Subject: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by b_twin_1 on Sun, 01 Mar 2009 08:20:53 GMT
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The other thread was so long it was hard finding the end of it so perhaps it is best we start on a fresh page. :)

tries to ignore the dust on the spinning wheel

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Susan from Athens on Sun, 01 Mar 2009 22:22:26 GMT
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Dust on your spinning wheel? You? And what about that lovely felting? We haven't heard anything about that for a while, o mighty twin? We're all ears ;)

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by b_twin_1 on Sun, 01 Mar 2009 22:39:52 GMT
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sticks fingers in ears
lalalalalalala :p

I'll get to it soon. (I've got a good list of excuses too!!)

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Susan from Athens on Mon, 02 Mar 2009 00:28:17 GMT
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Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by blondviolinist on Mon, 02 Mar 2009 01:28:24 GMT
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Noro Silk Garden and Kidsilk Haze? You have indeed passed the point of no return!

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Mori-neko on Mon, 02 Mar 2009 01:59:08 GMT
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I'm in the middle of a bunch of projects right now - have about a foot on that entrelac scarf, still making wire stuff (really -really- need to get some pictures... they're pretty ^^), my square for the RobinQuilt, and a needlepoint project for my mom's birthday (a cat in the midst of a mess of art supplies/paint).

Plus, I'm working on two theatre shows, going to school full time, and working for my actual paying job..... I'm way too busy ><

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Susan from Athens on Mon, 02 Mar 2009 09:25:34 GMT
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blondviolinist wrote on Mon, 02 March 2009 03:28Noro Silk Garden and Kidsilk Haze? You have indeed passed the point of no return!
That isn't talking about my orders from Sundara that are beginning to arrive. Gorgeous gorgeous yarn. I have to stop buying and start knitting some more!

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by jmeadows on Mon, 02 Mar 2009 09:56:32 GMT
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Oh dear. I am Seriously Impressed. You've purchased so many lovelies! I can't wait to see pictures of them. *hint hint hint*

Just think of your yarn as padding for your other belongings. And insulation for your home.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by AJLR on Mon, 02 Mar 2009 10:54:53 GMT
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What is the yarn-addict equivalent of enclosing one's entire garden in bubblewrap...? :)

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Reading Angel on Mon, 02 Mar 2009 22:11:30 GMT
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I forgot to tell ya'll about my yarn-table! It's this little end-table with a hinged flap on one end of the table top and the whole table is now full of my yarn - I have decided that I'm not allowed any more yarn until I have room for it in the table, meaning I have to use some of what I have. I got it at a garage sale for a few bucks and now all my yarn is in the same place and when I'm sitting on the couch watching telly or something I can pull out Mom's latest dishcloth(she wants a really large one, the other ones I made her are too small) and knit a few rows...

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Mori-neko on Tue, 03 Mar 2009 07:19:10 GMT
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A shirt for all us yarn hoarders.... http://www.jinx.com/women/shirts/geek/yarrrn.html?catid=2&cs=2&csd=2#bigdesign

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Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)

Posted by Susan from Athens on Tue, 03 Mar 2009 21:44:19 GMT
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AJLR wrote on Mon, 02 March 2009 12:54What is the yarn-addict equivalent of enclosing one's entire garden in bubblewrap...? :)
Making sure that all your yarn is individually wrapped in acid free paper and enclosed in a moth-proof covering, with lavender bags, so that is smells nice. What else?

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Susan from Athens on Tue, 03 Mar 2009 21:47:43 GMT
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Reading Angel wrote on Tue, 03 March 2009 00:11I forgot to tell ya'll about my yarn-table! It's this little end-table with a hinged flap on one end of the table top and the whole table is now full of my yarn - I have decided that I'm not allowed any more yarn until I have room for it in the table, meaning I have to use some of what I have. I got it at a garage sale for a few bucks and now all my yarn is in the same place and when I'm sitting on the couch watching telly or something I can pull out Mom's latest dishcloth(she wants a really large one, the other ones I made her are too small) and knit a few rows...
That sounds like a good idea, Reading Angel. But do make sure that no moths can get at it, particularly with spring coming along. I have physical limits to my stash but I am currently ignoring them and pretending that only non-Euclidean geometry affects the storage space and so does Heisenberg's Principle of Uncertainty (if I know the location of the stash with great accuracy, I will know its quantity in hardly any at all ;)).

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by skating librarian on Wed, 04 Mar 2009 02:29:07 GMT
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I went to Town Meeting today and it was fascinating to see the various knitting projects ... especially when the right wing complainer began her gazillionth rant.

One woman was wearing wonderfully fuzzy mittens made of yarn she spun from sheep's wool and collie hair, and a sweater (nordic style in two colors) into which she had knit the date and her initials. I was impressed!

I am reworking an Aran cardigan I started over 30 years ago and forgot to switch from #4 needles to #8 when I went from the ribbing to the body. it will become an Aran vest, I hope.

I have an $80 gift certificate for Green Mountain Spinnery burning a hole in my pocket, but absolutely must reduce the size of my stash before acquiring more yarn. I love the Noro yarns .... Since I retired I have time to knit but almost nowhere to wear nice sweaters. A quandry.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Laura on Wed, 04 Mar 2009 17:03:59 GMT
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Oh God, speaking of things gathering dust, my afghan for my sister has screeched to a halt while I get all my crap together to move and register for school. This has also prevented me from visiting this forum in EONS, so...hi everyone. Long time no type.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Wed, 04 Mar 2009 17:41:55 GMT
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i just received the next square and it is from skating librarian.it is fantastic and i am looking forward to see what the rest of you girls came up with.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Susan from Athens on Wed, 04 Mar 2009 22:58:51 GMT
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Hi Laura, it's been a while!

It's coming, Bonnie. It's progressing! I promise. I'm happy with it. It's just not anywhere near finished *cringes and waits for daylight for better embroidery light*

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Thu, 05 Mar 2009 00:03:47 GMT
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sends soothing thoughts to susan.it o.k i know your working on it.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by skating librarian on Thu, 05 Mar 2009 03:26:03 GMT
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Glad to hear mine arrived. I had to fill out a customs declaration to mail it ??? I know Canada is another country, but a customs declaration for a quilt square! As it was, the post office clerk, when he hefted the package asked "are you sure there's something in there?"

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by blondviolinist on Thu, 05 Mar 2009 04:36:22 GMT
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Oooh, mine is almost done. I should hurry and finish it.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Thu, 05 Mar 2009 17:43:17 GMT
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snork

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by ssshunt on Fri, 06 Mar 2009 07:20:08 GMT
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My square is halfway done. I'm actually working on it!

