



# Rockwell Collins

I love collecting parodies of the American Gothic painting. Here is my latest. I have been baking a lot lately, trying to warm the house up mostly. Had a very nice Christmas. I hope you all did too. Now comes that big stretch with bad weather and not a lot of holidays in it. So

we will attempt some winter cheer with a Valentine's craft this month.

- ☀ Meeting date is back to the 3rd Wednesday of the month again. That change was just for December.
- ☀ Our meeting location & time: We will be meeting at 4:30 at Jean Strait's church. **Kenwood Park United Methodist Church, 175 34th Street NE.** Park in the parking lot that is on 34th Street and come in that door. We will meet on the lower level in the large room. (The section of 34th Street from 1st Avenue is under construction, so take the C Avenue route to get there.)
- ☀ This month's craft will actually be two different projects, both Valentine related. If you still have your "folding bone" bring it with you, as we will be folding and creasing fabric for an origami project.
- ☀ Last month's project was edible and all thanks go to Mary Lagerquist for handling it all while I was gone.
- ☀ Get well wishes go out to Jean Strait, who got a new knee for Christmas!
- ☀ Our charity collection for the past two months went to the Shop With a Cop for underprivileged children. We donated \$55.
- ☀ Our charity for the next two months will be a local animal shelter.

## This Month at a Glance

<b>Next Meeting:</b> <b>Wed January 18</b> at 4:30 Kenwood Park Methodist Church 175-34th St. NE
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<b>Happy Birthday!</b>
<b>January</b>
14th — Nancy Lacy
<b>February</b>
11th — Sue Pauba



## Swedish Weaving

Recently I was in Michelle Bell's shop in Czech Village, White Lion Treasures. They were offering a class on Swedish Weaving. Having NO IDEA what that was, I decided to look it up and here's what I found at the "Mom of 5 daughters" website:

To begin a Swedish weave project, all you need is yarn, a blunt tipped needle, a pattern, and monks cloth. That's it! It is so easy to learn and simple to do which makes it the best needlecraft ever.

You can take your Swedish weave projects with you. You don't need a loom (as for regular weaving) or quilting frames (for quilting) or long knitting needles (for knitting). And because you are working with yarn instead of embroidery floss (i.e. embroidery and x-stitch) your eyes will thank you.

Monks cloth is wonderful to work with. The 100% cotton gives it a comfy feel to hold and touch.

Because monks cloth is all cotton it does shrink . . . a lot! It shrinks between 1/4 and 1/8 smaller than the original size.

All the patterns at 5 Daughter's tell you how much yardage to purchase to achieve the finished size.

You may want to experiment with different colors of monks cloth and different colors of yarn than what is listed on the Ivy Stitching patterns.

Monks cloth originally only came in white and cream colors. It is now available in many colors: red, maroon, pink, rose, rust, light blue, navy blue, turquoise, olive green, dark green, light green, cream, tan, black, white, pastel yellow, pastel orange, lavender, and dark purple.

When machine sewing monks cloth (to keep it from fraying to pieces and to create a nice fringed edge) use a small straight stitch or a small zigzag stitch. You will machine stitch the cloth before washing and drying it.

You always machine wash and dry your monks cloth before weaving on it, then your shrinkage is taken care of and the fringed edge becomes soft and fluffy. Sometimes there are loose dangling threads hanging from your cloth piece when you pull it out of the dryer. Just trim these even with the fringe and then, if you want to iron/press the cloth, you can.

**Mom of 5 daughters**  
Swedish Weave Patterns

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*Swedish Weaving Patterns*

Click on the pattern title or image below to get full details on each design.



*Tulip Blossoms*  
A breath of springtime



*Holly Holiday Afghan*  
Christmas Spirit to cuddle in



*Forest Blanket*  
Outdoors brought indoors



*Swedish Weave Star*  
Mean bright and light!



*Apple Table Cloth*  
A Bushel of fun for your home

**FREE SHIPPING!**

The 5 to 8 paper page patterns at 5 Daughters are the best you will find anywhere. You can work the whole project simply from the color diagram, but for those who aren't visually inclined there are written instructions and every other help possible.

Most patterns include a color diagram, a color chart, and a color photo. Patterns also include a stitch diagram and general and specific design instructions.



*Old Glory*  
A patriotic classic for you

All crochet patterns are sent through e-mail via a PDF file. You may need Adobe to open the crochet pattern file. Adobe can be downloaded for free at [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com). Click on photos below for details about each crochet pattern and purchasing information.



Aladdin, elfish crochet slipper pattern for adults

Click on crochet project photos for fun details and more pattern info.



LUGGS  
Crochet boot pattern



A PDF booklet full of crochet hairband or headband patterns. New unique headband patterns and variations, plus 2 flower patterns and 3 free pattern links.

You will have a good time crocheting these for yourself and make great gifts for everyone else you like.

Truly enjoyable crochet patterns just for you! Everyone enjoys a little whimsy and a bit of something different and fun. That is what you have with Mom of 5 daughters crochet patterns!



Crochet Christmas Stocking pattern

They also have some cute CROCHET patterns on this website. Some cute elf slippers and hats, and a crocheted slipper version of UGG boots.

<http://www.momof5daughters.com/helps.html>

Of all the paths you take in life, make sure a few of them are dirt.



My faith demands that I do whatever I can, wherever I am, whenever I can, for as long as I can with whatever I have to try to make a difference. ~ President Jimmy Carter.

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