



Letter from the President



What a wonderful time we had in Phoenix for the State Workshop. We left Tucson at seven o'clock. That is, seven o'clock from Linda's house! From

my house we left at six a.m. to get to Linda's house. I think Dorothy Badart had to get up at four thirty! The lunch at the workshop was delicious and what a wonderful lesson we had. We did a linen tissue box cover with Brazilian embroidery and all supplies were furnished. Everyone was extremely friendly.

Our Western Regional Representative, Marian Drum was also a guest. It is great to meet people who are so caring and easy to talk with.

I had a wonderful chat with Mary Glenn's daughter, Donna, after she learned we had given a memorial to *Our Mother of Sorrows Science Olympiad*. She and her sister, Marcie, were thrilled with the idea. Mary's granddaughters were on a team that won the state competition and then went on to win the national competition one year.

We have a workshop every month on the first Tuesday. Members volunteer their homes and so far it seems we get about twenty-five gowns ready for smocking at each meeting. We sure could use more help. It's simple and fun. Bring a salad or desert and the gift of gab.

Our 2004 doll raffle tickets will be ready soon and that will certainly give us an early start this year! We can also get an early start on making clothes for the doll.

We need your ideas for programs for our monthly meetings. If you have any ideas, please call either Linda or myself. If you wish to conduct a program, please let us know. We need the support of each and every member. We have a couple of very exciting and creative programs already lined up for the near future but we still have some program openings.

Are you familiar with crocus cloth? If you don't have any, you should get some. It is very, very fine sandpaper that I use to remove burrs from needles, scissors and the throat plates on my sewing machine or serger. One can purchase it at a hardware store.

By the way, my favorite desert is Carrot Cake.....!!!

Jacki

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PROGRAMS

April 21st – Italian Shirring – Terri Kilgore

May 19th – Back smocking is more than utilitarian! – Terri Kilgore

Terri has been inspired once again to take something very simple and turn it into something very elegant!

Back smocking can be plain, ordinary and utilitarian, except in Terri's hands! Terri will show us some samples that will change your mind forever about how to use back smocking to your advantage!!

Mini-lesson – Pleating two layers of fabric – Linda Richards

June 16th – Fancy Edges – Linda Richards

Are you ready to try something besides lace for the trim on a collar or cuffs for your next project?

If so, this program is for you. Learn how to add hand stitches to your

entredoux instead of lace. We will cover a couple of crocheted edges, a twist on the buttonhole stitch along with other embellishments.

July 21st – Hand Painted Fabric – Linda Komo

This is exciting ~ our own Linda Komo, who is a certified *One Stroke* painting instructor, teaches at *Micheals* and *JoAnn Fabrics*. Linda has created a program just for us whereby we will create painted fabric to go with a smocking design for a truly unique and coordinated look.

Refreshments

April –Connie Ravey & Ethel Walker

May – Gail Bastian & Pat Grabher

June – Betty Olson &??

July – Volunteers needed

Please see our new refreshment chairperson, Pat Grabher, if you would like to volunteer to bring lunch.

Sit & Stitch (aka Stitch & Bitch!)

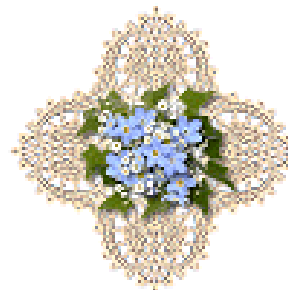
May 4th – Jacki Spatafore

June 2nd –???

July 6th – Linda Richards

We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. unless otherwise announced. **We are now focusing on Wee Care© gowns at each Sit & Stitch.**

Bring a salad or dessert to share for lunch. The hostess will provide the beverages. Please call (or e-mail) the hostess if you are planning to attend – if you don't, you might not have a chair! If you need directions to any of the homes for the next meetings, get in touch with the hostess.



Ongoing Community Service Projects

UMC, TMC & St. Joseph's - Wee Care© gowns in three sizes, hooded blankets & knitted caps

Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind - "Joanie doll" and quilts

Please remember these are commitments made by our whole group. We all need to do our share and help keep Terri supplied with gowns and ASDB supplied with dolls!