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Fri, 06 Mar 2009 11:49:40 GMT
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go shelley go

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by KunoichiKaoru on Fri, 06 Mar 2009 17:25:48 GMT
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Hello again! (I know, my presence is so erratic on this site. Sorry. But I have a good reason this time; my internet has been down for, like, months. Good news: I'm getting lots of homework done. Bad news: no internet.)

Anyway. I'm the newbie knitter, and I'm happy to say that I've converted two of my friends and my boyfriend (! *gasp* I know! He's so cute when he knits) to the cult of fibercrafting.

So after a couple of scarves and some fingerless gloves (the easy kind, not the ones with actual fingers) and finishing this pair of socks I started for my sister, I want to try something really ambitious. I want to make a felted jacket.

It's kind of a big project, but I think the knitting bit will be easy since my plan is to draw my own pattern and then just knit huge squares of fabric that I'll felt and then cut. I have a bit more experience in the sewing field, so hopefully all goes well.

My question to everyone is: do you have any advice for felting? Which kind of yarn works best? Any specific brands? Which kinds of stitches?

I hope this wasn't too long. Thank you!

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by blondviolinist on Fri, 06 Mar 2009 20:46:51 GMT
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For felting, you want a basic wool or mostly wool yarn (alpaca and other animal fibers also felt, but they'll be more expensive). Man-made fibers don't felt. Also, washable (superwash) wool won't felt, and some white wools won't felt, because of what the bleaching process does to the fibers.

I like to use Cascade 220 for felting projects. Other yarn brands that felt well are: Lion Brand Wool, Patons Classic Wool Merino, Knit Picks Wool of the Andes, and Brown Sheep Lamb's Pride.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Louiz on Fri, 06 Mar 2009 21:38:33 GMT
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holmes44 wrote on Wed, 04 March 2009 12:41i just received the next square and it is from skating librarian.it is fantastic and i am looking forward to see what the rest of you girls came up with.
Mine's on it's way...

Louiz

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Sat, 07 Mar 2009 02:59:12 GMT
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i'll be looking for it.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by skating librarian on Sat, 07 Mar 2009 04:45:17 GMT
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Re felting ... I'm experimenting. the magazine Interweave put out a very good issue on felting this fall. It has lovely instructions on lots of felted projects (I want to make the beagles) including an extensive one on sewing with felted "fabric".

I've only done a few small projects, but once my major fabric painting project is done I'll be doing more.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Black Bear on Fri, 13 Mar 2009 21:57:59 GMT
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Hey, I just noticed someone spelled "fiber" wrong on here... :p

Bonnie, going to try to get my stuff together for my square this weekend...

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Sat, 14 Mar 2009 01:41:14 GMT
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alright, go black bear.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Susan in Melbourne on Sat, 14 Mar 2009 06:17:38 GMT
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Black Bear wrote on Sat, 14 March 2009 08:57Hey, I just noticed someone spelled "fiber" wrong on here... :p

Very defensive about the spelling here, Black Bear! This thread was started by b_twin_1, an Australian, who has spelled fibre correctly by our books. The British, New Zealanders and probably South Africans also spell it that way - just you Americans who have to be different....

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Black Bear on Sat, 14 Mar 2009 14:28:26 GMT
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Susan in Melbourne wrote on Sat, 14 March 2009 02:17

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Yes, Susan, I know. Hard to be a reader of fantasy books and not know that there are different spelling standards between UK and US! :) I was just teasing b-twin. Coincidental that it happened after my copious spelling errors over in Blog Posts though, I'd already forgotten!

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by b_twin_1 on Mon, 16 Mar 2009 01:03:50 GMT
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LOL At least someone noticed. :p

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Susan from Athens on Mon, 16 Mar 2009 10:05:20 GMT
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LOL At least someone noticed. :p

We noticed, but felt that no comment was necessary simply for correct spelling ;)

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by AJLR on Tue, 17 Mar 2009 13:48:33 GMT
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Just in case anyone would like an extra knitting project...:)

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Susan from Athens on Tue, 17 Mar 2009 19:12:41 GMT
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AJLR wrote on Tue, 17 March 2009 15:48Just in case anyone would like an extra knitting project...:)

Clucking my tongue at you might be the correct response :p

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Wed, 18 Mar 2009 20:13:19 GMT
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got jodi's square today.very nice.can't wait to see the rest of them.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by ssshunt on Sat, 21 Mar 2009 21:51:27 GMT
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Still working on my square--have been sick, so it's sitting there in it's bag looking at me woefully...

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Sun, 22 Mar 2009 14:50:44 GMT
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i am sorry to hear that you have been sick.i wondered why we haven't heard from you in awhile.hope you are much better. i am waiting for some of the others too so your in good company.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Susan from Athens on Sun, 22 Mar 2009 18:17:24 GMT
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Hi Shelley, nice to hear your voice again (see your typing?). I'm sorry you've been sick too! Feel better soon.

I'm doing a little victory dance as I finally finished my square. :)) The benefits of staying indoors with intestinal flu. Have now started knitting again for a friend's baby.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Sun, 22 Mar 2009 23:04:19 GMT
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yea susan, should be interesting to see how long it takes to get here.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Black Bear on Mon, 23 Mar 2009 01:06:28 GMT
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Yeah, no worries, I only just got the fabric for mine today. :) Sorry Bonnie. 12 x 12 plus seam allowance, right?

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Mon, 23 Mar 2009 01:20:41 GMT
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that is right,allow for an inch inseam.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Mon, 23 Mar 2009 01:21:21 GMT
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so it would be 13x13

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Susan from Athens on Mon, 23 Mar 2009 09:36:49 GMT
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Black Bear wrote on Mon, 23 March 2009 03:06Yeah, no worries, I only just got the fabric for mine today. :) Sorry Bonnie. 12 x 12 plus seam allowance, right?

Well done Black Bear. You're now well on your way. The step from intent to execution is the hardest one to take (I should know, it took me over three months ;))

Bonnie, I have have just realised that I omitted the first step of any craftperson's routine: measure twice, cut once. I remembered the 13x13 and I remembered the extra inch for the inseam, unfortunately in the wrong order so mine is 14x14. Facepalm! Oh, well, any extra bits can just be tucked away in the seams. You'd think I'd know better, wouldn't you? So would I.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)

Posted by Mori-neko on Mon, 23 Mar 2009 14:52:05 GMT
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I'm actually short in one dimension.... it's long enough, but not wide enough... however, the fabric I had my heart set on using didn't have any wider sections on this piece. So, I'm going to sew it down to some backing before I send it off. It is coming along nicely though (even if I do keep sighing because I think it looks messy while I'm working on it).

