since the 2009 catalogue. It will contain new photos and a voucher that you can use to refund the purchase price of the catalogue with your first purchase. The cost of the catalogue will be the same price of \$5 but will also be available to download for free from our website. We expect the catalogue to be ready by the end of July. We will now start taking orders for the hard copy version.

FEEDBACK

We know that we have big shoes to fill now that Margaret is no longer with us. If you have any thoughts or suggestions on how we can improve this newsletter, please let us know by email which is now info@sewstitchable.com.au

Regards,

Bruce and Damien



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Next issue we are going to continue with the "letters to the editor" section and look forward to receiving all your ideas.

We know that you all have great ideas for saving time with projects or perhaps you just want to let us know about something. We would like you to share this information with us so that we can publish them in our newsletter to enable all our readers to benefit from your comments.

If your letter is published, then you will receive a \$30 gift voucher to use on any of our products. This is our way of saying thank you for your time and willingness to participate. Your entries can either be sent to info@sewstitchable.com.au or can be posted to "The Editor", Sew Stitchable, 2 Trafford Rd, Hope Valley, SA, 5090. We look forward to receiving your entries—Good luck!!

CONGRATULATIONS

Our winner of the \$30 gift voucher this issue is Pat Loose. Pat has been a loyal customer of Sew Stitchable for many years and we appreciate her ideas. Below is an extract from her letter.

"I would like to see if it is possible to show a video of the Marti Michell templates for cutting out fabric shapes for quilting at a Wednesday class. Also I would like to have explained the ideal way to produce a proper corner when edging a quilt. Another problem people have is how to square a pattern for quilting."

Thanks Pat for your ideas and questions. These questions have given us some great ideas and we will advertise them in the next issue of 'The Stitcher'.

We enjoy receiving your ideas so please keep them coming in!

Read above to find out how you
can win a \$30 gift voucher!