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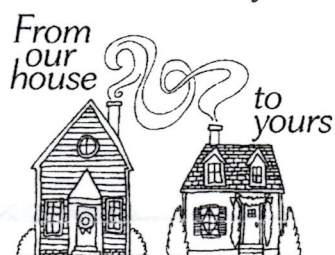
Words of Wisdom

Fall Into Sewing

By Denise Dias, Chapter President

The air is turning cool and crisp and my thoughts are turning into sewing for Fall. I have sewn some new things to wear, a suit, a couple of jackets and now I am thinking about sewing warm cozy mittens for our "charity sew" in October. I do hope you will either come and sew, or make an effort sew some at home to help out those in need in our area.

Christmas stockings will be due in December. They too are for children of all ages, who do not have what we have. Charity work is fun,



Season's Greetings

it is rewarding, and it is a way to use our talents for the good of others. Many other chapters around the country have strong charity programs and use their talents to help others.

Please remember to do your part in helping our guild to grow into the organization that you want it to become.

Everyone needs to take an active part in our group to make it strong. That is my commitment for the coming year, and I know you will commit to that too. Happy sewing!

Denise

Featured in September & October

Motion Demos & Idea Exchange for Quick Gifts

Our September meeting was filled with wonderful notions which members brought and showed. Makes a person wonder who thinks all these notions up. Thanks to **Becky Wondra**, Education Chair, for writing down all the information on these notions to present to the membership.

We celebrated another birthday as a Chapter of the American Sewing

Guild with cake and punch in October. Our nominated Chairity Chairman, **Debbie Short**, presented the information on various organizations we might make projects for in the coming year. There are so many worthwhile organizations -- we wish we could adopt them all. October's meeting found members and visitors alike enjoying the many ideas for quick and easy gifts and

projects. It is so much fun to see what ideas everyone has and is willing to share.

The "Chairity Sew" on October 23 turned out to be a great time of fellowship and fun. Thanks to all of you who participated--168 pairs of mittens were made to be given to area children through the Wichita Public Schools. Special thanks to all those who donated fleece, ribbing, etc.

Our Next Chapter Meetings:

NOVEMBER
Tuesday, November 6

"Small Gifts"
Patterns & Fun

DECEMBER
Tuesday, December 4

"Christmas Party"
*Bring a gift for the
gift exchange, stocking for
"Challenge" and items to stuff
the stockings with.*



Sewing Tips

that are truly gifts of the season. . .

When you are trying to thread a needle, if you lick the thread and then cut it (instead of cutting and then licking) you will not have that annoying piece of fiber that won't go through the eye of the needle.

Germandtown In-Stitches NB Group

In order to make both sides of a keyhole opening in a blouse perfectly even, stitch the facing to the neck line in one continuous circle. Then stitch down the sides of the opening.

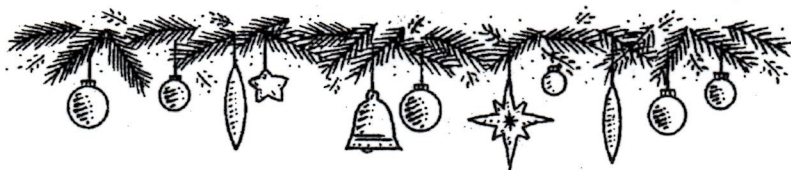
"Bobbin Along" - Cincinnati Chapter

For sharper creases in knit slacks, dampen them with a cloth wrung out from a solution of one-third white vinegar and two-thirds water. Place a brown bag over the crease and press.

"Thread Line" - Sacramento Chapter

Never plug your computerized sewing machine in on the same power bar as your iron. An iron has power surges, they spike. This means they draw incredible amounts of power at certain stages of warming up. These power surges can harm your sewing machine if you have it plugged in and on at the same time as your iron

Sew Richmond Central - Central Virginia Chapter



Tips for Stitching Piping on Curves

From High Fashion Sewing Secrets from the World's Best Designers
by Claire B. Shaeffer

It is easy to stitch piping on curves if you remember to follow a few general rules.