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Mon, 23 Mar 2009 18:40:03 GMT
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i have been thinking about what kind of pattern to put the squares in because they are each so unique.i think i have found one that will show each square's uniqueness but i will have to wait until i have them all and lay them out in front of me to see if it will work the way i want it to.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by skating librarian on Tue, 24 Mar 2009 00:34:56 GMT
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I'm getting excited about this project. The rose border seems to be pleasing everyone who sees it ... and if it doesn't work for the quilt I have uses for it here ...

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Black Bear on Tue, 24 Mar 2009 00:42:01 GMT
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wait wait wait--

an inch of seam allowance on all sides would mean a 14 x 14 block, no? 12", plus 1" to either side? So do you mean a half inch all around, making it 13 x 13 total?

I'm sorry, I'm a bit math challenged which means in my case it's measure three times, scribble on a bit of paper, frown a lot, and then cut. I just want to make sure I've got it right. I screwed up my recent pair of moccasins beyond repair, I think, and leather's less forgiving (and more expensive)

than fabric...

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Tue, 24 Mar 2009 00:52:26 GMT
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yes 12x12 plus 1 inch all around for inseam.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Susan from Athens on Tue, 24 Mar 2009 00:59:35 GMT
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well it looks as if I may not have been wrong. But if mine is too wide and morimeko's is too narrow, we may be OK overall, if a little bit messy. I'll send it on before I do anything drastic. :)

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Tue, 24 Mar 2009 01:22:14 GMT
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yes,size is always fixable.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by blondviolinist on Tue, 24 Mar 2009 14:11:16 GMT
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Oh, good, because my square appears to be a shape-shifter. I measure it one day, and it's 12x12. Measure it the next, and it's 12x12.5 or 13. Arrgh!

:)

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Tue, 24 Mar 2009 14:23:11 GMT
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that is what i like about quilting is that it is not an exact science and you can fix just about any mistake you make.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Thu, 26 Mar 2009 18:04:25 GMT
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Posted by Louiz on Fri, 03 Apr 2009 09:40:40 GMT
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Good. Both that you got it and that the shortbread will assist!

Louiz.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by tassiegal on Fri, 03 Apr 2009 12:44:03 GMT
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sticks head in
Waves the cable owl dishcloth at people as proof she has done some fibre stuff
finds tatting shuttle
wanders off to learn how to tatt from one of her lace ladies

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Mon, 20 Apr 2009 19:39:37 GMT
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got another square in today from [blondviolinest],very nicely done.would that be you,blond violinest .could you put both your real name and you forum name when you send it to me because i know you by one but sometime not the other please.i want to make sure i have the right names with the right square.

Mod edited to remove blondviolinest's real name.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Mon, 20 Apr 2009 19:56:22 GMT
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sorry didn't mean to do a no no.i will ask a mod next time or p,m them. that alright.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Thu, 23 Apr 2009 01:59:52 GMT
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got susan's square today and it is very well done.waiting for the rest and am itching to start putting the quilt together.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Susan from Athens on Thu, 23 Apr 2009 09:34:57 GMT
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Hey, glad you got it Bonnie!

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Tue, 28 Apr 2009 18:13:07 GMT
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any updates on the progress for the rest of the squares.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Mori-neko on Tue, 28 Apr 2009 19:14:19 GMT

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Almost done, here!

I've gotten swamped with giant piles of work and show and homework.... I'll try and get it done soon, though.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Black Bear on Wed, 29 Apr 2009 10:49:48 GMT
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Yeah, I've got the pieces cut but my two jobs have been intruding on life lately. Semester's over now, so I should be able to get myself pulled together.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Wed, 29 Apr 2009 20:04:11 GMT
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sounds like ever thing is coming together fine and am eagerly awaiting them.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Susan from Athens on Wed, 29 Apr 2009 20:44:07 GMT
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Are you missing any squares Bonnie and would you like me to make an extra one?

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Thu, 30 Apr 2009 11:22:25 GMT
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i have 6 in and 7 left to come and if any one for what ever reason can not do one please let me know.late is fine but let me knoe what is going on.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)

Posted by jmeadows on Thu, 30 Apr 2009 18:51:35 GMT
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This is what I'm currently working on.

Spinning:

Knitting:

One sock to go. It's darn hard to take a picture of the back of your own legs. Who'da thought? When I have the other sock done, I'll get someone else to take a picture of my legs...in socks.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by jmeadows on Sat, 02 May 2009 02:43:35 GMT
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Mm, silk.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Susan from Athens on Sat, 02 May 2009 13:51:13 GMT
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I am petting your pretty silk Jodi and feeling very happy that I cannot spindle. Thank heaven for small gifts. I would be bankrupt by now if you carried me away on that trip too!

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Sat, 02 May 2009 15:44:33 GMT
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my friend shirley was here last night and i showed her your pics of yarn and various other things

you knit.she loved all your colors and admired you ferrets.she has 2 Siamese cats who love to talk but not in an irritating way.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by AJLR on Sat, 02 May 2009 16:48:07 GMT
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I received a beautiful gift, today, and thought I would share a couple of pictures of it. The lady who created this is a serious quilter and I'm in awe of her skill!

The quilt is about six and a half feet long and five feet wide, and will go on the bed in our spare bedroom.

With the creator's initials, SCL.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by AJLR on Sat, 02 May 2009 16:51:06 GMT
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One more picture:

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Susan from Athens on Sat, 02 May 2009 18:10:48 GMT
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Wow ajlr! That is amazing work. I saw the pictures on your Flickr and was amazed. Your're a lucky lucky woman. So much work and such a glorious result!

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)

Posted by jmeadows on Sat, 02 May 2009 20:01:42 GMT
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That quilt is just lovely! What a wonderful gift.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by jaccairn on Sun, 03 May 2009 13:03:14 GMT
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Gorgeous quilt. And so much work in it!

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by shalea on Sun, 03 May 2009 23:15:38 GMT
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Oh, that's lovely! The quilted flower pattern on the white squares is a particularly nice touch.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Maureen E on Wed, 06 May 2009 08:19:44 GMT
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That is a beautiful quilt!

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by helbel on Thu, 07 May 2009 09:19:20 GMT
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I put in a rather large order of cross stitch stuff on an online store last night, (enough for one big project, plus fabric and thread for another plus a load of stuff I didn't need but just wanted anyway*)

I'm now waiting on tenterhooks for it to arrive. I foolishly mentioned on another forum that "I won't need to buy any more stitching stuff for years!"

Response was "Yes I've said that often to myself over the years."

