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Summer Days

I hope you are enjoying some leisure days this summer. Life seems to slow down a bit and make time for relaxing and enjoying what we love most. I'm hoping to get a little sewing done this month between visits with family and some local excursions. I hope you'll make time for doing what you love most.

Bias Binding Instructions

In a recent *Threads* newsletter, there was a video tutorial on how to make your own bias binding. I thought it was quite good, so have pasted the link here for you. On the opening page there are several other video links to other sewing topics. Check them out if you see a topic of interest to you.

<http://www.threadsmagazine.com/item/14370/teach-yourself-to-sew-bias-binding-3-minute-video>

Organic Wool Blanketing

We are once again totally sold out of off-white organic wool blanketing and since the mill has closed, we cannot get any more. We do still have the brown and blue wool blanketing in the 90" width.

We are looking for another source for the off white, but haven't found one yet. Two different mills that had been making this 90" wide 100% wool blanketing fabric have closed in the past year. So far we haven't been able to find another one, but the hunt continues.

Ottobre Design Magazine

The folks at *Ottobre* are constantly coming up with something new and this month is no exception.

They just recently introduced a new series of *Ottobre* sewing stories on their blog. The first one is already posted.

They are encouraging us all to submit our sewing stories, too. Here's a link to their blog. Scroll down to the post dated June 10th.

www.ottobredesign.blogspot.com

That's not all that is new, coming this fall, *Ottobre* will be offering us a fair trade T-shirt with some adorable OTTO-prints as part of a special promotion.

The T-shirt is not quite ready yet and the promotion has not yet been announced, but they wanted to let us know what is coming.

We'll post pictures on our blog as soon as we get them.

Now, as for the next issue..... it will be the children's fall issue - 4/2010.
It will be released in the next few days. Here's the cover picture.



Here's what you'll find in this issue:

BABY BLOCKS

Autumn babies are dressed in layered outfits, pepped up with lovely appliqués.

ANIMAL ALPHABET

Especially appealing to little kids: comfortable clothes in soft materials and nuanced colors.
Sizes 80-116 cm.

MY FIRST LETTERS

Young schoolchildren's autumn wardrobe combines neo-romantic features with practicality.

LITERARY ADVENTURES

Imaginary world and virtual reality. Older schoolchildren's collection comprises basic items that are easy to mix and match, including items that children can sew themselves!

More pictures of the various projects in the issue are on the *Ottobre* blog:
www.ottobredesign.blogspot.com

Country Bumpkin Publications

Inspirations magazine issue #67 is due to arrive this month.

It will be the 'Christmas in July' issue and will include projects that are quick, simple and perfect to give as gifts. It also features 10 Christmas projects from basic felted robin badges to some

extraordinary needlepainting by UK's leading author and designer Helen Stevens. This issue is touted to be the biggest issue ever.

We have a picture of one of the projects on our blog.

AS&E (Australian Smocking and Embroidery) issue #92 is expected next month.

We'll post information about this issue on our blog as we get it.

Needle 'n Thread

We recently were re-introduced to Mary Corbet's *Needle 'n Thread* site. It is full of "tips, trick and great resources for hand embroidery". She even has a *daily* newsletter if you sign up. There is just too much on this site to tell you about, so go to this link to see it for yourself:

www.needlenthread.com

Sewing and Stitchery Expo

It is *very* early to be talking about the Sewing and Stitchery Expo held the first week-end in March, but they have posted a blog that you may want to follow if you are thinking about attending. We won't be participating, but it is the biggest sewing show in the US and well worth a visit. Lots of info on this blog.

www.sewingandstitcheryexpo.blogspot.com

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