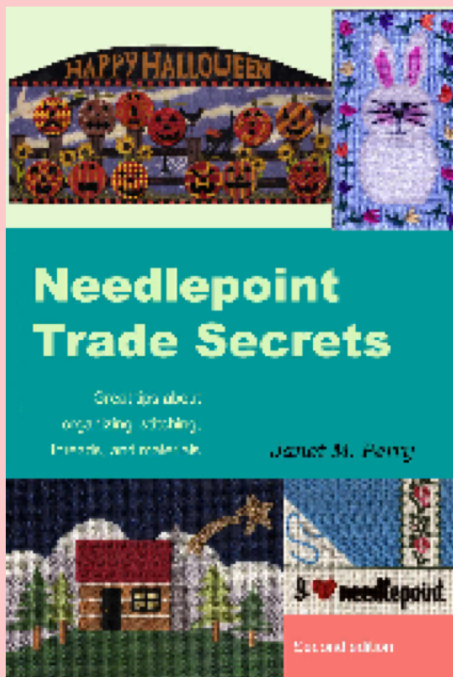


# Needlepoint Trade Secrets

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Great tips like these about organizing, stitching, threads and materials.



~ Do you have a car with a pocket in it, like my minivan? Use it as a place to store a permanent “car project.”

~ Need a sharp-pointed needle for a needlepoint technique? Use crewel or chenille needles. They have sharper points but big eyes (like Tapestry needles). They are sized the same way as Tapestry needles.

~ CD cabinets make great places to store your fibers.

~ Often shops have times for drop-in stitching. They are a time for people to get together and visit and stitch. They are great learning opportunities as well, because you can learn and get ideas.

~ You can save space and let the canvas relax by taking pieces you aren't stitching off stretcher bars and rolling them up.

~ To avoid those annoying little twists ribbon threads get at the ends of stitches, first use a bigger needle to enlarge the holes slightly.

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