Why do I think this is the voice of experience? :)

* Gold needles! Thread organisers! Thread Heaven! Annoyingly I forgot to order thread cards, but will get some cardboard and make my own.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by jaccairn on Thu, 07 May 2009 12:11:06 GMT
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I used to receive a needlework mail order magazine. It would turn up every few months and I was expected to buy just one item from it.

I now have a box full of kits, books, random pack of threads and canvas, sitting in the cupboard, waiting for me to do something with them.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by helbel on Thu, 07 May 2009 12:20:49 GMT
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Well my current project is reaching its decade anniversary...

Plus I have:
1. Fire and Ice
2. Thunder Ridge (both future big projects).
3. A lovely view over my uni town to stitch (slightly smaller).
4. The new one I've just bought to do as a present for my mum (Parkland Waters). Which she may not get for a few years.

I've bought a second frame so I can start on the present, but even so I really won't need to buy another kit for the next 10-20 years :)

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Thu, 21 May 2009 19:12:27 GMT
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just like to remind everyone participating in the quilt that i am waiting for a few others and to let me know how it is going and if some one finds they are to busy to do one i under stand and will work around that but please let me know,thank you.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by blondviolinist on Thu, 21 May 2009 21:39:38 GMT
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I have another square half-done that I could finish if you decide you need it!

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Fri, 22 May 2009 15:29:54 GMT
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that would be great,thanks.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Mori-neko on Fri, 22 May 2009 17:37:22 GMT
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I'm almost done! If I can get some of my papers done this weekend, I ought to be able to finish it.... this term has been CRAZY, though.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Fri, 22 May 2009 18:01:45 GMT
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good to hear,good luck with your papers.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by blondviolinist on Fri, 22 May 2009 20:20:25 GMT
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Ok, I'll send it off to you on Monday :)

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Fri, 22 May 2009 23:38:24 GMT
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thanks, i will look for it.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by blondviolinist on Mon, 25 May 2009 17:16:04 GMT
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Mmm... slight change of plans. I'll send it Tuesday, since there is no mail in the US today :d

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Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Mon, 25 May 2009 22:42:05 GMT
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that is fine. thank you.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by blondviolinist on Tue, 26 May 2009 20:47:16 GMT
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Safely in the mail, and wending its way towards you :)

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Wed, 27 May 2009 00:48:02 GMT
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i look forward to seeing it.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Thu, 04 Jun 2009 14:20:09 GMT
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got your square today blondviolinist.very nice,lovely pattern.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by blondviolinist on Thu, 04 Jun 2009 14:59:09 GMT
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holmes44 wrote on Thu, 04 June 2009 10:20got your square today blondviolinist.very nice,lovely pattern.
Oh, good. Glad it made it safely. And thanks!

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Creek on Fri, 05 Jun 2009 05:22:24 GMT
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I am currently in tech week H*@&. We open this weekend though so I will be able to get it out next week. So sorry for the delay!

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Fri, 05 Jun 2009 10:39:10 GMT
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that is alright as long as i know.hope your weekend goes well.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Erika in Colorado on Fri, 05 Jun 2009 21:26:21 GMT
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Break a leg, Creek! What show is it?

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Creek on Sat, 06 Jun 2009 04:21:50 GMT
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Thanks! It's The Mystery of Irma Vep. If you don't know the show, the cast is made up of 2 actors who play 8 different roles. We are talking quick change city. At the end of the night my backstage crew is just as exhausted as the actors. The show is not quite a walk in the park for me either, I talk through most of the show giving cues.

We just had our opening night and it went rather well. We had some technical snafus but nothing the audience would really notice unless they looked in the booth and saw me franticly trying to fix the problem.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Mori-neko on Sat, 06 Jun 2009 05:34:43 GMT
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Grats on opening night!

It's a fun (and hilarious) show... we've actually been talking about it in my theatre history class some this term. ^^

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Erika in Colorado on Sat, 06 Jun 2009 14:46:00 GMT
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OK, I'm done derailing this thread, but congrats, and I do know that show and I think it's great!

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Mori-neko on Wed, 10 Jun 2009 17:13:56 GMT
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Back on topic, my finals are done, so I will finally get my square done and sent off. I promise!

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Thu, 11 Jun 2009 10:22:35 GMT
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how did your finals goes.can't wait to see your square.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Susan from Athens on Thu, 11 Jun 2009 11:57:06 GMT
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Hope the exams went well!

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Mori-neko on Sun, 14 Jun 2009 04:10:47 GMT
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Done!

So far I've got an A and a B+, waiting to hear on three other classes. Two of them, I'm pretty sure I have at least a B in, my English class I'm really nervous about.... anything between a B and a fail... ><

But, my square is also done. I'll try and get that out to you on Monday.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Mon, 15 Jun 2009 02:00:12 GMT
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congrats on your marks,did i give you my adress if not pm me and i will.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Creek on Thu, 18 Jun 2009 19:21:00 GMT
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My block is in the mail!!

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Fri, 19 Jun 2009 01:00:46 GMT
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yea, i will look for it.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Mori-neko on Fri, 19 Jun 2009 01:03:09 GMT

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Mine is too!

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Fri, 19 Jun 2009 01:05:53 GMT
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cool.i thinl there are 4 left to come now.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Mon, 22 Jun 2009 15:33:05 GMT
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hi creek, i received your square today and it is well done.i also got your pic skatinglibrian and it does like good and i think i will take you up on the offer of the plain fabric.i have an idea i used on another quilt i think would tie all the different squares together.i think a dedicated square would be nice if you want to do one,i am not very good with wording something like that.you can pm me about that.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Tue, 30 Jun 2009 15:24:38 GMT
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hi.i received your square in the mail today mori-neko,just lovely.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Mori-neko on Tue, 30 Jun 2009 19:54:26 GMT
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Yayy!

I was getting a bit concerned. Glad you like it!

I can't wait to see what everyone else has done.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Tue, 30 Jun 2009 22:14:59 GMT
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i think it is going to be awesome.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Wed, 08 Jul 2009 22:10:36 GMT
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i got the border and fabric skatinglibrarian,will you do the dedication square and by the way the border is even better in person.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by skating librarian on Thu, 09 Jul 2009 01:20:26 GMT
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I'm working on the dedication square ... tho I am prone to being distracted when the sun comes out (or it just stops raining) and I can go out in the garden and try to rescue everything that's been beaten down by rain and hail.

I'm parent sitting this weekend so may have time to put on some speed.

Glad you like the border fabric ... everyone who has seen it does and I'm being encouraged to do a similar floor cloth ... yikes!

Cheerio!

