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 www.jenniferpudney.com - fun needlepoint, felt kits & fabrics  
 www.strandnz.com - for crewel yarn & kitsets

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Spring is always cheering, my crocus bulbs that I have planted in a pot are just coming into flower. I couldn't resist them when I went over to check out Thorndon Green across the road.

The World of Wearable Art is about to hit us and there is always a great buzz in the air, a true celebration of textiles and stitching. Come and join us for the exciting

Bernina 7 Series launch when we will be using the new machines to demonstrate projects giving you the chance to try any of our machines. Light refreshments will be served. *Mary*

**World Of Wearable Arts**



WOW is an exciting time of the year here at Nancy's but it is even more exciting this year as Anna has a piece in the show. We have watched as she developed her concept "I stitch Sew I am", sampled with ribbons and threads, digitised an abstraction of her thumb print and stitched it out on our Bernina 830 Embroidery Module. She then went through a selection process as part of her course evaluation at Massey, and then acceptance by WOW. Tess who works on Thursday afternoons is in her final year at Wellington High School. The school nominated her to do a Wearable Art window for Kirkcaldie and Stains, you can see it on one of the Brandon Street window in the Kitchen section. We have embraced WOW with a celebratory window display here at Nancys.

**Spring Cleaning**

Give your sewing machine and overlocker a freshen up

10% off the price of a sewing machine or overlocker  
 Service for all of October

**TEXTILES a new generation**

Arna has some of her work in this exhibition by students and graduates of Massey University's College of Creative Arts Textile Design Programme. Bowwn House Gallery, 1 Lambton Quay, 5-28th October, Wed-Fri 10-4pm



**Design and Crafts Prospectus for 2013**

Contact us now for a copy, we are offering both distance and studio based courses

**Studio Based**

- Level 3 Certificate Stitched Textiles (Embroidery)
- Level 3 Diploma Stitched Textiles (Embroidery)
- Level 1 Certificate Stitched Textiles (Hand Embroidery)
- Level 1 Certificate Stitched Textiles (Machine Embroidery)

**Distance Learning**

- Level 3 Certificate Stitched Textiles (Embroidery)
- Level 1 Certificate Stitched Textiles (Hand Embroidery).



# PROJECT

## Felt Booties

We have the Sheepskin Soles for Booties. I loved these for my babies and always bought some at markets when I saw them. The suede outer of the sole had traction as they started to walk and kept their feet warm on our wooden floors. The kit has a pattern to knit the bootie, but if you are not a knitter, you could use the kit with some of thick felt from Nepal to make these lovely felt booties.



Of course you could also make adult size ones using sheepskin innersoles or with just a felt sole. Draw around a comfy pair of shoes to get the sole size. Measure from the centre back to front to work out length of side piece.

### Materials

30cm square of felt (Nepalese felt squares \$10.95 - you will get 2 pairs of booties out of 1 square)  
 Sheepskin innersoles(optional) (available in cream, tan, brown, grey and pink - \$12.95)  
 No 5 Perle cotton  
 Size 20 Chenille needle  
 5 cm of 10mm elastic

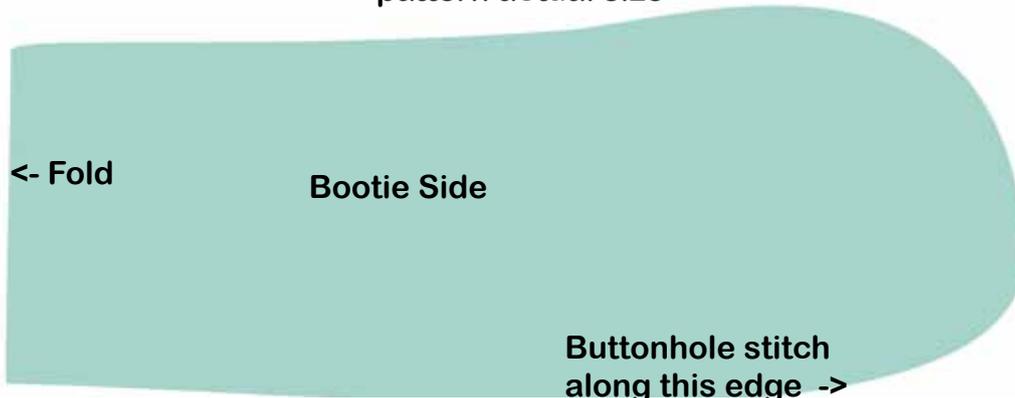
### To Make

Cut 2 strips of the felt for the sides noting the fold (for the adult size you may have to do a join here for the back, use a buttonhole stitch)  
 Cut 2 soles (optional)  
 Buttonhole stitch along top edge  
 Line up the fold line (join) with the back of the sole and pin.  
 Match one of the rounded ends of the stripe with front of the sole, place the other end on top so it crosses over and pin  
 With the Perle thread buttonhole around the sole, using the holes already punched in the sheepskin  
 Cut 2cm of narrow elastic and attach inside cross over with a pretty stitch, a button or maybe a small felt flower.

