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Welcome to Michelle's Designs Monthly Newsletter

Hello to Everyone and Happy 4th of July

Hope all of you are enjoying the summer and taking time with family and friends. I am actually going to take a little vacation with my husband for a few days. It has been several years since we have gone on vacation and I am looking forward to spending quality time with him.

We have many upcoming events planned at sewing stores, quilt shops and trade shows in the next few months. Please keep checking the [calendar](#) to see where we will be and what we have coming up. The next event will be at the Pfaff Dealer Convention and we will be in booth #207. Of course I will be teaching there as well. So, those of you planning on attending will have the opportunity to visit with us during this event.

There is a darling new pillow project on the website called "Let Me Call You Sweetheart". I have added a new freebie on the website and another new kit too. Again this month we have included our question and answer section. See all the details below:

Let Me Call You Sweetheart

This pillow features two new custom embroidery designs, decorative stitching, applique, stippling and a pretty flower ruching detail. This pillow is sure to become a treasured classic!



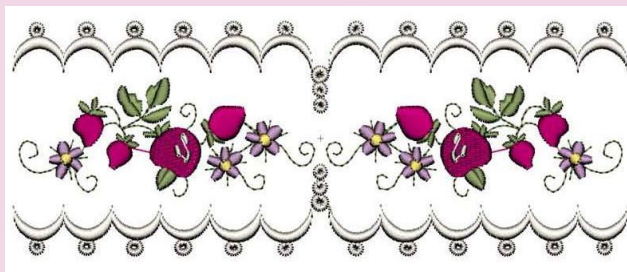
Rosie Takes Dolly-A-Long Kits Now Available

We now have fabric kits for our most popular project. The Rosie tote bag has been a favorite for years and we have been asked often to have kits for little Miss Rosie's tote. It took a while to find all the fabrics and the cording, but we finally did and I hope you like them. We are working on finding a few more skin tones for Rosie. In the future we will be able to offer several other color ways. Kit includes a **FREE** story book all about Rosie and her quilt. The price for our kit is \$39.95 each.



Sweet New Free Design

There is another new freebie design on the website for you to enjoy. This new free design coordinates with our upcoming "Rosie's Garden" design collection.



Questions from our Dear Friends

Question: I love all the fabrics you use, they look so pretty. Can you tell me what kind of fabrics you like to embroider on?

Answer: One of the fabrics I enjoy embroidering on is silk duponi. It has a beautiful shine to it and comes in many colors. My other favorite fabric is Kona Cotton. I starch both fabrics before I embroider. Once I do the embroidery, I have fun stippling around the designs to give the fabric a bit of texture and interest.

Question: When sewing pintucks, what type of foot and needle should I use?

Answer: When creating pintucks I like to use either a 2.0 mm or 2.5 mm twin needle and a 5 groove pintuck foot. I seem to get the best results with the 5 groove. If I want a crisp pintuck, I will use either very small cording inside the pintuck or use a metal blade that comes with the foot. This blade will help to raise the pintucks off the fabric and give them a clean crisp appearance.

Until next month,

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