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NOTES FROM AVA

Ah, Spring! 'Tis the season of brightly colored trees, Easter eggs, pollen, and a feeling of newness. I can't help but feel upbeat when I see the redbuds, forsythia, and tulips in full bloom.

A knitting pattern that I designed is going to be in the July issue of "Creative Knitting" magazine. It's called "Flirty Mesh Shawl". It was fun to design.

I've been painting tote bags and pillows lately. One of the designs is the basis for the class in June. Check it out!

As always,

Happy
Crafting!



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Class Schedule

Tunisian Crochet

Wednesdays **May 11, 18, 25** **7:00 pm**

More than the traditional afghan stitch, tunisian crochet is a great addition to your repertoire of crochet skills. You'll make a pillow as you practice the technique.

Cost: \$40.00 (includes all materials)



Easy Embroidery

Thursdays **May 26, June 2** **7:00 pm**

Learn basic embroidery stitches while completing a floral picture suitable for framing.
Cost: \$30.00 (includes all materials)

Basic Fabric Painting

Saturday **June 18** **2:00 pm**

Come paint flowers on a canvas tote! Cost: \$20.00 (includes all materials)

Beginning Knitting

Thursdays **June 9, 16, 23, 30** **7:00 pm**

You'll learn how to knit, purl, do basic increases and decreases, and read a pattern.
Cost: \$50.00 (includes all materials)

Advanced Knitting

1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesdays **7:00 pm**

Cost: \$5.00 (plus materials if needed)

April 5, 19, May 3 Jeans Into Bags
May 17, 31 Lace Knitting
June 7, 21 Unfinished Projects



Pressed Flowers

During spring and summer, look for pretty blooms that can be pressed to preserve them. Cut two 12" x 12" pieces of heavy cardboard (or plywood). Cut sheets of newspaper the same size. Put 3 — 4 pieces on top of one of the cardboard squares. Put 1 piece of the type of paper towel that doesn't have a lot of texture on top of the newspaper. Arrange your blooms on the towel so that they don't overlap. Add another piece of paper towel and more newspaper. Make 2 or 3 more "sandwiches" of paper towel, flowers, and newspaper if you have enough blooms. Put the second piece of cardboard or plywood on top of the last layer of newspaper. Place heavy books or bricks on top for weight. Let it stay like that for 2 weeks. Gently lift the paper towels to check to see if the blooms are dry. They will be slightly brittle and may appear faded in color. Keep them flattened between paper towels until you are ready to use them.

Glue your pressed flowers on paper to make a picture. Decorate a blank card to give someone. Place them on a wooden plaque and put a water based finish over the top.

Dates to Remember

- ◆ April 17 Palm Sunday
- ◆ April 24 Easter
- ◆ May 8 Mother's Day
- ◆ May 30 Memorial Day
- ◆ June 14 Flag Day
- ◆ June 19 Father's Day
- ◆ June 21 First Day of Summer

KID'S CRAFTS

To help you get ready for summertime crafts with the kids, here are some ideas for easy projects.

Picture Frame

Cut one piece of 9" x 12" craft foam into two 9" x 6" pieces. Cut a 3" x 6" square out of the center of one piece, leaving a 1-1/2" frame around the edge. Decorate the outside edge with ribbon, rhinestones, markers and paint, shells, or anything that you want. Glue the second piece of foam onto the back along the bottom and long sides. Leave the top open so you can slide a photograph behind the opening.

Fancy Beads

Make big, fancy beads from clay to use as focal points in jewelry. Roll a small amount of clay into a ball. Stick a thin wooden or metal skewer through the center. If the clay is an oven bake type, follow the instructions on the package and bake your beads. If it is an air dry clay, let the beads dry. Paint the beads with acrylic paints and spray with a sealer if you want. String your beads along with smaller glass or plastic filler beads.

Fabric Picture

Place white or off white cotton fabric in a wooden embroidery hoop. Make sure the fabric is smooth and the hoop is tight. Trim away the excess fabric on the back. Paint the fabric and hoop with 3 coats of acrylic paint as a background for your picture. Let each coat dry before putting on the next. Position the hoop with the screw where the top of your picture will be. Paint flowers, use stamps, or stickers to make a picture. When you are finished, brush a coat of water based varnish over the entire surface. Let it dry before adding a piece of ribbon to the screw for a hanger.