



# In Stitches Needlework

In Stitches is a full-service needlework shop located in the historic Mount Vernon area of Virginia. This cozy shop displays the latest designs in both counted cross-stitch and needlepoint.

The extensive fiber, fabric and canvas collection allows stitchers of all levels to create beautiful works from basic beginner projects to more intricate designs for the advanced stitcher. But that is not all – once the design is complete, they can help put the final touches on the piece with custom framing and finishing.

In Stitches has been in business for over 20 years and has built its reputation on the knowledgeable and friendly staff. Dedicated owner Ellen Meyer, who will be celebrating 15 years of ownership, lends her expertise and passion for stitching to create an engaging atmosphere for all.

In addition to browsing for the next creative project, the shop offers seminars, classes, trunk shows and special sales – you can subscribe to the invitation list for these special events on the website [www.institchesneedlework.com](http://www.institchesneedlework.com).

Working on a current project and want to be surrounded by fellow stitchers? KNIT/STITCH NIGHTS are held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the shop. These evenings provide a lively and creative setting and being in the company of fellow stitchers will inspire you.

Just being in the shop brings out creativity – immerse yourself in the

variety of fibers including silk threads from such makers as Au Ver A Sole, Soie Cristale, Waterlilies, Belle Soie, Gloriana, Needlepoint Silk, The Thread Gatherer Silk'n Colors and more to the silk blends from Silk 'n Ivory, Vineyard Silks and Caron Collection Impressions.

The Wools include tapestry and crewel from Appleton Wool, DMC, EPIC as well as Paternayan skeins and hanks from JCA. Cottons are available from Anchor and DMC in regular floss, Crescent Colors, Gentle Art, Needle Necessities and Weeks Fibers in overdyed floss, and more.

And don't forget the metallics – gorgeous threads from Kreinik, Rainbow Gallery and Renaissance Designs to make your next needlepoint design your favorite!

For those who knit and crochet, the store is stocked with luscious yarns in every shade and texture imaginable. The fibers range from wool to silk to cotton and blends. Some of the favorite suppliers are Mountain Colors, Brown Sheep, Prism, Alpaca with a Twist, Debbie Bliss and Knitting Fever. A new company, Appalachian Baby, has the softest organic cotton you could ever hope to find.

The in-house finishing and framing department is standing by to help complete your work of art. They use only museum-quality materials and they meticulously lace or pin all needlework to achieve professional results. There are hundreds of frame samples available and they are happy to assist you in making your selection.

The framing staff has more than 50 years combined experience handles all work with care, thoroughness and precision. They can turn your completed needlework into the perfect accessory for your home.

Whether it is a pillow, ornament, stand up or Christmas stocking, they customize work by helping you choose the perfect fabric and trim to complement your piece. They love helping you create your family heirlooms!

Visit In Stitches at 8800-F Pear Tree Village Court in Alexandria Mondays through Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and on the first Sunday of each month from 12:30 – 4:00 p.m.

They would love to see you in the store, but if you can't make it, you can contact them by phone at (703) 360-4600 or by email [Institches100@aol.com](mailto:Institches100@aol.com).

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