

Bear in Mind

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From The Editor –

I am ready for summer having cleaned my porches of the pollen and checking out new recipes for summer grilling. I feel so fortunate to live in a climate where we can truly enjoy four seasons. Tricky as each may be at times, it is wonderful to have four weather patterns and a change of wardrobes as well. Speaking of wardrobes, we are sharing some ideas this month for summer sewing, be it for weddings, outdoor parties or the beach! Read on for some great ideas and inspiration.

In case any of you are not aware of the new Hoffman publication "*Classic Sewing*" (how could you not!) I am running some clips from the latest issue found in their 'Swatch Book' section. I think there is something here for every type of summer project you could possibly need.

Mollie is continuing her series of "Design Board" now with the new inspiration of knowing that she is expecting her first grandchild. She is so...so... excited as are we and we are all renewing our interest in baby sewing. And speaking of babies...We constantly are generating new interest in sewing, with new moms and grand-moms being introduced to this wonderful world of creativity and fun every day. Knowing there are many of you who are just starting on that wonderful journey, I am including an article introducing you to – and solving some of the mysteries – of smocking.

And just to again dispel any rumors...Bearissima and Bearissima II are alive and well stocked here at Bear Threads. The best of the best, and 'Crème de la Crème' could never be dropped or forgotten....."My, My....What WOULD we do?"

Finally, do not despair our column 'AND NOW YOU KNOW' will return next month with some very enlightening and helpful information.

So read on and enjoy...

Sheila



Don't forget Mom!

Mollie's Continuing New Year Resolutions for sewing projects...

For the past few weeks I have spent a lot of time tending to my gardens and the creek which are visible from my sewing room. I've also been sewing with my vintage pink Atlas sewing machine which is a dream to work with. In last month's article I introduced you to my design board with project ideas for baby bubbles and rompers for future grandchildren. Little did I know that several days later I would learn that my daughter Victoria is expecting a baby in September. Now the clock is ticking and I can't dream about outfits any longer. It is time to begin sewing for my first grandchild. My initial thoughts are to make infant sacques and day gowns. I went to my pattern book index and retrieved three patterns with a variety of options. The patterns I currently have are Nancy Coburn's Baby Sacque for Ginger Snaps Designs, Creations by Michie #101 infant day gown, and Chery Williams Baby Bishops (Sacque views).



See Photo #1. This article will showcase several Bear Threads fabrics, embroideries, laces, and a motif which I can visualize with my patterns. At the present time I don't know if the baby is a boy or a girl so my design board showcases options for both.



Photo #2 shows a dancing teddy bear insertion (E-30) and a mini lace (L-215) displayed on our Appenzell pink Bearissima Swiss batiste. The bear insertion could be use to enhance the lower hem area of the daygown. A decorative band could be created with either mini-piping or entredeux flanking both sides of the bears insertion.

The bear insertion could also be gathered and used as a collar trimmed with the mini lace on either the Michie day gowns or the front yoke of the Chery Williams pattern. The Appenzell pink Bearissima is 20% off and the dancing bears insertion is 50% off.



Photo #3 shows an embroidered entredeux and beaded insertion in Appenzell pink (E-45AP) which is displayed on our Bearissima Swiss batiste in both white and Appenzell pink. As you can see, the insertion has a completely different look depending on the batiste used. This insertion would be a fast way to embellish the yoke on the Michie day gowns or the hem on one of the views of the Ginger Snaps Baby Sacque pattern. E-45AP is 40% off.

Victoria's husband, Ben, is a rabid University of Virginia fan as he attended UVA for both his undergraduate and medical degrees. I can also see making the Baby Sacque pattern in Appenzell pink with a miniature UVA logo monogrammed on the center front for the baby to wear during football and basketball season.

