

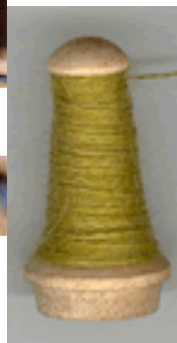


Connecting Threads

Threads for Fly Tying...and crazy quilting? ...needlepoint, too.

Our Thread business has expanded to include a new business venture: Topper Tackle. If you love our Sanibel and Silk Chenille then you will love the 50 colors available plus a new brushed mohair in the same colors! Fishermen are excited over the natural fibers and the colors, not to mention the very cool wooden bobbin that my husband, Norm, has designed. Equally interested in these colors and fibers are crazy quilters. (Hint: cross stitch & needlepoint use also!) The product is packaged in smaller yardages for Norm's target audience. See all the colors at: www.toppertackle.com.

Shops can inquire about wholesale prices, retail ordering is available on the Topper Tackle website. Needlework shops can offer a shopping corner for husbands who are tying flies and other fiber artists!



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Special points of interest:

- New threads and colors available for Fly Tying, needlework and crazy quilting.
- Needle Punch with Sheep's Silk

Summer Life Savors...

Homemade icecream...

A 4th of July Parade...

Fireflies in a night sky...

Camping trips...

Riding horses in the Idaho mountains...

Making jams & jellies...

Hammocks & swimming

Holes...

Memories of summers past...

Sorting old photographs...

Ice cold lemonade...

Porch swings...

Celebrating the summer

solstice...

Summer sandals & sundresses...

Building sandcastles...

Vegetable gardening...

Morning's first dew...

Running through the sprinklers...

Just Trinkets—Our shop for the Town Square

For those shops attending the Summer trade show in Indianapolis there were 40+ exhibitors that all gave away a free pattern for a shop for the town square. Our pattern was for a bead-ribbon-embellishment shop called: Just Trinkets. The shops were really cute and there are many ideas of ways to stitch them, separately, together in a row or even like a monopoly board!! You can only get these patterns from shops who attended the show. Check with your local shop to see if they attended and

maybe even were one of the lucky winners of part of the models!! Our shop is pictured below. We hope that you get the opportunity to have these patterns and stitch some of these shops. We are offering a thread packet/ribbon packet with the exclusive charm made for us by Charland Designs. Although we cannot give you the pattern you can have your local shop order in the packet for you and get the pattern from them if they attended the show. Email us if you need the name of a shop who we know at-

tended the show for ordering assistance.



Once upon a time, in the town square of Anytownship, USA, a new shop opened. It was filled from floor to ceiling with beads, buttons & ribbons. It was a needle artists dream-come-true of colors, textures, and simply 'good goods'. Just Trinkets was 'the place' to shop. 'Remember Gentler Times' the motto, and a beautifully finished needlework piece the result.



Rush on over to a shop that attended the show to get your free pattern!

Sheep's Silk gives the look of a miniature hooked rug in needle punch

We are using our Sheep's Silk for needle punch. Our first pattern is available for purchase either directly from us or through your local shop. We are calling this pattern "A Flower Blooms". Retail price is \$6.00 and does not include pre-printed fabric. A light box or window works well to transfer the design with a fine permanent black pen. It could be punched in many different color ways. Using the Sheep's Silk just as it comes off the skein (25 yard, uncut length means no repeat threading of the needle!) We used the CTR red needle. For a little higher 'nap' I'd recommend taking off 1 little section of tubing. The

thread flows through the needle like butter. It is important to use on 'drum tight' fabric. We love K's Creations needle punch frame with the carding cloth that really holds the fabric tightly.

We are currently punching this design in our Silk 'n colors which gives an incredible sheen and using 1-ply of silk 'n Colors with the finest CTR needle. I like both looks of the different threads.



We are working on getting the website completely updated. Our newest products, Sea Grass and Black Sheep will be added to the website in about 2 weeks. We will also be adding 'good goods' to the website under 'special things'.

My husband had to rebuild the website when we purchased a web building software and he

has persevered and I want to say 'thanks' for a job well done. There are still a few glitches in the wholesale end of the website but we are working on them and will be adding a shop listing within the next few weeks. Now that I have my own personal webmaster I can update the website at any hour of the day or night!

Sheep's Silk
Is the
Perfect
Thread
For Needle
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▶ Reminders of *Gentler Times* in
Hand-dyed Threads & Ribbons

Remember Gentler Times

What better way to Remember Gentler Times than to add the personal touch of hand-stitching, cross stitch or needlepoint to your photo albums and hand-made books! Watch for more on this in our Aug/Sept. newsletter plus new colors and offerings are coming soon!

Behind the Scenes at The Thread Gatherer

There are always important people in every organization who work behind the scenes to bring a companies product to you. We will occasionally introduce and honor their work. My daughter, Maritta, is my right hand gal. She is like a girl Friday—doing a bit of everything to make the dyeing, shipping and planning run more smoothly. Maritta has a great mind and plays a major role in many of our 'themes' that we use at the trade shows. She is dedicated, clever, and a great organizer. Maritta has a degree in Political Science but chooses to work with me in this business. She is a great asset and a wonderful daughter besides being such an important part of each day at The Thread Gatherer.

Thanks so much!



We love our red-headed gals! Here Maritta is holding Sophie, one of our red-haired grand-daughters.