

Hand Mending Made Easy

Hand Mending Made Easy: Save Time and Money Repairing Your Own Clothes by Nan L. Ides is a new book specifically written for the non-sewer. It demonstrates in 12 easy, illustrated steps how to mend clothing. Ides instructs readers on sewing different types of buttons, repairing seams, patching up holes in pants, and different ironing techniques, among other lessons.

Ides, an avid sewer and clothing designer, says the book was not written as a “learn-to-sew” manual. She developed the book to show people who really don’t necessarily want to learn to sew, how to mend their own clothes. Ides’ interest in sewing began as soon as she was old enough to hold a needle. Her attraction was heightened when, as a teenager, she was continually mending and hemming family hand-me-downs. Friends and co-workers, aware of Ides’ talents and skills, were always asking her to mend their garments. She was always replacing and re-sewing their lost buttons and ripped hems. She finally decided to change her approach: she told them they could pay her \$10 to sew on each button or she would show them how to do it themselves. Her coworkers chose the latter, and as a result, Ides started lunchtime instructional workshops at her job, which led to full-fledged community classes. *Hand Mending Made Easy* can be ordered through www.palmerpletsch.com. 🧵



Mother Earth and Her Children



Mother Earth and Her Children by Sibylle von Olfers is a new book for young children, inspired by an amazing story-quilt made by quilter Sieglinde Schoen Smith. Smith was a child in wartime Germany who sought comfort from a tale that was penned in 1906 by a talented young artist. The story was about the coming of spring and it was illustrated with charming watercolor paintings of Mother Nature’s little children. Recently, Smith took that inspiration and created a most unusual story quilt, transforming watercolor images into fabric and embroidery. The quilt has won Best in Show at three major quilt venues recently. Stitch by stitch it lovingly retold an enchanting story for new generations of children. *Mother Earth and Her Children* is a wonderful way for women to share

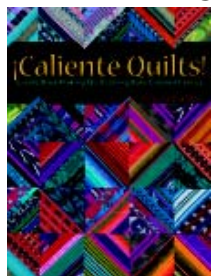
their love of quilting with the young children in their lives. It has been translated into English rhyming verse by folklore expert Jack Zipes. To order, contact Breckling Press at 1-630-941-1179; www.brecklingpress.com. 🧵

Whitework Quilting

On-Word Bound Books is pleased to announce that *Whitework Quilting* by Karen McTavish is going to be re-released. Ever since it went out of print in 2006 they’ve had requests from quilters world-wide to bring the book back. All that interest finally convinced them to reprint this beautiful book about wholecloth quilts. It’s going to be a limited edition print run so if you’ve always wanted a copy now is your chance. Visit www.onwordboundbooks.com for ordering information, or call 1-218-525-5282. 🧵



Caliente Quilts!



In *Caliente Quilts! Create Breathtaking Quilts Using Bold Colored Fabrics*, author Priscilla Bianchi shows quilters how to move beyond any perceived creative limitations, find new sources of inspiration and use glorious ethnic and brightly colored fabrics in their work. Bianchi demonstrates how to work with multiple colors to create gorgeously unique combinations. Taking a chance on color schemes and designs, quilters are urged to fully use textiles they would have previously perceived as too precious and

beautiful to cut. With a fascinating history of Guatemalan textiles and a discussion of how to incorporate ethnic textiles into projects with international inspiration, Bianchi’s new book clearly expands the boundaries of contemporary quilt design. To order, contact Krause Publications at 1-800-258-0929; www.krausebooks.com. 🧵