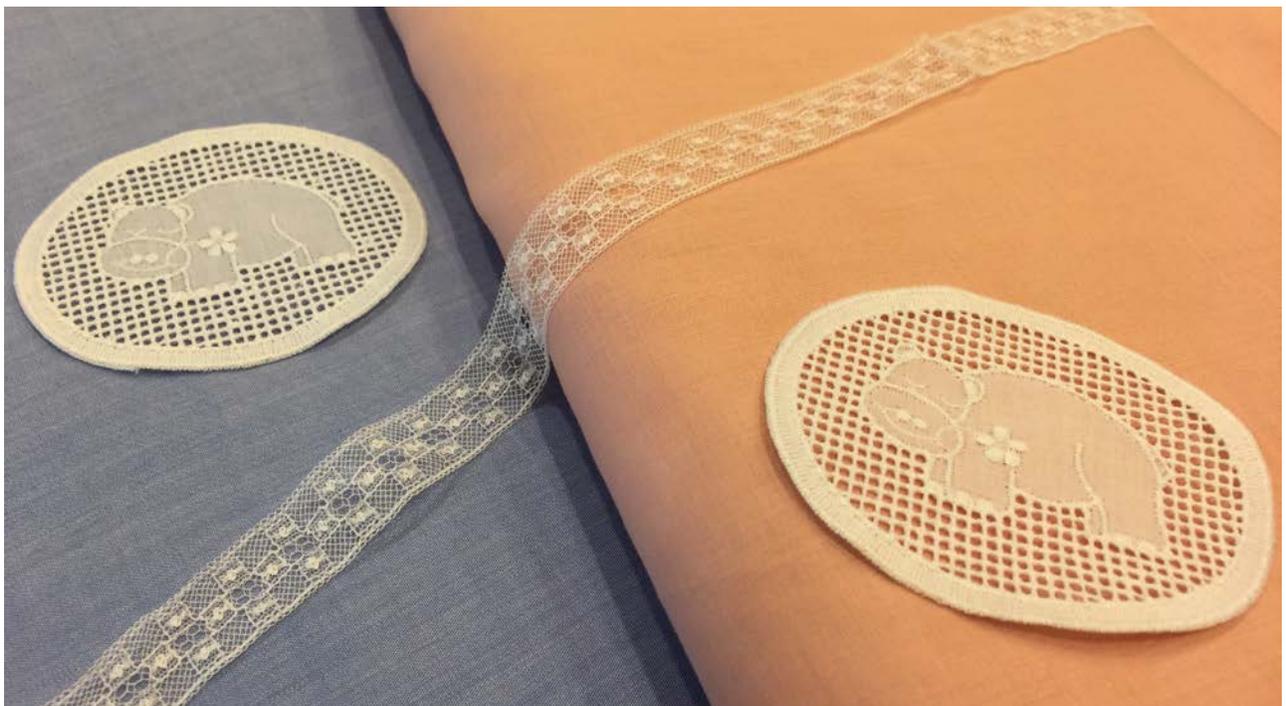


Photo #4 displays our blue chambray fabric as well as our Appenzell pink batiste fabric. Shown on the fabrics are Jim's "Happy Hippo" motifs. The Maline lace shown is L-467 and is perfect for use on either boy or girl outfits. This Maline lace is exclusive to Bear Threads.

One of my favorite Bear Threads teddy bear models is approving his choice for a little boy's day gown/sacque. Shown is the blue chambray fabric, our happy hippo motif and E-136 which is an embroidered edging which is perfect to use on a baby boy's outfit (Photo #5). Our blue chambray fabric, E-136 edging, and hippo motif are all 40% off.

Please feel free to share your favorite ideas and/or photos with me for infant sacques and/or day gowns.

Here's to our 2017 resolutions and our gifts to future generations.



Swatch Book

Dotted Swiss Multi Color – “Summer Sorbet” features this light and airy Dotted Swiss fabric with four pastel colors. The perfect fabric for sisters, each child can choose their own accent color from our E-29 scalloped edging collection available in 16 colors!





“Faille Florals” offers a bit more sophistication and depth. With tiny ribbing, faille is a tad heavier than lined pique, making it perfect for the older child. The floral Swiss insertion (E-160) brings a selection of perfectly matched flowers to the Petal Pink, Spring Green and Mais faille fabric.



“Anchors Away” What child would not want a summer romper in this nautical combination! Choose from our Swiss sailboat insertion (E-414), or sailors, dolphins or sailboats from our vintage motif collection.

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