Centre Back ->



pattern actual size



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## WHAT'S NEW

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### Stitch it for Christmas



Lynette Anderson has teamed up with David and Charles to produce a cute Christmas book with 7 projects which use the Christmas Fun fabric range. "Transform your home with these beautiful Christmas craft projects to stitch and sew. Lynette Anderson's quirky designs and distinctive palette are perfect combinations for this gorgeous collection of Christmas sewing ideas".

The book includes patterns for a pillow, stockings, tree decorations, table centre mat, tea towel, placemat and napkin and a cute little wall hanging.

Sara has stitched one of the stockings and we have combined it with some of Lynette's fabrics.



### Siena Linen

New plain 55% linen and 45% cotton fabric come in navy, khaki, purple and mid blue. Perfect in a quilt and also heavy enough for a skirt. 140cm wide and very good value at \$21.95/m

### Superior Thread Holder

I have often resorted to using a cup beside my sewing machine so that some threads feed off the spool cleanly. For use with both spools and cones with multiple threading options for specialty threads.

Fits cones and spools up to 3.5" in diameter

Use horizontally or vertically

Sturdy, yet lightweight and portable

\$59.95



### Sashiko

We are very pleased to have the Olympus Sashiko thread back. Traditional sashiko threads are 100% cotton, loosely twisted, and have a heavier look than regular quilting threads. We have it in white, cream, red and navy, it is perfect for tradition Japanese quilting. We also have the tradition Sashiko needles as well. Thread and needles \$8.95 per packet



### Minakoko Collection

From Lucien, four co-ordinated fabrics in one piece, Birds, flowers and stripes run across the bolt. It is a heavier weight which would make it ideal for bags. In two colourways, teal, lemon, black and cream and red, blue, black and cream.

\$34.95/metre

Here are a lovely bag that Christine Hartigan photographed in Japan.



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## Stitching Club for FONs

All Friends of Nancys members are invited to join us for Stitching Club, held on the last Wednesday of the month at 12.30pm and on the first Sunday of the month at 1.30pm. Come along for a social stitch with any type of embroidery or patchwork. It's also a good time to get help with any stitching problems you may have.

Next dates:

Wednesday 31 October & 28 November

Sunday 7 October & 4 November

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## WHAT'S NEW

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### Razzle Rayon from Wonderfil



Razzle Rayon Thread has a wonderful selection of colors & the applications are only limited by your imagination! These 3 ply - 250 yard spools are a rayon crochet thread with a high natural sheen and silky hand feel. It is comparable to no. 8 crochet cotton

You can use it for:

crochet

knitting

coarse tatting

decorative stitching

beadwork

tassels & fringes

bobbin lace

couching

Sashiko (Japanese quilting stitch)

top stitching

on a sewing machine bobbin

on the upper looper of your

overlocker for a decorative edge.

\$14/reel

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### New Jennifer Pudney Designs

Relaxing in my garden one day, I noticed more Tui's than I had roses.



#### Tui And The Roses - Foot stool

This design can be a round footstool or extend the red background to make a cushion. The design is stitched on 12 count canvas(not our usual 10) and we have used our very own Strand wool yarn. as it has a beautiful lustre, vibrant colours and is lovely to use.

Approx size 34 cm dia - Footstool

Approx Size 40 x 40 cm - Cushion

Full Kit : Footstool NZ\$158.00

Full Kit : Cushion NZ\$174.00

Canvas only NZ\$89.95



#### The Garden Tui Cushion

Approx size 40 x 35 cm

Full Kit : NZ\$161.95

Canvas only NZ\$89.95

#### Goldwork Threads

Our new shipment of goldwork threads finally arrived. (It can't be rushed). Some gorgeous colours have come in along with the Unicorn, Lion and Crown Kitsets. I ordered some mellors, which are a traditional and very useful gold working tool used for arranging the metal threads. One end is tapered to a blunt tip and is used when turning the threads and for preparing holes in the fabric, in a similar way to an awl. The other end is flat and slightly rounded, much like a spatula. This end is used for pushing rows of laid threads close together.