2004 State Workshop Review

Desert Rows SAGA Chapter Phoenix, AZ

What a fun day we had! Several CC members were able to make the trip to Phoenix for the workshop. Jacki, Terri, Dorothy, Debi, Linda, Anna, Ethel, Betty and Pat M. left at the crack of dawn to make the drive (we only made a couple

of wrong turns ~ OK, so it was more than a couple ~ the darn cell phones weren't working very well and communication between cars was limited!!)

The ladies in Phoenix had prepared many raffle baskets and centerpieces that were coveted (and several of the baskets made their way to Tucson!) A delightful program on Brazilian Embroidery was presented to us and we all made or at least started a beautiful tissue box cover. The lunch was wonderful and the desserts were spectacular! Show and Share was, as usual, very inspiring. The garments and other items were beautiful.

The next workshop for 2005 will be hosted by a sewing group in Green Valley (sorry, I don't know the name of the group) It will be our turn in 2006 ~ we had better get busy soon if we are going to match Desert Rows!



2004 Raffle Doll "Jill"

Jill is here and she is so pretty!! I can hardly wait to see the lovely clothes you ladies will be making for her wardrobe this year!! Let's get our sewing done early this year so that we can show off her lovely things while we are selling tickets. The clothes are a BIG part of the "buying factor" when someone buys tickets. They love the clothes!!!!

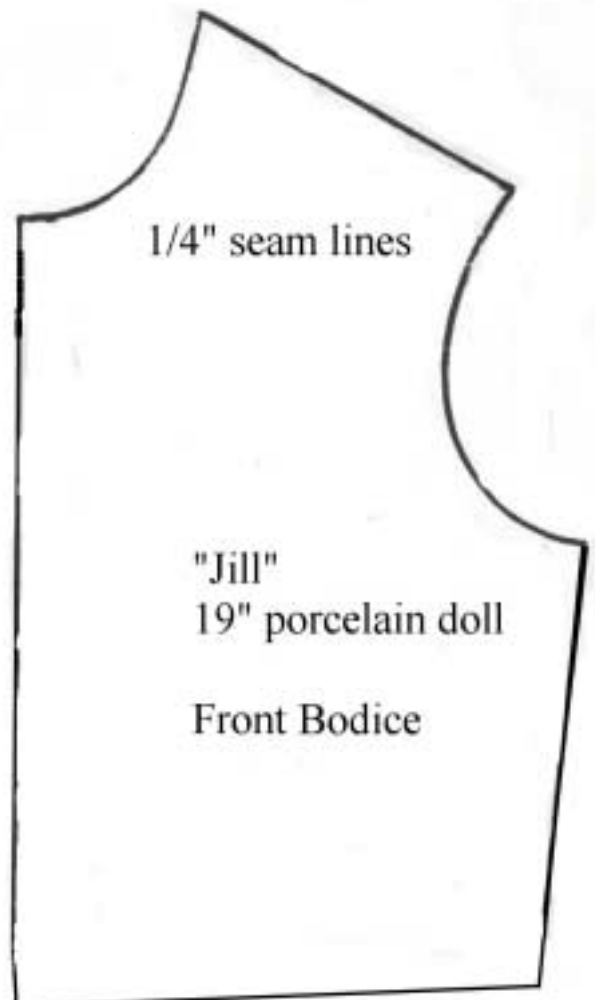
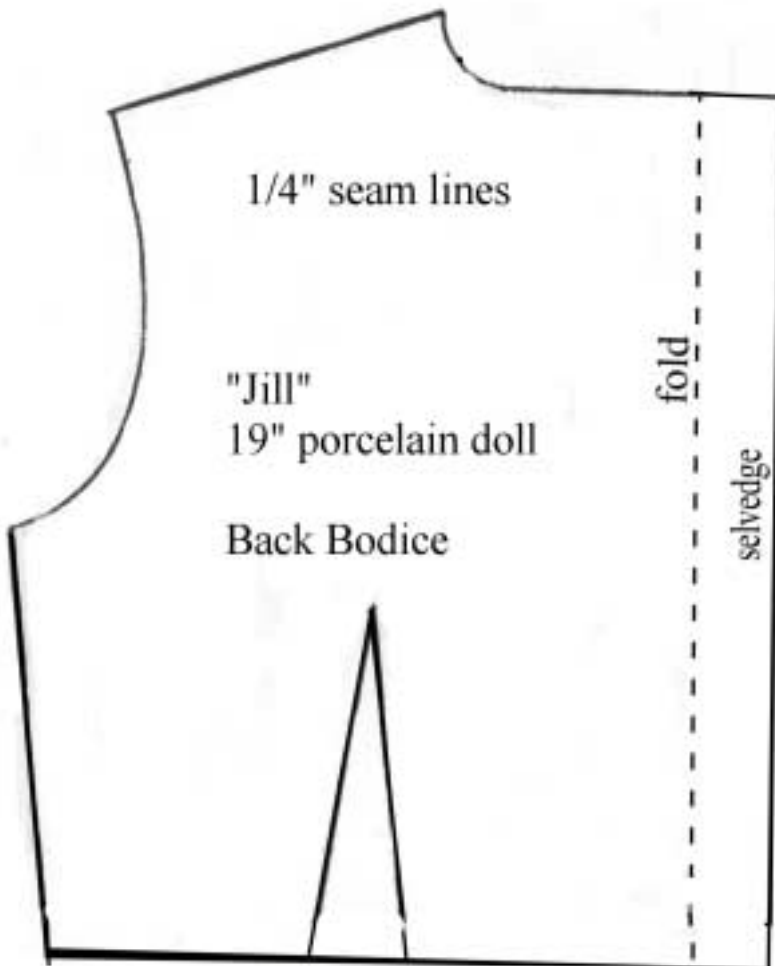
Jill has beautiful big brown eyes and long dark brown hair. Her complexion is a little darker than our dolls in the past. She looks like a healthy little girl who loves to run and play in the sunshine!