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Thu, 09 Jul 2009 10:37:06 GMT
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i am lucky every one is such good artists.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Black Bear on Sun, 19 Jul 2009 04:43:29 GMT

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FINALLY FINALLY FINALLY done with my block! Hooray! Bonnie, will post it to you on Monday.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Sun, 19 Jul 2009 13:29:18 GMT
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yea for black bear.i will look for it.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Tue, 28 Jul 2009 19:46:41 GMT
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got your square today black bear,it is right up there with all the others that i give my self nose bleeds when i look at them.one more square to go and the dedication square and i can start,woohoo the whistle is about to blow.it is going to be a fun challenge putting it together.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Black Bear on Wed, 29 Jul 2009 02:04:58 GMT
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Hooray! Happy it arrived safely and hopefully not too mashed in transit. Looking forward to seeing the end product.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Erika in Colorado on Fri, 31 Jul 2009 20:45:01 GMT
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So, Bonnie, are we going to get to see photos of the work in progress or at least the finished product on this quilt?

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Fri, 31 Jul 2009 20:49:47 GMT

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yes,i am waiting for 2 more squares and then i can start putting it together. i will try to take pictures in progress but will definitely have pics of the finished quilt before it is sent to robin.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Black Bear on Sat, 01 Aug 2009 13:35:55 GMT
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I'm just so glad I wasn't the last one in.... :) Bonnie, how many squares total?

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Sat, 01 Aug 2009 17:10:32 GMT
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14 SQUARE THAT YOU GIRLS DID ,A DEDICATION SQUARE AND I DON'T KNOW YET HOW MANY FILLER SQUARES.oops,forgot the caps was on.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by scarhandpiper on Sat, 08 Aug 2009 14:29:32 GMT
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Keep us posted! I'm excited to see the finished product--or at least the pieced-together product!

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Sat, 08 Aug 2009 17:56:42 GMT
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i will and will try to take pics in progress.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Thu, 03 Sep 2009 11:29:28 GMT
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here are a couple of pic of the preliminary process of setting up and seeing what works. there are

still 2 more squares coming that will fill in at the bottom and the front clothe will be cream colored i think and the back will be black.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Thu, 03 Sep 2009 11:36:17 GMT
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trying again

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Black Bear on Sat, 05 Sep 2009 16:32:58 GMT
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Looking good, Bonnie! :)

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Susan from Athens on Sat, 12 Sep 2009 11:46:12 GMT
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Hey Bonnie this is lovely. Everyone has done such a fabulous job with their squares and now you have the challenge of putting it together! Go to it girl! My second square (a circle) is done and will be winging its way to you shortly!

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Black Bear on Sat, 12 Sep 2009 12:53:11 GMT
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Waaaaait a minute, you can't fool us--squares aren't circles! :)

Hi Susan, good to see you! Was your place affected by the fire situation in Athens? That sounded fairly terrifying...

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Sat, 12 Sep 2009 16:50:02 GMT
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it is if you put in on a square.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Susan from Athens on Sat, 12 Sep 2009 17:40:47 GMT
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Bonnie has it right! But I did try to think of ways to manage it on my ownsome. Failed in the math part unfortunately!

And no, I was fine and not even in Athens at the time. It was all in the suburbs and outlying towns and villages. Sad, tragic even and unfortunately all too frequent.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Erika in Colorado on Sat, 12 Sep 2009 23:27:32 GMT
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Susan from Athens wrote on Sat, 12 September 2009 11:40
And no, I was fine and not even in Athens at the time. It was all in the suburbs and outlying towns and villages. Sad, tragic even and unfortunately all too frequent.

Oh, so glad to hear you're OK. I was thinking of you.

And, to keep this on topic, the quilt is looking great.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Sun, 13 Sep 2009 01:56:01 GMT
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thank you,it is only at the very beginning phase but it is going to be very nice thanks to every one's most excellent creations.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Maureen E on Tue, 15 Sep 2009 16:32:36 GMT
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A friend of mine had her first baby (yay!) and I decided to knit a little teddy bear. Nothing fancy, just Lion Brand yarn and a pattern from the internets.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by blondviolinist on Tue, 15 Sep 2009 18:00:07 GMT
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Oh, that's so sweet! I'm sure the baby will love it.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Wed, 16 Sep 2009 03:21:08 GMT
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it looks so cute.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Mon, 21 Sep 2009 15:20:52 GMT
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got susans square and skatinglibrarian's dedication square.oh lala,it is awesome,robin is going to flip when she sees it.i am so proud of all the work you girls have done and i hope to do justice to it.will try to post progress pic and definitely final pics.should be done before x-mas at the latest.fingers crossed.

bonnie

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by skating librarian on Tue, 22 Sep 2009 02:42:20 GMT
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Cool!

The Local Harvest Buffet is October third. It usually takes at least three days to recover (I began by planting veggies in April, so this is a long haul project).

After that I might be able to slip away to Canada if you need the help ... I've just gotten a groovy little slide scanner and I've been scanning pictures from a trip to Canada in 1984 ... Newfoundland, mainly. Fjords .. whoooo ... so cool. Anyway I may very well be in the mood for a change of scene sometime before winter clamps down on us.

No frost yet, so the garden is still producing.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Mori-neko on Tue, 06 Oct 2009 14:38:44 GMT
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I keep picking up new needlework projects.... I found this adorable tiger counted cross-stitch... But, mostly I've been knitting. I'm finally making actual progress on my halter top (it's so exciting). The torso is done, and I did the entire left side last night, so all I need to do there is extend the strap for 10" or so (which goes pretty fast when it's only 23 stitches wide...I've got some short rows coming up that I'm not entirely sure what to do with, but the book this pattern is in is really good at explaining stuff). It's probably the least portable knitting project I've ever done (though honestly that isn't -that- many), because at the moment I've got 3 balls of yarn hanging off it, soon to be 4 when I start the other front. Generally, I've been working on it while I sit at my computer and watch movies/tv stuffs. It's the first actual garment I've made, too (and I'll try and get some pictures when it's finished).

Just excited and wanted to share! ^_^

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by blondviolinist on Tue, 06 Oct 2009 20:02:49 GMT
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Oooh, ooh! Pictures, please, as soon as you get a chance!!

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by jmeadows on Sat, 10 Oct 2009 22:57:03 GMT

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I have a few to show off.

This

Became this

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by jmeadows on Sat, 10 Oct 2009 22:57:36 GMT
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This

Became this

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by jmeadows on Sat, 10 Oct 2009 22:58:14 GMT
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This

Became this (plus Kippy)

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by jmeadows on Sat, 10 Oct 2009 22:59:09 GMT
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This

Became this

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Sat, 10 Oct 2009 23:50:21 GMT
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very nice jodi.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by skating librarian on Sun, 11 Oct 2009 01:27:59 GMT
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Beautiful ... and what will it become?

