

Holiday Ideas!

From Needles & Pins

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Make Your Gifts Special!

When you make your gifts, they become a special treat for the recipients. Year after year, we hear from customers who say, "They just *loved* the gifts I made!" In fact, your handcrafted gifts will set a high standard, so be prepared to do it again and again!

Special doesn't have to mean expensive. The care taken to find just the right fabric for a set of

placemats or a pillowcase is a huge part of the value of the handcrafted gift. This year is also a year for vintage and "found" items in holiday gifts and decorating. We're showing ideas from the **2009 Gooseberry Patch Christmas Book** that were made possible after a shopping trip or two to Goodwill and other second-hand shops, as well as Lois Clow's attic. Be sure

to visit with us this season and see what's new (and new again!)

While you are thinking "vintage," it's always good to go through your own fabric collection and think of new ways to use up what you have on hand. See our article on page 2 for some ideas.

Happy Holidays!



Celebrate Thanksgiving

We love decorating for Thanksgiving! We have Woolfelt turkey kits, pumpkins galore and great ideas for dressing your table. If you are visiting for the holiday, don't forget to take along a hostess gift (an

apron for the cook, perhaps?). Think about using time after dinner to help the children make the first Christmas ornament of the season!

Use Up That Fabric Stash This Holiday Season

- **Christmas Stockings** for everyone! Great gifts for family and friends' pets—fill with treats!
- **Ornaments:** Find inspiration in the **Art To Heart** Christmas books
- **Wrapping Packages, appliqués** on paper gift bags
- **Pillowcases**
- **No Sew Fabric Gift Bags** (ask us to see the pattern)
- **Perfect Pouches**
- **Wrapped Clothesline projects** (the perfect use for “ugly” fabric!)
- **Bags for storing quilts**
- **Backings** –quilts, wall hangings, aprons, runners
- **Holiday cards** (see Art to Heart's **I Believe**)
- **Yo-yos**
- **Pincushions** (gifts for fellow stitchers)
- **Appliques** for tea towels
- **Paper pieced** holiday designs for cards, pins, ornaments

The Gift Is In The Bag...Literally!

Totes, purses and other small bags make the perfect gifts for all the girls on your list.

- Make small *Perfect Pouches* bags and fill them with mini bottles of toiletries for the little girls on your list.
- Friends and family members will love a *Bow Tucks Bag*—regular or mini.
- Lazy Girls' *Claire* or *Whimsy* totes are easy to make and so practical for everyone on your list. Create an assembly line and make several.
- Large and small *Coloring Bags* from Clothesline Quilts are perfect gifts for kids - use fun fabrics, add a coloring book and box of crayons and your gift is ready to go.

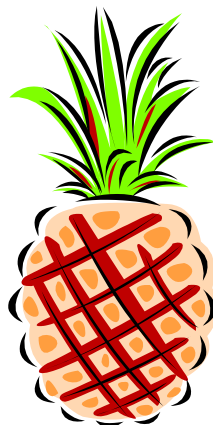
Sofa Quilts Are A Terrific Gift

Give them a throw-sized quilt for the sofa or chair and winter weather will never be the same! Some ideas that you can manage before Christmas (**but get a quilting appointment NOW before you begin**):

- **Atkinson Designs:** *Yellow Brick Road, Time Out Quilts*
- **Gathering Friends:** *By Request, Stashblasters*
- **Thimleberries:** *Tree Farm Throw, Favorite Flannel Throw*
- **The Quilt Branch:** *Six Halves Make A Whole Christmas*
- **Hopscotch:** *Christmas Quilts: Warm and Cozy/ Merry and Bright*

Gifts For The Kitchen

- Aprons of all types continue to be popular. Look for apron panels if you are pressed for time.
- Everyone needs potholders! You can use silver quilted or unquilted **Therma-Flec** on the back or use **Insulbrite** inside and fabric on the back.
- Decorated tea towels make wonderful hostess gifts. Be sure to see our large selection of fabrics and towels.
- Placemats, napkins, tea cozies and coasters can be made



to fit any kitchen style.

- Re-usable grocery totes save money and the effort to recycle plastic.
- Use **Pacific Silvercloth** to make tarnish-free bags for silver and silverplate.

Embroidery Is As Beautiful As Ever

The joy of embroidery work is being discovered by a new generation!

Look for great designs from a number of companies, including **Crabapple Hill**, **Brandywine Design**, **Bunny Hill**, **Bareroots** and **Bird Brain Designs**. We have patterns

for seasonal work, as well those for replicating vintage towels, bed linens and more.

Try your work on our new linen/cotton hand towels from Dunroven House!

Also new: *counted cross stitch patterns from Country Stitches!*



Our Best Wishes Coupon

20% off one of these items:

-Pattern - Book -Tea Towel -One Yard of Holiday Fabric

Coupon Valid October 16—December 15, 2009 One coupon per quilting household.

In-store sales only.

Join Us For Holiday Events In Frederick!

- Nov. 7: Open House Weekend & First Saturday
- Nov. 11: Military Discount Day
- Nov. 27: Frosty Friday
- December 2: Sweets & Scents Competition (Gingerbread Houses!) and Holiday Art Competition
- Dec. 4: Kris Kringle Procession
- Dec. 5: First Saturday Holiday Recipe Tour
- Dec. 6 & 7: Holiday House Tour
- Dec 12 & 13: Children's Weekend
- Dec. 18: Festival of Lights

For more information on any of these and other events, visit www.downtownfrederick.org or www.fredericktourism.org

Fun Woolfelt Gifts Become A Holiday Tradition!

Your holiday Woolfelt gifts are sure to become as much a part of a family's tradition as Bing Crosby's rendition of *White Christmas*.

Add something new this year with the traditional look of *Christmas Bird Banners* and a *Snowman Greeter Banner* from Debbie Mumm's book, **Home Comings**.

You won't want to miss the new *Santa & Snow-*



man Pillows from Plum Creek Collectibles, as well

as their *Bethlehem Baby* runner and new *Countdown To Christmas*. Other long-time favorites from Plum Creek include *Away In A Manger*, *The North Pole Gang* and *All Flakes Welcome*.

Button Stitch Designs' *Mini Pennies* continue to be the perfect small project for on-the-go stitchery, while their

Mitten Tree Skirt is a huge favorite and can be made as a round table topper.

Christmas In My Heart is a new framed hanging

from All Through The Night that promises to be



an heirloom piece for any family lucky enough to have one. *Seven Santas* is another favorite design from this company that remains popular year after year.

Don't forget the ease of making Woolfelt ornaments. Super gifts!