

Fun Stuff, Cool Tools, & Nifty Notions



The “**Dummies**” book series is a popular way to learn about almost everything, and now there are needlework kits from the same company. Learn every-

thing you need to know about embroidery, counted cross stitch, needlepoint, and punch needle from these little kits, and end up with a pretty little piece as well. **Embroidery Butterfly** (shown here) 32932, **Counted Cross Stitch Hummingbird** 32933, **Needlepoint Daisy** 32934, and **Punch Needle Pot of Flowers** 32931 (\$7.99 each)

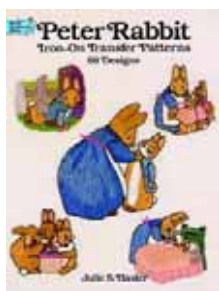


We have a new assortment of iron-on transfer books perfect for embroidery (they would work for applique, too). **Flowers and Bouquets** has lovely floral designs

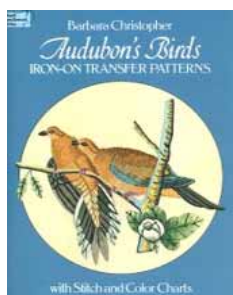
33034 (\$6.95). **Audubon's Birds** has 24 designs with color charts 33048 (\$5.95).

Small Floral Patterns features little designs perfect for just a special detail 33039 (\$4.95).

Garden Flowers has 49 designs ranging from small to large 33038 (\$5.95). **Favorite**



Birds features 40 flighty designs (birds seem to be everywhere in design this year) 33037 (\$5.95). And finally for the little ones, **Peter Rabbit** has 88 timeless and charm-



ing patterns to recreate this wonderful world 33036 (\$4.95).

The **Terra Collection** is here! This beautiful line of yarns (with accompanying book) from Tahki is great! We fell in love, not only



with the subtle colors and wonderful textures, but also with the knowledge that these are organic, low impact yarns. The fibers are organically grown and many of the dyes are

gentler on the environment than usual. The patterns shown in the book are very pretty and perfectly wearable. Get ready for spring & summer with this collection! (book 33131 \$15.00)

Contributed by Cathy Mark

Additions from Erica

I've been doing a lot of quilt models for the store and have come to love **Masterpiece Thread by Alex Anderson** for my piecing. It's fine, so it doesn't



take up much space in the seam, and gives me more accuracy.



The Mother Goose & Friends quilt I did really required that, with all the tiny pieced stars and sashing. We have

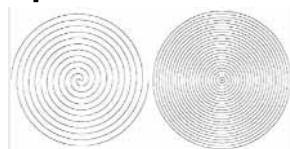
two assortments to get you started.

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Light Neutrals (33277) work with all the light colors, and **Dark Neutrals** (33276) work with your darker colors. (I joke that purple is my "neutral," and these work with that too!) (\$30 each set of 4 spools)

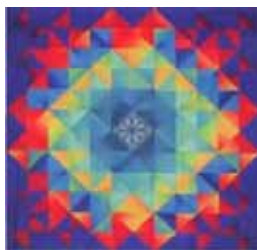
Another fun quilt was the **Fossil Fern Dreamcatcher**. 31467 (\$49.90) I quilted circles on my HQ16, using my stylus and **Circles and Spirals board**, 23615 (\$59.95). I added



the spider webs with ruler work, using the **Nested Ovals**, 16052 (\$21.00). On

the rest I did a dreamy serpentine pattern, also with **Purple Yenmet** thread (57394). Then I had fun embellishing it to go with its name! I added **silver stars** (from 84191 star mix) and **3mm crystals** for dew drops (84190). I'm still thinking about adding the traditional "feathers" and beads, and a friend suggested a yarn we have in the Yarn Department, which might be just the right thing!

We also have the kit available in **Caryl Bryer Fallert's Gradations Collection**. 33025 (\$45.90) If you just want the pattern (which is included in the kit) we have that too. 33484 (\$11.95)



I did the binding with the wonderful new method shown in the **Perfect Binding DVD**, 33483, (\$14.95), and I'm using that method with all my quilts now on!

**Perfect Binding
Schamber Quilts**



Sharon Schamber

The technique will even work with another of my favorites, **Piping Hot Binding!** We have the **Glue Tips** 33086, (\$4.59) for the Elmer's School Glue (completely

washes out and is perfect for this application!) I took some knitting needle **Point Protectors** from the yarn department 26752, (\$1.40) to put over the top. That way I don't have to wash out the tip all the time!



This new tool works with the new fever of charms and jelly rolls! The center line of the **Charming Strip Stashbuster** cuts 2 1/2" strips. The end lines cut 2 1/2" and 5" squares. The diagonal line squares half-squares triangles. This ruler simplifies cutting for patterns using 2 1/2" strips (Jelly Rolls) or 5" Charms Squares. There are no extra measuring lines or numbers to distract you, and the extra-large gripper dots hold fabric firmly to prevent slipping while rotary cutting. 32343 (\$24.00)

We've have new **cotton potholder loops** for those who object to the lower priced ones that don't all fit on the loom. Get them separately, or start weaving with a new loom! 32586 (\$20.00)



Watch for the new **needle felting molds!** They're a great way to add to your repertoire if you're doing this skill by hand.