I've been making paper and upholstering a chair (yikes).

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Susan from Athens on Mon, 12 Oct 2009 06:36:37 GMT
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I see there's a lot of heavy production going on ;) well done ladies!

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Louiz on Tue, 17 Nov 2009 11:16:27 GMT
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Wow Bonnie, that looks fabulous! I can see mine in there too!

Louiz.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Louiz on Tue, 17 Nov 2009 11:17:21 GMT
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Jodi, I am so impressed with your spinning!

louiz

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Sat, 21 Nov 2009 18:23:01 GMT
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bought the front and back material today and i think it will be nice.will be posting some pics soon.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Wed, 25 Nov 2009 00:58:06 GMT
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this is a quilt my friend just finished and charlie,he likes quilts.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Wed, 25 Nov 2009 01:03:49 GMT
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here is a pic of the front and back of the quilt.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Wed, 25 Nov 2009 01:06:48 GMT
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here is what it will look like when every thing is sew on.sewing should be done by next week will post picture of the finished quilt.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by AJLR on Wed, 25 Nov 2009 16:25:45 GMT
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That's looking really good, Bonnie. Are you intending that Robin has it for the cold weather, this winter? :)

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Wed, 25 Nov 2009 17:17:54 GMT

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i want to try and finish it by the second week of december and ship it out then.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Black Bear on Thu, 26 Nov 2009 14:13:10 GMT
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AJLR wrote on Wed, 25 November 2009 11:25That's looking really good, Bonnie. Are you intending that Robin has it for the cold weather, this winter? :)

Sounds like we ought to have made her a raincoat instead. :)

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Thu, 26 Nov 2009 15:38:52 GMT
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lol,yea but i would have needed a lot more squares.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by scarhandpiper on Sat, 28 Nov 2009 18:01:33 GMT
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The quilt looks like it's going to be GORGEOUS! I.can't wait to see the finished product. I'm impressed with how much work has gone into this!

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Sun, 29 Nov 2009 05:17:25 GMT
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it will definitely be a one of a kind quilt and my friend shirley who is a very good quilt maker herself was very impress by all the work and artistry that you girls did in the squares.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)

Posted by holmes44 on Fri, 11 Dec 2009 03:55:47 GMT
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worked some more om the quilt and am about 3/4 done.it is looking good if i do say so my self.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by AJLR on Fri, 11 Dec 2009 10:41:55 GMT
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Well done, Bonnie. More power to your needle... :)

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Fri, 11 Dec 2009 11:40:27 GMT
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thank you.[bowing]

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Tue, 09 Feb 2010 21:13:37 GMT
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i am finally done putting the square togther but there is still work to be done,sorry it is taking so long we had to take the square apart a few times to get them right.would the owner of this square pm me with her forum name,i lost the tag i had on it when we took the squares apart the 3rd time.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Mori-neko on Tue, 09 Feb 2010 22:58:20 GMT
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That one's mine.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Tue, 09 Feb 2010 23:35:15 GMT

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great,i wanted to make sure i have the right names for the right squares.thanks.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Thu, 18 Feb 2010 02:37:38 GMT
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i have finally got the borders on and the quilt is looking nice i think,i will try to post pics of it next week.still have a bit more work to do on it but it is getting there.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by AJLR on Sun, 21 Feb 2010 20:24:05 GMT
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I was following up on the Ehrman Tapestry links signposted in Robin's post a couple of days ago and yearning over the cushion needlepoint kits on the site. Has anyone tried doing one of these, or something similar? I'm fairly experienced with 'ordinary' embroidery - although using cotton silks rather than wool - but I've not tried one of those kits. Does anyone know if they make up well (provided one is careful, of course)?

I really like this one - probably a bit of yearning for spring on my part but it looks such an interesting design.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Wed, 24 Feb 2010 02:58:49 GMT
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here is a couple of pics as the quilt is now,still have some work to do.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by jmeadows on Thu, 25 Feb 2010 04:02:46 GMT
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Looking great!

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Thu, 25 Feb 2010 12:33:43 GMT
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thank you.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Thu, 25 Feb 2010 12:36:35 GMT
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it is bigger than it was supposed to be,forgot that the size of the squares would make it that big.oops.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by blondviolinist on Fri, 26 Feb 2010 01:11:39 GMT
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It's gorgeous, Bonnie. Thanks for all your hard work!

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Fri, 26 Feb 2010 01:32:44 GMT
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thank you but it is gorgeous because of the fantastic square you ladies have made,still have the finishing touches to do but almost there.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Mon, 01 Mar 2010 11:21:00 GMT
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you know for all the distance between you ladies that the color shades were almost the exact same shades is absolutely amazing.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)

Posted by blondviolinist on Sat, 06 Mar 2010 16:52:58 GMT
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Because I am gloating everywhere I possibly can, here are my newly completed Nine Tailors socks:

Kent Treble Bob Major, in both cables & colorwork panels. :d

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Polipetl on Sat, 06 Mar 2010 17:21:07 GMT
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WOW! Seriously impressive

(ok, yes, very novice knitter that can't get her head round cables at all here!)

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by jmeadows on Sat, 06 Mar 2010 18:05:57 GMT
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blondviolinist wrote on Sat, 06 March 2010 11:52Because I am gloating everywhere I possibly can, here are my newly completed Nine Tailors socks:

Kent Treble Bob Major, in both cables & colorwork panels. :d

They're amazing! Congratulations on finishing!

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by AJLR on Sat, 06 Mar 2010 18:41:16 GMT
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blondviolinist wrote on Sat, 06 March 2010 16:52Because I am gloating everywhere I possibly can, here are my newly completed Nine Tailors socks:

Kent Treble Bob Major, in both cables & colorwork panels. :d
Seriously cool socks! Congratulations (and awe) on your achievement.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by blondviolinist on Sat, 06 Mar 2010 18:57:33 GMT
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Thanks, all! :)

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Black Bear on Mon, 08 Mar 2010 13:01:21 GMT
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Good god. Those are amazing! Hope you've sent that pic to Robin... :)

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by blondviolinist on Mon, 08 Mar 2010 15:21:19 GMT
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Thanks!