- When sewing piping to edges with inward curves, such as necklines and armseye, clip the seam allowance on the piping and hold the piping taut so you can shape it smoothly.
- When sewing piping to edges with outward curves, such as collars, pockets, and flaps, ease the piping to the seamline so the finished edge won't curl under.
- When piping square necklines, hold the piping taut at the corner.
- When piping cuffs and collars, clip the seam allowances on the piping and ease the piping at all of the corners.

Making A List and Checking it Twice. . .

While clicking through the internet the other day, I discovered a sight on <About.com> for a "Sewing Christmas Wish List." The sight has three pages, in list form which are printable, of ideas for needles, threads, ribbons, gift certificates, books and various other "wish I had" tools. You might just want to go to this sight <<http://sewing.about.com/library/nxlist.htm>> to print out a copy of this list to leave laying around your house.



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New Board members will be elected at the November meeting and announced in the next newsletter. Thanks to all the outgoing Board members for their hard work.

ADVERTISING RATES

Ad rates for our bimonthly ASG Newsletter will be as follows:

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The Deadline for the January/February issue will be announced by the new newsletter chairman to be elected at the November meeting.

☑ Mark Your Calendar

Becky Wondra, our Guild's Education Chairman, has announced some exciting programs for 2001. All meetings will be held the first Tuesday of the month at the Sedgwick County Extension Education Center, 7001 W. 21st Street North, at 1:30 and 7:00 P. M. (* notes meetings that differ from this date and time)

November 6, 2001

Small Crafts & Quick Gift Patterns

December 4, 2001

"Christmas Party"

*Remember the "stocking challenge,"
items to fill the stockings,
and a gift for the exchange*

January 1, 2002

No meeting due to holiday

January 15, 2002

"Bra Workshop"

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (potluck lunch)

Kits \$25 for members/\$30 for non-members
presented by Anne St. Claire, Needle Nook

February 5, 2002

"Finding Sewing Related Info. on the Internet"
presented by Karna Lackey, Midwest Sewing

If you know of someone who would be interested in presenting a program to our Guild, please let Becky know.

Derby Neighborhood Group



The Derby Neighborhood Group meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at Woodlawn United Methodist Church, in Derby Kansas. Reservations are not required except where requested. All you have to do is go to the south entrance of the Woodlawn United Methodist Church at Kay and Woodlawn, Derby, Kansas, and follow the signs to room 11E. Please come and join the fun. For more information call **Carol Wiens** at 316-788-4488 or <jackw@southwind.net> or **Teresa Norris** at 316-789-0148.

The Derby group enjoyed a presentation by **Joan Pendleton** in August. She shared some of her "sewing" related purchases from a recent trip to her homeland of England.

On November 29, **Linda Emery** will talk about sewing with polar fleece.

There will **NOT** be a December meeting - Merry Christmas!

Hutch Neighborhood Group



The Hutch Neighborhood Group meets on the first Thursday of the month! They meet in the Parlor of the First Presbyterian Church, Sherman & Walnut, at 7:30 P.M. Please use the west entrance. If you have any questions, contact **Marion Whitlock**, 620-669-9002.

November 1, 2001

"Alteration tools and tips and Pattern changes"
presented by Marion Whitlock

December 6, 2001

Annual Christmas Party & potluck dinner
810-C Old Farm Estates Road
Hutchinson, KS

January 3, 2002

Demonstration
presented by Jill Ensminger

February 7, 2002

"Unloved Fabric Challenge"
& *"Unmentionable Lingerie"*
presented by Deb Fritchen

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Pretty Snowflake

Designed By Julie A. Bolduc

<<http://www.jpfun.com/patterns/03ornaments/prettysnowflake.shtml>>

This lacy snowflake is fast and easy to make, and you could make several in an evening! It is just the right size for filling those large open spaces on your tree. You could also use it as a package topper just like any other snowflake you can make.

