

The lively needle

You can do your own framing

You've finished your cross stitch sampler or put the final touches on your Jacobean crewel work. It would look perfect by the living room window, but how do you frame the needlework?

Mounting and framing are not difficult, but they take time and fussing. Since you care about the embroidery, you're the best person to give the job the time and attention it deserves. You can't beat the price, either.

Here's how to start. First, block the needlework carefully (for reprints of How to Block Embroideries, send 25 cents and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to me in care of this newspaper).

IN THE BEST of all possible worlds, you would have purchased your frame first and then worked your stitchery to fit it. This is the least expensive way to go, but most of us think of it too late.

If this is true in your case, buy a ready-made frame if you can find one that will fit. Otherwise, go to a frame shop and have one custom made for your needlework.

Order a "watercolor" frame. (If you had worked needlepoint, you'd need an "oil" frame, which has a wooden stretcher.) The two types may look the same from the front, but an oil frame has a deeper rabbet the side of the frame at right angles to the front to cover the side of the stretcher.

Traditionally, needlework is not covered by glass. Air should circulate around textiles and unless the picture will hang in a very dirty or oily atmosphere, it will age more gracefully without glass.

Purchase a sheet of heavy mount cardboard and have it cut a quarter inch shorter and thinner than the back of your frame. Wrap the mount board with a single layer of oil

mitting the corners. Attach to the back with masking tape. Again check the embroidery's position against the frame and change if necessary.

WHEN EVERYTHING is centered and straight, lace the embroidery cloth across the back with sewing thread and needle. Lace the top edge to the bottom edge, and then one side to the other. Adjust tension so that the cloth is held taut and snug. Keep corners mitered at all times.

Place the mounted embroidery within the frame. Insert tiny brads or special fasteners sold for this purpose to keep the board from shifting.

Cover the back with brown wrapping paper, leaving half an inch of the frame's back showing on all four sides. Attach the paper with moistened gum tape. After the tape is dry, fasten screw eyes and wire, and hang your creation. Your living room will brighten immediately.



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**Consumer Mailbag**

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Does your organization ever have seminars or classes for people in the community?  
Carol T., Redford Township

Yes Carol, and the timing of your question is just perfect. Concern Inc., Detroit holds conferences twice a year in different parts of the city. We have two of them planned for April.

"Food Chemicals and Health," "Energy Conservation and the Consumer," and "Shopping, How to Reduce Waste and Save Money," are the subjects of the three workshops offered at each conference. On April 14, Helen Milliken, wife of the governor and long-time environmentalist, will be the keynote speaker at our conference for the consumer to be held at the Downriver Y, 3211 Fort Street, Wyandotte.

On April 21, Pamela Fruck, vice chairman of the Resource Recovery Commission, and recently announced candidate for the United States Senate will be the keynote speaker at our conference for the consumer to be held at the Northwest Y, 2277 Grand Boulevard, Detroit.

Both programs will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at noon. The cost is \$1 and you may register by mail. Please include your name, address, phone number and choice of workshop. For further information call Concern Inc., Detroit, 879-1333.

Is your contest for Sun Day posters on solar energy open to kids in private schools? When is the deadline for entries? Can entire classes enter?  
An interested teacher Birmingham

Our solar energy poster contest is open to all children in grades four through eight. Yes, entire classes can enter, but each child must submit his or her own original poster. The contest closes April 21 and the winners will be announced in May in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. The three top prize winners will appear on the Channel 2 Good Morning, Detroit show on May 3, which is Sun Day. For more information call your local Observer & Eccentric office or Concern Inc., Detroit, 879-1333.

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Volunteers

The Oakland County Volunteer Bureau, a program of the Volunteer Action Center of East Lansing Community Services, has a variety of listings of agencies needing volunteers. Further information about these agencies and over 200 others that need volunteer services may be obtained from the volunteer bureau, 612-7272.

**NURSING HOME ASSISTANT**—A variety of duties are available to the volunteer interested in working at Georgian Bloomfield in Bloomfield Hills. 10-1p is needed in delivering and reading mail to patients, assisting in chapel, playing games and helping with bedside crafts. A commitment of one half day a week is preferred.

**HEALTH EDUCATION ASSISTANTS**—Volunteers are needed by Henry Ford Hospital in West Bloomfield to participate in community education programs. Training is provided for volunteers interested in cardiac pulmonary education to enable them to lead community classes. Other areas of education are also being developed.

**PARENT AIDE VOLUNTEER**—Oakland County Cooperative Extension Service is looking for volunteers to visit families on a regular basis to offer support and assistance in times of difficulty. Twenty hours of training are provided in areas of home management, human development, nutrition, communication skills, and child development. Time commitment is between two and four hours.

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