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## Quilt Celebration

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It is always a treat when Quilters' and Embroidery Guilds share the work of their members with the wider community. This year the Wellington Quilters Guild have their Exhibition on at the Academy of Fine Arts while WOW is on. It is open from 10am - 5pm until 7 October. Nancys is proud to be the Principal Sponsor. Congratulations to all the award winners including Marilyn with a Merit in the Upcycled section.



**Best Traditional Quilt**  
**Jenny Hall**  
**De Dutch Delinquent**



**Best Traditional with a Twist**  
**Catherine Croucher**  
**Hot Crosses**



**Best Contemporary Quilt**  
**Philippa Doyle**  
**Gateway**

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## CLASSES WITH SPACES

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### GET TO KNOW YOUR OVERLOCKER

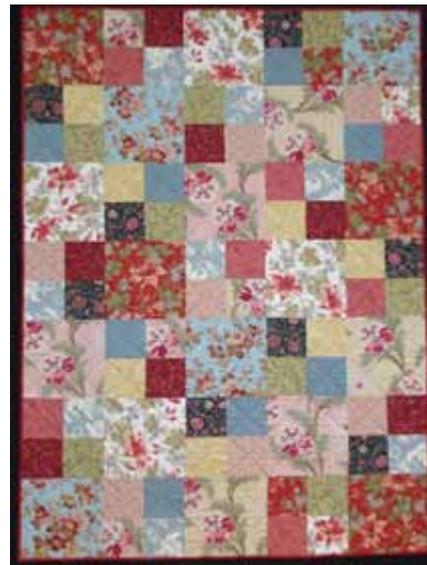
For overlocker owners with any machine brand. You may have had your machine for some time but are not confident rethreading, changing tensions and stitches (including rolled hem) on your machine. From changing needles to cleaning and maintenance you'll get so much more from your machine after completing this class.

Tutor Anna Hicks  
Date Mon Oct 29  
Time 6 - 8pm  
Price \$45 (includes fabric and threads)

### CHRISTMAS PLACEMATS

For beginners. Make easy placemats for the Christmas table or as gifts. You will learn simple quilting and how to finish them off with a quilt binding technique.

Tutor Marjorie Thomas  
Date Wed Nov 21, 28  
Time 9.30 -11.30am or 6 – 8pm  
Price \$66 + materials



### NANCY'S GARDEN QUILT

For beginners. This is an excellent first quilt project, very simple to make and you'll be surprised at how quickly your quilt top grows. Nancy's garden quilt is a collection of strong floral squares plus a few stripes. It would also look good in soft antique or vibrant bright colours. You will learn correct rotary cutting techniques and accurate straight line joining. Small squares are constructed into 4 patch blocks. You'll be shown how to join all your

patchwork blocks together so you have an even, flat quilt top. If you can set aside time to stitch between classes you'll get a lot more out of the class. Quilt finishing will be demonstrated.

Tutor Marjorie Thomas  
Date Tue Oct 23, Nov 13  
Time 9.30 – 11.30am or 6 – 8pm  
Price \$66 + materials

### CHRISTMAS STOCKING

For all skill levels, including beginners. In this class learn basic embroidery stitches and techniques while you create a beautiful stocking for Christmas. Felt is pieced together in a crazy patchwork style then embellished with embroidery and beading. The stitches are simple but mixed together to create interesting combinations. The stocking is personalised with a name across the top or you can fill this space with extra embroidery. If you can stitch between classes the stocking could be completed and ready for construction in the third lesson.

Tutor Sarah Hooker  
Date Thu Nov 8, 15, 29  
Time 9:30 – 11:30am or 6 – 8pm  
Price \$110 (includes pattern and complete instructions) + materials

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## Natures Colours

Caroline Keogh, our City and Guilds tutor has been experimenting with natural dyestuffs. Bundling up wool and silk fabrics with different leaves and even the odd rusty nail and boiling them up in a pot has resulted in some wonderful leaf patterned fabrics.

We have 30cm squares of 100% wool challis for sale. They lend themselves to simple kantha style stitching, the design lets you know what it wants.