"Jill"

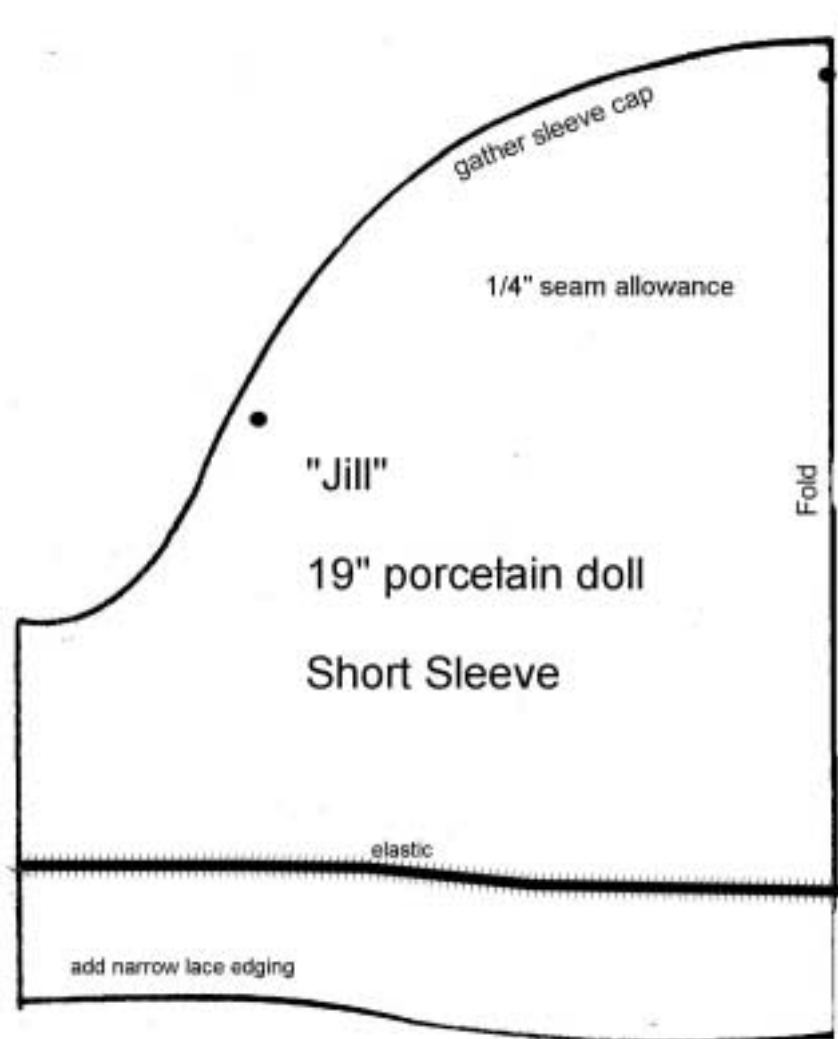
"Jill" measurement chart
19" all porcelain doll

