

Good afternoon! Welcome to the introduction to Sampler Club facebook live presentation. If you have any questions along the way, feel free to type them in and I will try to answer all the questions at the end of my "script." This document can be downloaded under the "Class" tab on www.crossmyheartltd.com.

Sampler Club started many years ago as a year long class designed to create a sampler that was all your own, using special stitches and motifs, and to finish it in a year.

Some of us actually finished in a year. Some of us still have that very first sampler started in 2001 to finish. These pieces are what Alma Lynn used to call heirloom pieces, those works that may take you all your life to finish but that are a representation of your life to hand down to generations.

Over the years, we've modified the class, added to and moved things around, but always stayed true to the ultimate goal - learn new stitches and to finish at least one heirloom sampler.

This year, we are going to take a Journey with Sibbel. Originally published by Kansas City Star Books in 20, this book, written by Susan Greening Davis and Sally Criswell, is an 18th century orphan's study of needlework. We will use this book, as well as others, to create a piece that is your journey in needlework, in life, and in exploration. As a special treat, Susan will be joining us online as we go through her book.

There will be at least 12 sessions beginning the second Saturday in May. We will skip October due to the North Coast Tour De Stitch and Camp Gottastitch. Each class will be \$25 and you are signing up for a full year's worth of classes. Each class will contain instruction from Journey with Sibbel as well as additional speciality stitches. You will receive stitch instructions as well as other books, kits, and other presents throughout the year.

In addition to the class cost, you will need the following, if you wish to do the project in the book:

28 count natural linen 14 x 5

28 count antique white 22 x 5

28 count cream 20 x 5

28 count blue 30 x 5

GA threads Brandy, Baked Clay, Flax, Buttermilk, Old Blue Paint, Woodrose, Highland Heather, DMC 3362, 3768

DMC #12 cream

DMC #10 Cebelia Crochet Cotton, Ecru

If you wish to use the project in the book as a jumping off point:

28 count - ½ yard various colors

Threads of your choice

A bunch of motif books from your stash or purchased separately

I'm planning on doing both Sibbel's sampler and one of my own. If you are using her sampler as a jumping off point, you will need to decide on 12 small motifs that represent your life events, or things that are important to you.

In addition, I would like for all of you, like me, who have been a previous Sampler Club member to make a resolution to finish one of your pieces that you have started. I, for example, have an acorn and dove sampler, a Chicago Cubs sampler, and a Edward Gorey sampler to finish up. I am hoping to finish the acorn and dove sampler and get lots accomplished on the Gorey sampler. We will have stitching "detentions" scheduled through out the year for people who are both in this year's club or previous year's clubs to support each other as we work on our heirloom samplers. If you have not started an heirloom sampler, we can help you! The heirloom samplers are a little under half a yard and can be done on whatever count you prefer.

We will be using a video conferencing software to have this class both online and in the shop, so if you are miles away from Cross My Heart in Columbus, Ohio, you are still welcome to join Sampler Club. You will get all the materials for class prior to the class date mailed to you.

Sampler Club is a fun time for all of us to meet, laugh, talk and learn about samplers, stitches and each other. We have surprises, games and talk about color, arrangement, spacing, design and many other topics. As a final note to the introduction, I want to announce the winner of the "Sampler Club Points" from last year's Club. Sampler Club is kinda like "Who's line is it anyway," where the rules are made up and the point's don't matter. Last year's point winner is Heidi Dowling. We wanted to award her with something to commemorate the times so, Heidi, your gift is a single roll of Charmin toilet paper that you will be able to pick up from the shop as soon as we can open the doors! (if you need it before then, let me know and I'll mail it!)

If you have questions, please email us at crsmyhrtlt@aol.com. You may sign up for Sampler Club by clicking on the "Classes" link at www.crossmyheartltd.com or in the shop, once we are open again.