I sent her links to my Flickr page, which has more photos of the socks. She hasn't emailed me back, so I don't know if she's busy, or if the email got lost in cyberspace. I'd point her to this thread, but... :d

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Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Mon, 08 Mar 2010 18:16:28 GMT
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yeah not until the quilt is done please.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Black Bear on Thu, 11 Mar 2010 21:59:08 GMT

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She intentionally avoids reading any of the threads in "Talk." :) I suppose if someone sent her a direct link to a post she might... but even then, not usually.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Fri, 12 Mar 2010 01:41:14 GMT
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whew,ok, i thought so and is why i have posted the pics with hopefully some more coming shortly.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Wed, 24 Mar 2010 21:45:42 GMT
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should be finished the quilt by next week at the latest and will post pics before i ship it.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by L.R.K. on Sat, 27 Mar 2010 06:49:50 GMT
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So. I don't know - but this might be of interest; the Diagram Prize (for oddly titled books) has this year been given to "Crocheting Adventures with Hyperbolic Planes":

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/entertainment/8589455.stm

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Mon, 29 Mar 2010 23:10:36 GMT
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finished the quilt today,will post pictures as soon as possible before i mail it.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by blondviolinist on Tue, 30 Mar 2010 03:03:52 GMT

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Soooo excited!!!

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Tue, 30 Mar 2010 15:32:44 GMT
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here are the pics of the finished quilt,i hope you find i did justice to your squares.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Tue, 30 Mar 2010 15:33:53 GMT
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Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Tue, 30 Mar 2010 15:34:58 GMT
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Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Tue, 30 Mar 2010 15:36:26 GMT
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Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Tue, 30 Mar 2010 15:37:13 GMT
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Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Tue, 30 Mar 2010 15:37:58 GMT
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Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by jaccairn on Tue, 30 Mar 2010 18:29:22 GMT
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Looks good! But what's under the petals?

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Tue, 30 Mar 2010 19:02:05 GMT
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skatinglibrarian embroidered from the fibercrafters on one side and thanks for the books and the blog on the other.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by AJLR on Tue, 30 Mar 2010 19:07:38 GMT
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That looks extremely impressive, Bonnie. I'm sure Robin will really appreciate all the work and good feelings that you and others have put into it. :)

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Tue, 30 Mar 2010 19:26:08 GMT
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i hope she likes it,i am always nervous until they see it.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by jmeadows on Wed, 31 Mar 2010 00:50:04 GMT

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It looks fantastic!

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Mori-neko on Wed, 31 Mar 2010 02:20:06 GMT
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That's gorgeous! You did a fantastic job, Bonnie. ^^

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Susan in Melbourne on Wed, 31 Mar 2010 08:10:14 GMT
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Well done Bonnie and all the contributors. I'm sure Robin is going to be unbelievably touched by your efforts, and it will become one of her treasures.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Wed, 31 Mar 2010 11:06:58 GMT
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i hope so as it was supposed to be a lap quilt but it kind of grew a wee bit larger.lol

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Black Bear on Wed, 31 Mar 2010 13:16:26 GMT
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Nice work Bonnie! Can't wait for R to see it.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Wed, 31 Mar 2010 15:55:10 GMT
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thank you!

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by helbel on Tue, 04 May 2010 12:28:03 GMT
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I thought people might like to see my progress in my never ending cross stitch.

Detail here

Full thing here:

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by blondviolinist on Tue, 04 May 2010 13:11:42 GMT
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Helbel, that's gorgeous!

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by jaccairn on Tue, 04 May 2010 18:48:19 GMT
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Very nice! And center lines and bound edges. I'm never that organised. My current project has been sitting untouched since Christmas.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Tue, 04 May 2010 19:16:25 GMT
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very beautiful.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Black Bear on Wed, 05 May 2010 00:11:49 GMT
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Wow, that's gorgeous! Did you design it yourself?

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by shalea on Thu, 06 May 2010 21:39:36 GMT
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Very nice!

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by helbel on Fri, 07 May 2010 09:07:53 GMT
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Thanks for the lovely comments!

Black Bear - no I didn't design it, the designer is Teresa Wentzler who is considered to be one of the best cross stitch designers.

It's certainly a lovely design to stitch.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Tue, 01 Jun 2010 14:22:47 GMT
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the quilt is finally off and i am sorry it took so longer do to circumstances.it will go to her agent who will send it along to robin.i hope she likes it,you all did such beautiful work.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Black Bear on Sun, 06 Jun 2010 13:41:01 GMT
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Yahoo, and well-done Bonnie!

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Sun, 06 Jun 2010 15:38:41 GMT
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thanks,black bear.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Tue, 08 Jun 2010 22:54:33 GMT
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yay,the agent's office sent me an e-mail that she got the quilt and has sent it on to robin and she said the quilt was lovely.[claps wildly].[snoopy dance].

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by jmeadows on Tue, 08 Jun 2010 22:55:05 GMT
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holmes44 wrote on Tue, 08 June 2010 18:54yay,the agent's office sent me an e-mail that she got the quilt and has sent it on to robin and she said the quilt was lovely.[claps wildly].[snoopy dance].

Awesome!

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Tue, 08 Jun 2010 22:55:50 GMT
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i am so excited.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by NotLonely on Fri, 11 Jun 2010 10:44:55 GMT
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Just wanted to say, well done all of you. It looks awesome.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by holmes44 on Fri, 18 Jun 2010 01:53:58 GMT
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she got the quilt today and she liked it.yay!!!!!!

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by skating librarian on Sat, 19 Jun 2010 00:29:37 GMT
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Way to go Bonnie! And thank you for creating the opportunity to have so much fun and to honor someone who has given us so much joy ...

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Black Bear on Sun, 20 Jun 2010 00:19:03 GMT
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Yes, well-done, all involved! :)

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Honey_Bee on Mon, 21 Jun 2010 00:56:31 GMT
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Such a beautiful quilt you all sent to Robin!
I've been toying with the idea of starting a quilt for a couple months now (I'm a knitter at heart) but every time I try to look up information on the internet I get overwhelmed. Having seen the stunning quilt you guys made has inspired me again.
I want to do a very, very basic 9 block design and I feel like I'm going to make it much harder than it needs to be. I'm guess I can decide what size each mini-block needs to be but does anyone have any advice on what a standard size is? I want the whole quilt to fit a full (double) size bed.
Is it easier to hand sew or machine sew? I have a sewing machine but either it holds a vendetta against me or I'm just bad at using it because it always jams.
Any advice would be greatly appreciated!

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Black Bear on Mon, 21 Jun 2010 13:27:37 GMT
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There's no standard size per se, I'd say measure your bed, remembering that border and binding will add some dimension to it; and I usually leave about 1/2" seam allowance around the edge of a block.

