

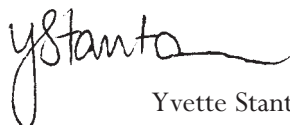


Welcome to the first issue of Vetty Creations' NeedleNews! We aim for this to be a quarterly newsletter to keep you informed about our new products and my teaching schedule, share hints and tips, and answer questions. We hope

you enjoy this new initiative and find it helpful and informative.

Turn over for details of how you could win a \$25 Vetty Creations gift voucher!

Happy Stitching!



Yvette Stanton

new catalogue

Included with this newsletter is the new Vetty Creations catalogue. You will see that there have been a few changes: we have expanded our range to include some exciting new threads and kits.

new kits

For those of you who enjoy counted embroidery, there is the "Poltavian merezhka handtowel" (shown right). Merezhka is Ukrainian cut and drawn work, and there are many different styles.

The one that has been used in the handtowel is called chysna merezhka, and it originates from the Ukrainian city of Poltava.



For Mountmellick lovers, we have a new doily featuring shamrocks and dogroses (shown left).

coton a broder threads

Many of you have mentioned how difficult it is to get coton a broder threads, especially those of you who live in the country. We therefore have decided to stock Anchor coton a broder threads in white (colour No 1). Each skein is 30m, and costs \$1.70 including postage and handling. We stock the following thicknesses: 12, 16, 20, and 25.

Please note, coton a broder threads are NOT suitable for Mountmellick as they are too shiny.

upcoming classes – semester one

This year I will be teaching classes all over the place, and you are always welcome to call and arrange a private lesson tailored to your needs. Classes for the second semester will be advised in a later issue. I teach general embroidery, but also specialise in Mountmellick, Hardanger and Merezhka embroidery. Tapestry Craft, Sydney NSW

Hardanger – June 18th

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Community College, Hornsby NSW

Embroidery – start May 6th, for 8 weeks, daytime

Picture Framing – start May 3rd, for 8 weeks, evening

The Crewel Gobelin, Killara NSW

Hardanger – 6, 13, 20th May

Country Bumpkin, Adelaide SA – July 2nd-5th

Mountmellick, Hardanger beginners, Hardanger advanced, Merezhka.

None of these classes can be booked through me. You must contact the business running the class.

hints and tips

Knitting the fringe for your mountmellick

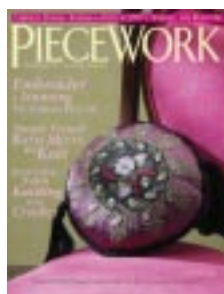
When knitting your fringe, you will probably find that it stretches a little when you unravel to create the fringe. Because of this, err on the short side, rather than the long side. The amount that it stretches depends on your personal tension, so I can't tell you exactly how much it will actually stretch – you may need to experiment!

projects in recent magazines



Vetty Creations projects have been recently featured in *Inspirations* No 45 (Hardanger hand towel with traditional style border, candlewick cushion), and *Embroidery and Cross Stitch* magazine (Poltavian merezhka handtowel, and a profile of me and my

twin sister and co-author, Prue Scott). In the current issue of *PieceWork* magazine (US), there is an article written by me on May Morris, the daughter of William Morris, and embroiderer extraordinaire in her own right!



new mountmellick chat group

I recently founded a new online chat group especially for the discussion of all aspects of Mountmellick embroidery. You can find it at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mountmellick>

When applying to join, mention this newsletter and I will quickly be able to approve your application. You are very welcome to join us, even if you've never actually done any Mountmellick yet. It will provide the opportunity to have your questions answered, and might give you the confidence to get started!

emailed newsletter

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elegant hardanger embroidery

My first book "Elegant Hardanger Embroidery" was recently declared out of print (though if you're really lucky you may still be able to find a shop with some stock). I am currently looking at the possibility of re-releasing it later in the year. If you are interested in

this new edition, please let me know and I will make sure you know when it comes out!

question and answer

If you would like to submit a question for this section of the newsletter, please email or post your question to NeedleNews Q&A using the address on the front of the newsletter.

Q Do I need to prewash the Mountmellick fabric before use?

A This depends on which fabric you are using. If you are using the Vetty Creations cotton satin jean, you should prewash in order to make sure that the fabric is preshrunk. It will also mean that if the fabric has gone slightly skewed while on the roll, you will be able to return it to its correct shape.

If you are using the cream cotton satin jean imported from the UK, you should not prewash it – doing so can make it subsequently quite difficult to get the needle through!

Q What is a size 14, 16 or 18 darning needle? My local needlework shop has never heard of them.

A Size 14-18 darning needles are very thick needles (like nails!) that are used for creating fat bullions. They are sometimes called yarn darning needles. If you are having trouble getting them, we stock packs of 14-18 darning needles for \$2.20 (including p&h), with seven needles of varying sizes in each pack.

competition!

You could win a \$25 Vetty Creations gift voucher!

All you need to do is tell us in 25 words or less:

Which is your favourite needlework shop and why?

The best and most creative entry will win a \$25 Vetty Creations gift voucher and be featured in the next edition of NeedleNews.

With your entry, include your name and address, and the contact details of the shop so that we can advise them if yours is the winning entry.

Get your entries in by post or email by the closing date: 31st April 2005

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