

# Gifts your stitcher will love

Here are some ideas for the needle lady on your list who still needs to be shopped for.

Good books are always welcome and easy to find. Look in needlework shops and book stores, but the shops will probably have the largest and most up-to-date selections.

Sharp scissors are a must for the happy stitcher. I recommend stork scissors because their long beaks cut away mistakes neatly. Be aware of the superstition that goes with them, though. They supposedly attract the baby stork to the owner.

If that wasn't quite what you had in mind, try the Fiskars orange-handled scissors with their sharp points. The small size is perfect for needlework. Some stitchers prefer folding scissors although I've had trouble with mine. The hinge that bends them keeps my blades too far apart for cutting. This problem varies with brands, so try before you buy.



the lively needle  
Mary Kay Davis

PIN CUSHIONS hold a different needle threaded with every yarn color being used. Wrist pin cushions will stay with the peripatetic stitcher as she moves around. The old-fashioned tomato type is still attractive, useful, and very inexpensive at your local five and 10.

Stitching lights help a different stitcher's eyes. They vary from expensive floor models which cost more than \$100 to less expensive neck lamps which sell for about \$40. Various needlework shops carry various brands, so this one will take a little

shopping around. If the stitcher on your list uses a frame, give her a frame holder. Needle Easte is one, but by no means the only brand. These marvelous gimmicks hold the frame while she sits in comfort. No crimping develops in the back of the neck and she can work on a frame sitting in the middle of a sofa. I couldn't live without mine.

A needle book is an old-fashioned but nonetheless useful gift which organizes needles and keeps them available for instant selection. This won't break the bank. Needwork shops have some very attractive ones or you could stitch

one yourself if you have the time.

SHOULD YOUR friend be into petit point, doll house needlepoint or bi-focals, she may appreciate a neck magnifier. This is a large magnifying glass being around the neck, through which fine work can be into focus. However, if her bust is on a monumental scale, forget the magnifying glass. It will only accentuate the positive.

For the needworker who designs, buy a box of graph paper — I use eight to the inch. She will never have enough pens. A good beginning selection is three blocks — thick, medium and fine points and no ball points, please. For marking on canvas, she'll be delighted with a fine quill pen and a bottle of India ink.

she ever mentioned wanting to paint her own canvases, buy her a beginner's set of acrylic paints with a fine tipped brush.

Add a box of new pencils and an art gum eraser and you'll be a gift-giver remembered.

## Catholic league honors volunteers

Four area women were among 27 volunteers honored recently by the League of Catholic Women of Detroit for service at its four Bargain Counter resale shops in Detroit, Berkley, Dearborn and St. Clair Shores.

Rita DeVaverne and Helen Viale of Lathrup Village, and Mrs. Lawlor of Birmingham, were named as volunteer workers with over 10 years of service at Bargain Counter North, Berkley.

Kathleen E. Grimmer of Birmingham was among those who received plaques for at least five years service.

The League of Catholic Women Bargain Counters raise almost \$55,000 annually to assist the League's six social service agencies Casgrain Hall, a low-cost residence for single men and women of limited means; Casa Maria Com-

munity Center; Project Transition rehabilitation program for women offenders; Barat Human Services residential and counseling program for adolescent girls and families; the TASC employment training program for the jobless; and the Peter Claver Community Center.

The presentation took place during the League's annual Christmas which attracted more than 200 to Casgrain Hall, the League's headquarters.

Jane Vetter of Bloomfield Hills served as chairwoman of the annual holiday event. She was assisted by Mrs. William Markley of Bloomfield Hills.

Other LCW board members who assisted them included Mrs. Albert Desmond, Mrs. Terrence Keating and Mrs. Alfred Welton of Bloomfield Hills; Mrs.

Donald Klein and Mrs. Jere Gillette of Birmingham; Mrs. Dennis Flynn and Mrs. Anthony Calice of Troy; Mrs. John

Hanley of Lathrup Village; Mrs. Walter Murray of Southfield and Mrs. Alex Motter of Livonia.

## Workshop planned on helping elderly

A training workshop program for men and women who provide services to older adults is scheduled for 4:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9 through Feb. 13, and from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26 in Seasholm High School in Birmingham.

The program is sponsored by the Continuum Center for Adult Counseling and Lending, and is supported by a grant from the National Institute for Mental Health.

Betty White of Bloomfield Hills, coordinator of the Older Adult Project at the Continuum Center, will lead the

training program. The agenda includes general information about the physical, psychological and sociological aspects of aging, as well as counseling skills and techniques particularly applicable to working with adults.

The workshops are very practical in their orientation," Mrs. White said. "We will emphasize the implications and applications that this information has to a participant's work situation."

For information, contact the Continuum Center at Oakland University in Rochester, or call 377-3033.

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