I'm a hand-sewer, personally; if you fight with your sewing machine, I would say go hand-sewn. It's easier to correct mistakes as you go or fudge things around a bit when needed. :)

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Honey_Bee on Fri, 25 Jun 2010 22:41:32 GMT
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So if I want to make a quilt that's 102x102 with basic squares of 6" making rows of 17 squares, how much seam should I make on each square for the sewing?
I honestly have no idea what I'm doing and no one to ask. If my great-grandmother were still alive, I'd ask her because I inherited about 15 quilts she'd made.
Could anyone recommend any helpful books or websites for very basic beginners? All the internet research I've done assumes I know more than I actually do.
I'm just trying to get a grasp on the basic stitching at the moment. I don't even want to think about binding and batting yet!

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Angelia on Thu, 08 Jul 2010 03:08:38 GMT
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If you want the finished squares to be 6 inches, cut them out at 7 inches and use a 1/2 inch seam to put them together. Nine-patch quilts are often constructed in blocks of 3 squares by 3 squares with a plain fabric square between each block to set off the patchwork. Those blank squares would be cut out at 19 inches square and sewn with a half inch seam between the patchwork quilt blocks.

Here is an example (though the color choices are jarring!):).

There are manymanymany ways to put together a nine-patch quilt, but this is probably the easiest.

I prefer a sewing machine because the stitches are smaller and stronger than my hand stitches, but either will work fine.

Here are some average sizes of finished quilts. These are based on comforter sizes; if you want more drape over the edge of your bed, you might want to make them a bit wider:
Twin 65"x88" Double (or Full) 80"x88" Queen 86"x93" King 104"x93"

If in doubt, measure the bed for which you are making the quilt to find your ideal size.

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Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Black Bear on Sat, 10 Jul 2010 21:42:34 GMT
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For basic info, you might try googling "quilt piecing" rather than just "quilting." That'll narrow you down to the assembly stage of a quilt top. I found this on About.com, it has some links that might be helpful. But generally, if you're hand quilting, things I'd say are--use a needle size that you're comfortable with, and don't accidentally buy "quilting needles" for your piecing, they're way small and hard to work with when you're not actually quilting IMHO. Leave a .25 or .5" seam allowance, and use a chalk wheel to mark your sewing lines. Iron your fabric--I always want to skip this, and it's always a mistake. :)

I prefer hand piecing to machine, because it lets me do minute course corrections as I go, and I've always been better at hand sewing anyway. But if you're comfortable with a machine, then I agree with Angelia--your stitches will be a lot tighter and smaller if you go that route.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by claning on Sat, 10 Jul 2010 23:08:05 GMT
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And don't feel compelled to use the smallest possible quilting needle (when you get to that stage) or to tear your hair out trying to make 10 stitches to the inch. For one thing, many people nowadays prefer thicker batts (stuffing) in their quilts, which makes it much harder to get lots of stitches per inch -- even if the stitches themselves are small, the spaces between them will be wider. For another thing, any stitches small enough that no one will catch a toenail on them are perfectly functional and will look quite nice if they are even and reasonably straight. Try for those qualities first. (Actually, the same goes for running stitches when you're hand piecing.)

Different people's stitching is as individual as handwriting. I had a clear demonstration of that when I was helping a friend get a large quilt done. Her stitches were distinctly straighter than mine, but less even. It was pretty easy to tell who had done which particular bit. (That was a fun experience, even though we, silly us -- it was a Christmas quilt -- had conceived of a quilting pattern for the plain borders that involved holly. With berries. I think we calculated we quilted over 1,000 little circles the size of a dime. We got pretty good at doing them quickly and neatly ;)

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by jaccairn on Wed, 14 Jul 2010 18:05:01 GMT
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The comic strip 'Sheldon' has a knitting theme at the moment which people might enjoy. There are several so go back through the archives to last thurday.

http://www.sheldoncomics.com/

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Angelia on Thu, 15 Jul 2010 17:29:03 GMT
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I'm planning to make a flannel quilt this fall. We have lots of old flannel shirts, pajamas, etc. that I've been saving up. Some of the flannel is quite worn--it's very soft and in some cases thin. Has anyone done this before? I'm worried that the quilt top fabric will be less strong than the backing and will wear out quickly (or tear). On the other hand, maybe they backing and batting will support the older fabric? I'm planning to use a fairly thick bat and a flannel back, and rather than quilting it, I'm going to tie it.

Suggestions, experiences . . . ?

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Black Bear on Thu, 15 Jul 2010 22:20:20 GMT
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I would suggest that you adhere your more fragile/worn flannels to a lightweight cotton backing before you even start piecing. You could tack it onto the backing in the places where it's strongest. That way the backing will take some of the strain rather than the flannel itself....

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Angelia on Fri, 16 Jul 2010 03:02:40 GMT
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That makes sense, thanks. I knew someone here would have a good idea! :)

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by jlasserton on Fri, 16 Jul 2010 15:15:39 GMT
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I am fairly new to knitting and have only done a few basic items, but a flannel blanket sounds like a good idea. I am going to see what I can dig up in my house. Your idea for this sounds similar to taking old t-shirts and making a blanket for kids.

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Angelia on Sat, 17 Jul 2010 16:03:59 GMT
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My great-grandmother made flannel quilts for my sisters and me. She used new fabric, but I like the idea of remembering where the fabrics I will use came from--a little bit of personal history. :)

Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :)
Posted by Mori-neko on Sat, 14 Aug 2010 00:55:08 GMT
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So, I've been cleaning my bedroom in the process of moving back from Oregon to SoCal, and I've come across a box full of natural dyes - madder, cocheneal, chestnut, a tiny bit of indigo, and a few others, along with mordants. I've not really got the time/space/etc to use them, but I thought I'd offer them up if anyone wants to experiment. The set is from http://www.earthues.com - it's fairly old, but I don't think these are the sort of things that go 'off'. The set is similar to their 'color collection', and does have an instruction booklet. Anyone want to give them a good home?

-mods: I hope this is okay, as I'm not asking for anything in return. It's a fairly unusual thing, and I know there's a lot of fiber-y people here, and thought that someone might be able to use them instead of having them sit and collect dust on my shelf.-

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Subject: Re: Another One for all the fibrecrafters :) - quilts
Posted by Guest on Sun, 19 Sep 2010 20:07:53 GMT
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There was a Craft and Quilt fair on this weekend and I went along yesterday. If you were a quilter it was HEAVEN as at least 80% of the stalls were selling stuff for them. Other handcraft stuffs as well.

The highlight was the quilt exhibition, and they allowed photos and I took quite a few including closeups of the detail of some

Pix are here http://www.flickr.com/photos/thebluerose - there are a couple of magnolia shots up first then all the quilts :)