Materials Needed:

Small amount white cotton crochet thread size 10.
Southmaid was used in the example
Size 7 steel crochet hook
Fabric Stiffener
Straight pins
Foam Board
Waxed Paper
A paper towel
Tapestry Needle
Ornament hanger

Gauge 10sc=1"
Finished Size 4"
diameter
Skill Level Beginner

Instructions:

RND 1: Ch6, join w/sl st to first ch to form ring. Ch3. 2dc in ring. Ch6, join w/sl st to 6th ch from hook. *3dc in ring. Ch6, join w/sl st to 6th ch from hook. Rep from * 4 times more. You should now have 6 ch6 loops around.

RND 2: Slst into the next dc. Ch3. 2dc, ch5, 2dc in next ch6 lp. *Sk next dc. Dc in next dc. Sk next dc. 2dc, ch5, 2dc in next ch6 lp. Rep from * around. Join w/sl st to top of ch3.

RND 3: Ch3. Sk next 2 dc. Dc, ch3, dc, ch5, dc, ch3, dc in next ch5 sp. Sk next 2 dc. *Dc in next dc. Sk next 2 dc. Dc, ch3, dc, ch5, dc, ch3, dc in next ch5 sp. Sk next 2 dc. Rep from * around. Join w/sl st to top of ch3.

RND 4: Ch3. Sc in next ch3 sp. Dc, ch3, dc, ch3, dc, ch5, dc, ch3, dc, ch3, dc in next ch5 sp. Sc in next ch3 sp. Ch3. Sk next dc. *Sc in next dc. Sc in next ch3 sp. Dc, ch3, dc, ch3, dc, ch5, dc, ch3, dc, ch3, dc in next ch5 sp. Sc in next ch3 sp. Ch3. Sk next dc. Rep from * around. Join w/sl st to first base of ch3. Fasten off. Weave all ends into work. Stiffen with fabric stiffener as directed in instructions. Attach hanger to one of the points.

To Stiffen Snowflake:

- 1) Pin waxed paper to foam board to protect it.
- 2) Pour 1-2 tbsp fabric stiffener into a small bowl, I used a custard cup.
- 3) Dip snowflake into fabric stiffener and completely soak it till it's dripping wet.
- 4) Pat excess stiffener off with paper towel, do not wring the snowflake.
- 5) Lay the snowflake onto the waxed paper covered board and stretch and pin it into shape.
- 6) Allow to dry overnight! Be patient for best results.
- 7) When dry, remove from board and attach hanger. If you like, you can sprinkle irredesent flakes on it while it is still wet for a sparkly effect.

Hint: If you plan to make a bunch of snowflakes, crochet them all first, then use a large foam board and use a larger amount of stiffener. In other words, stiffen them all at once.

Design written on Saturday, February 12, 2000.

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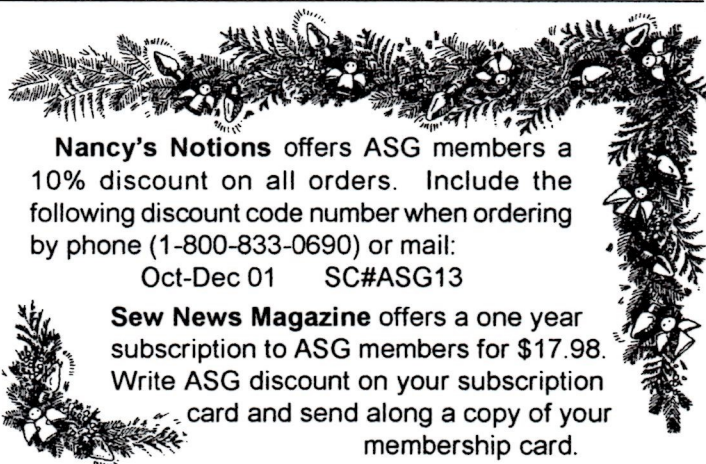
A-1 Sewing Center - Parklane
The Button Hole - McPherson, KS

