



**Michelle's Designs, LLC**

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## Welcome to Michelle's Designs Monthly Newsletter

### Hello to Everyone!

We are back from another wonderful convention and it was great to see many of our treasured dealers and friends. A big thank you to all of you who stopped by to say hello and visit. I just can't wait to see many more of you during the summer and fall.

There is a lot going on at Michelle's Designs this month. There are several items back in stock on the website and a new project that was featured in Jenny Haskin's magazine-issue #23. I know you will just love it!

We have a new section this month on questions from our dear customers. Read below to see what they are asking. Feel free to email us with your questions and ideas; we would love to hear from you!

### 3rd Annual Retreat - a Great Success

Our retreat this year was bigger than ever and so much fun! Thank you to all who attended. This retreat was so exciting and everyone had a wonderful time. I want to personally thank all of the vendors who donated our door prizes; everyone enjoyed their gifts and we are grateful to those vendors who could help.

This event was a great three day get-a-way for the ladies and a wonderful way to meet new sewing friends. It is a joy to see the ladies coming back every year to share the love of sewing and embroidery.



## Decorative Draw String Bag Project



If you've been intrigued with heirloom sewing machine techniques, but didn't know where to start, this is a great project for you. If you like heirloom sewing, this would be a nice and easy project.

This bag can be filled with potpourri, candy and many other items that would make a wonderful gift! The [Decorative Draw String Bag](#) is a fun project for educational use, too! Sewing teachers just love it!

## Black Fabric Now Available for Tote and Make Up Bag

We have been on a hunt for a while now for the black fabric that was used to design our popular [Legacy Tote](#) and the [Garden Party Make-Up Bag](#). It is my pleasure to announce that the fabric has been found and is back in stock! This fabric has a unique texture that is heavier and is a pre-quilted fabric with a diamond stitch going through it. 100% Cotton, 47" wide.



## New Article in Jenny Haskin's Magazine-Issue #23



### As featured in Creative Expressions Magazine "A Garden for Bella Wall Hanging"

You can find the instructions for this project in issue 23 of this wonderful magazine.

Michelle's beautiful project can be a wall hanging, small table quilt or the center medallion of a larger quilt created with her exclusive ["Garden For Bella Designs"](#).

## Questions from our Dear Friends

**Question:** Can you tell me if I should wash my fabric before I embroider or sew my project?

**Answer:** Well, that is a very good question. If I plan to wash the item, like a quilt for example, I will wash the fabric first; but I will also spray starch it with several layers of starch and then iron the fabric after the washing process. This will help to stabilize the fabric before I embroider. If I don't plan on washing the item, like a purse etc., I will not wash the fabric; but I will still spray starch it before I embroider.

**Question:** I am going to make your beautiful new Bella Tote Bag. Should I starch my fabric before I pintuck the flap?

**Answer:** It is best to not starch the fabric when pintucking as the fabric will be too stiff to create the tucks while going through the blades underneath the foot.

Until next month,

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