Caroline has used her silks for bags and a lovely hussif. \$19.95



Hussif



Bag



Detail of bag

## Tonga

There wasn't much to see concerning textiles on the main Island of Tonga, Tongatapu. However we did see Hawaiian style quilts hung behind graves or burial mounds. The mounds would also sometimes be covered in what looked like a crochet bedspread and they were always decorated with lots of plastic flowers. It rains a lot in Tonga so they are very much exposed to the elements, and the free range pigs, so some looked a bit mouldy. A few graves had a shelter built over the top.



There were lots of small pieces of Tapa cloth available to buy in Nuku'alofa. Large pieces are given for wedding presents and are made into clothes for special occasions. I also saw a brand new plastic wrapped twin tub washing machine for sale! When did I last see one of those? At least 30 years ago!

*Marjorie*

## Farewell to Connie

We recently had a lovely evening as we said farewell to Connie who is now retiring from Nancy's. She has been here over 13 years and had provided us with stability and kept us organised. We will miss her dry sense of humour and her vast general knowledge for the 5 minute quizz.

She is going to continue with her City and Guilds Diploma and get lots of projects finished.

We each stitched a page for a book that Marjorie then made up with extra blank pages for Connie to add to.

Caroline is now Editorial Assistant at Fishead Magazine, well on her way to her dream of working on a fashion magazine. She will still be filling in on Saturdays in October as Marilyn is away cruising (among other things) down the Yangtze River in China.

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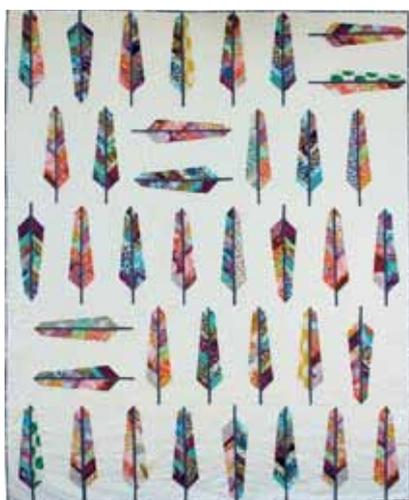
## Field Study by Anna Maria Horner - Whisper and Candy from her latest collection



### Feather Bed Quilt

Come and see how my Feather Bed Quilt is progressing, I found this pattern online as I was reading Anna Maria Horner's Blog. When we get new fabrics in I like to go and see what the designer has done with them. For this one you join a number of stripes together for the feathers and then cut them out. I used a few more fabrics with lighter backgrounds to give a more feathery effect. It is a great way to use up your scraps. I am using a number of white on white fabrics for the background.

Download the PDF to make this on <http://www.annamariahorner.com/make.html> or come and get a copy of the PDF from us.



# BERNINA<sup>+</sup> *made to create*

## Welcome to the all new 7 Series hook BERNINA<sup>+</sup>

The ultimate in sewing innovation has **JUST ARRIVED!**

Three easy to use machines, all featuring the unique **Bernina 9 Hook** (a combination of rotary and CB hook technologies) for **higher sewing and embroidery speeds, 9mm stitch width** and up to **80% more bobbin capacity** than standard Bernina bobbins.

Be one of the **FIRST** to experience these amazing machines at your local dedicated BERNINA Sewing Centre's, 7-Series launch event.

**Wednesday 17 October 2012**  
**6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**Nancy's Embroidery Shop**  
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**Wellington**  
**Ph: 0800 783 639**

**PLUS!** For a limited time, **save \$\$\$**  
with special introductory offers!

### **FREE ENTRY**

Drinks & Nibbles | Demos | Expert Advice

Booking is essential, so contact your local dedicated BERNINA Sewing Centre today to secure your spot. **Tell all your friends!**



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**We're open Saturday 10.00am-4.00pm & Sunday 1.00-4.00pm**

# NOTICES

## Days our staff work

Alana	Friday & Saturday	Marilyn	Monday - Tuesday, Friday - Saturday
Anna	Thursday, Saturday and Sunday	Marjorie	Wednesday & Friday
Arna	Monday-Thursday	Mary	Sunday - Thursday
Caroline	Saturday	Sara	Monday - Tuesday
Denise	Monday - Friday	Tess	Thursday

## FON Subscriptions

The subscription of \$25 per annum offers newsletter, FON monthly Stitching Club, 10% discount off stock and class enrolment fees, and other special discounts. Discounts do not apply to framing, cushion, bellpull and wallhanging construction, sewing machines and overlockers.

Note: Membership is limited.

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