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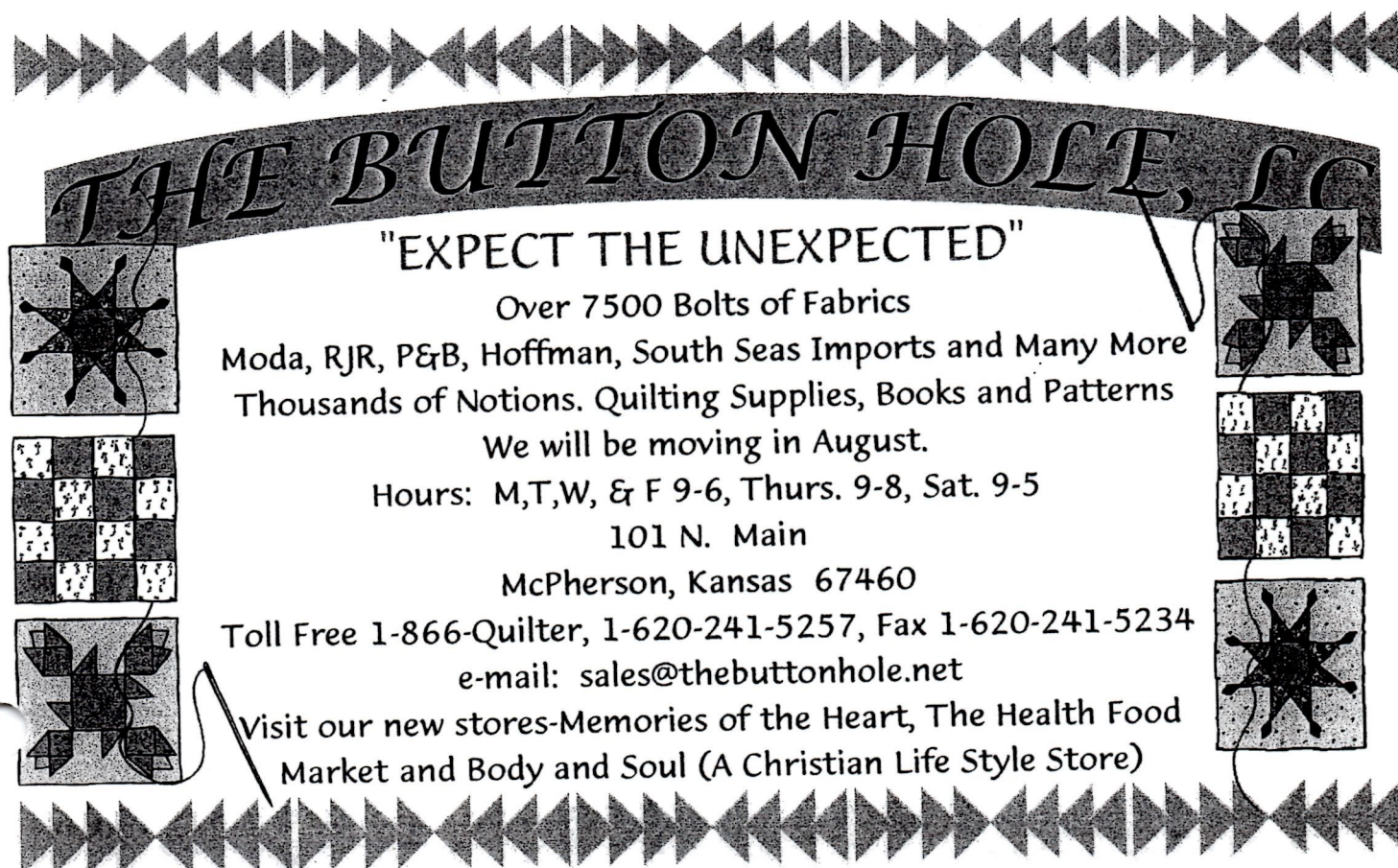
Thanks...
for a great year.



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