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Welcome to Michelle's Designs Monthly Newsletter

Happy Spring Everyone!

This is the time of year I like to get organized and start thinking about new collections and patterns for the upcoming seasons and planning teaching events around the country. We are busy working on a darling little girls dress pattern with a beautiful embroidered scalloped collar, sashing, a scallop bottom and more. In addition there will be a matching doll dress. Since I have four granddaughters, it was about time I designed something for them.

I also thought it would be the perfect time to add a few extra things you all have been asking for to our website.

We have gotten many emails requesting us to stock the handles for our Simply Chic Carryall. Well, I am happy to say they are now in stock. We are carrying the [clear](#) [pink](#) and [basic black](#) handles.

Another item you have been asking for is the hard-to-find J Metallic threads by Robison-Anton. We are stocking the [silver](#) and [gold](#) colors. Some of the collections and projects that showcase this amazing thread are [A Garden for Bella designs](#), [Floral Delight designs and pillow project](#), and others.



Michelle's Beautiful Tote Now Available

It just seemed the time was right for another tote bag. I can't believe it has been almost 5 years since the Legacy Tote was created and

designed. I knew the next project had to be very different and unique. One day I was standing in line to ship a package and looked down at the envelope I had in my hand and thought that a tote with a flap like the envelope would be cute, but of course I thought it should have a ruffle too! My mind started working and before I got home, I had a bag designed. Once I had the tote designed, I also wanted to include some accessories to make a complete ensemble. I hope you like these new projects and have fun selecting fabrics that show your own style and flair. Look for this new pattern booklet at your local sewing store. For those who are interested, we also have [kits](#) available for the tote and accessories.



Upcoming Events

[All Brands Sewing](#): Those of you who live in Southern California will be happy to know that I will be appearing at All Brands Sewing in Garden Grove California on April 18th. for a lecture/demo. Contact the store at (714) 636-1322 for more details.

[3rd Annual Retreat](#): Our retreat in beautiful Temecula, California, is fast approaching. We are looking forward to seeing everyone and having a wonderful time! If you are interested in attending and would like more information, [click here](#).

[D & J Sewing Center](#)-This Fall:

Joining us for another event at D & J Sewing Center in Clovis, California. Everyone had such a great time in September 2008 that they have invited us back again. There will be four exciting days filled with sewing, embroidery, new sewing techniques and more! We will be creating the [Adorable Keepsake Pillows](#), [Heirloom Essential Pouch](#) and the Victorian Romance Treasure Pouch that was featured on America Sews. Contact the store for more information.

Hope to see you at one of our events!

Until next month,
Michelle.

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