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Threads that Bind

I hope all of you survived the snow and are as happy to see spring as the flowers that are starting to appear. I have 2 bags full of projects ready to take to the retreat. Some are new things I want to start, others are unfinished projects that I need to...well finish. I'm looking for the inspiration of the retreat to give me that push I need with the things I'm stuck on. I just keep thinking of more things.

The number one item I plan to work on is my garment for our Spring Challenge. If it is to be finished in time for the May meeting I need to at least make up my mind as to what I am going to do. Speaking of minds, talk about how "great minds" work alike, The winter issue of Notions announced that ASG is sponsoring a Creativity Contest, using Simplicity #5687 that will be giving away \$1500 in cash prizes. Okay now what do we do? Enter the garment we made for our spring tea, or make another for the national contest. That should be a no-brainer. Make another. With a deadline maybe I can get it finished. Oh yes! Deadlines! Watch for the spring issue of Notions. Complete contest details along with an entry form will be included. Deadline is June 10, 2003.

I may have to dig out my knitting needles after the inspiration Pat, from Knits Etc. gave me at our February meeting. Do you think I can convince Mothers of small children that it's not the child but the Jean Jacket that I want so I can embellish it? Didn't she have some great ideas? So did Dawn Ena from the Brick Street Shop when she spoke to us about embellishments. I have a whole box of vintage linens that should be gotten out and enjoyed.

All of you have had some great ideas too. Show and Share has been really awesome lately.

Well I better go shoo the cat off of the sewing machine so I can finish my new outfit for next week. See you all then.

Happy Sewing
Shirley



NEWS LETTER DEADLINE
June/July Issue May 2, 2003



Mark Your Calendars

Our Next
Chapter Meetings:

Tuesday, April 1, 2003

Fuzzy is Better Than Raggy
by
Charlotte Wolfe
Charlotte's Sew Natural

Tuesday, May 6, 2003

Spring Tea



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Denise Dias, our Guild's Education Chairman, has Announced some exciting programs for 2003. All Meetings will be held the first Tuesday of the month At the Sedgwick County Extension Education Center 7001 W. 21st North, at 1:30 and 7:00 P.M.

Tuesday, April 1, 2003

Fuzzy is Better Than Raggy
By
Charlotte Wolfe
Charlotte's Sew Natural

Tuesday, April 22, 2003

Open Sew 9 till Noon
1:30P.M Board Meeting
ALL ASG Members are welcome
to attend

Tuesday, May 6, 2003

SPRING TEA

Tuesday, May 27, 2003

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1:30P.M Board Meeting
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to attend



Don't forget Mother's Day

Spinach Dip
Valerie LePont

6 green onions
1 cup water chestnuts—diced
2 cups sour cream
1 cup Mayo (Hellmann's)
1 pkg. Frozen chopped, thawed, drained
and squeeze out all the liquid
1 pkg Knorr Vegetable Soup Mix

After you have all the liquid squeezed out of the spinach, mix all ingredients together. Let set several hours or overnight for the flavor to get blend. Serve with crackers or little breads.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 4, 5, & 6, 2003
Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Spring Retreat, will be hosted by the Wichita Chapter. At the Cross Wind Conference Center, Hesston, Ks. A fun filled weekend of sewing, food, fellowship, more sewing and of course lots of fun. Be sure to see Aleta for registration, 316 722-7721 x232.

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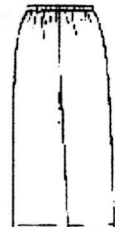
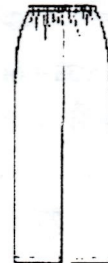
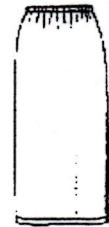
Donna Loehr

- 1 can cream mushroom soup
- 1 can cream chicken soup
- 1 cup sour cream.
- 2 tbsp. chopped onion
- 2 cups grated cheddar cheese
(save 1/2 cups for cheese for topping)
- 3 to 4 cups cooked, cubed chicken
- 12 flour tortillas
- 1 7 oz. jar salsa

Mix the cream soups together with the sour cream and onions. Tear tortillas into about 6 or 8 pieces. In your SLOW COOKER layer tortillas, soup mixture, chicken then salsa. Repeat till done. Cook on LOW for 4 to 5 hours. At the last 30 minutes add the 1/2 cup of cheese.
Enjoy!! We sure all did.



Simplicity pattern number 5687, designed especially for the American Sewing Guild



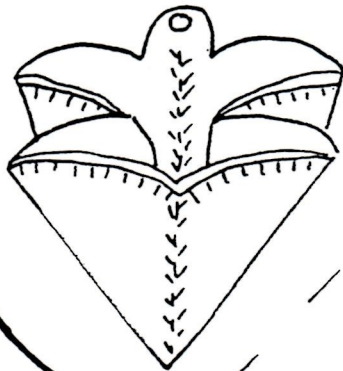
Helen's Handy Needlecase

Supplies:

- 10" square of print fabric
- 10" square of white felt
- 10" square of sew-in interfacing
- 10" square of freezer paper
- Snap or Velcro for closer (snap size 2/0 (best) or 1/0)

1. Trace pattern onto dull side of freezer paper and cut it out.
2. Place print fabric right side down on top of interfacing.
3. Press freezer paper pattern onto wrong side of print fabric.
4. With small stitches, stitch next to the freezer paper. Do not stitch on the freezer paper.
5. Carefully remove freezer paper pattern. It can be used again.
6. Trim close to stitching. (pinking shears are good for this)
7. Cut slit in wrong side of interfacing only and turn and press. Slit is about 4" long.
8. Place this piece onto the felt square wrong side to wrong side and stitch down. I use a Blanket stitch, but any stitch will do.
9. Use fancy stitches or plain and stitch from valley to valley on the opposite side four times.
10. Trim the felt close to the applique and fold. I used pinking shears again.
11. Add a snap or velcro for closer. Yes, you can sew on snaps with your sewing machine.

How to fold: The north/south sewing line has no fold. The east/west line is divided at the middle and each end folded in toward the middle. The remaining lines will automatically fold out. (see diagram) Flatten it.



Valley

valley



Needlecase

Mark each section to identify your favorite sewing pins and needles. (such as sharps - betweens - straws - basting, etc.)

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HJ

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