a. head – circumference	12"
ear to ear	9"
b. neck	6 1/2"
c. shoulder length	1"
d. shoulder to underarm (gusset point for seamless bishop)	2"
e. chest	10"
f. waist	8 1/2"
g. front waist length	3 1/4"
h. finished skirt length from waist	7 1/2"
i. waist to ankle	9 3/4"
j. crotch	8 1/2"
k. sleeve length (long) (3/4 length)	6 1/4" ease 4" + ease
l. wrist	2 3/8"
m. elbow	3 3/4"
n. hips	11"
o. neck to floor	14"



This bodice and sleeve pattern will fit "Jill" nicely. You will just need to use the measurement chart to decide how long to make the skirt or other changes in the pattern that your dress design might need. You can still use the patterns for the 18" *American Girl* dolls. They will be a little big but not so much so that they can not be used.

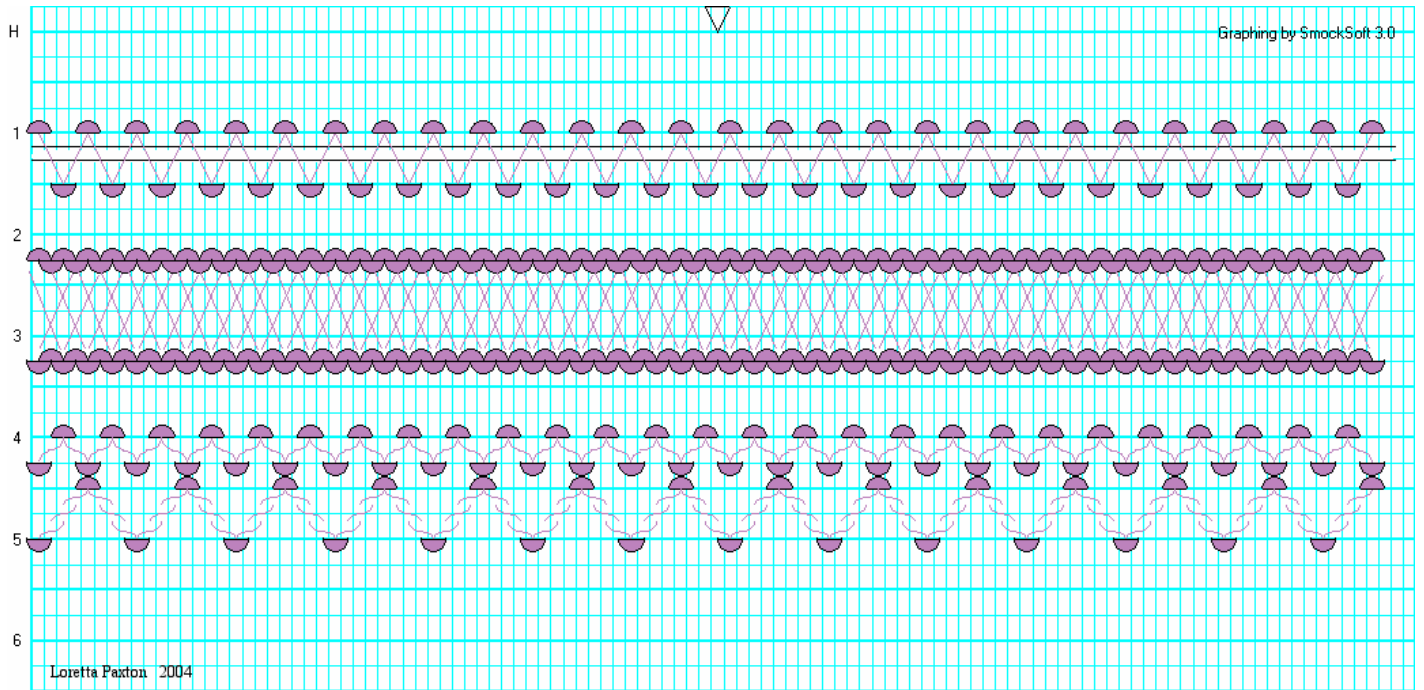
The pattern will print actual size so there is no need to photocopy it larger or smaller.



SMOCKING PLATE

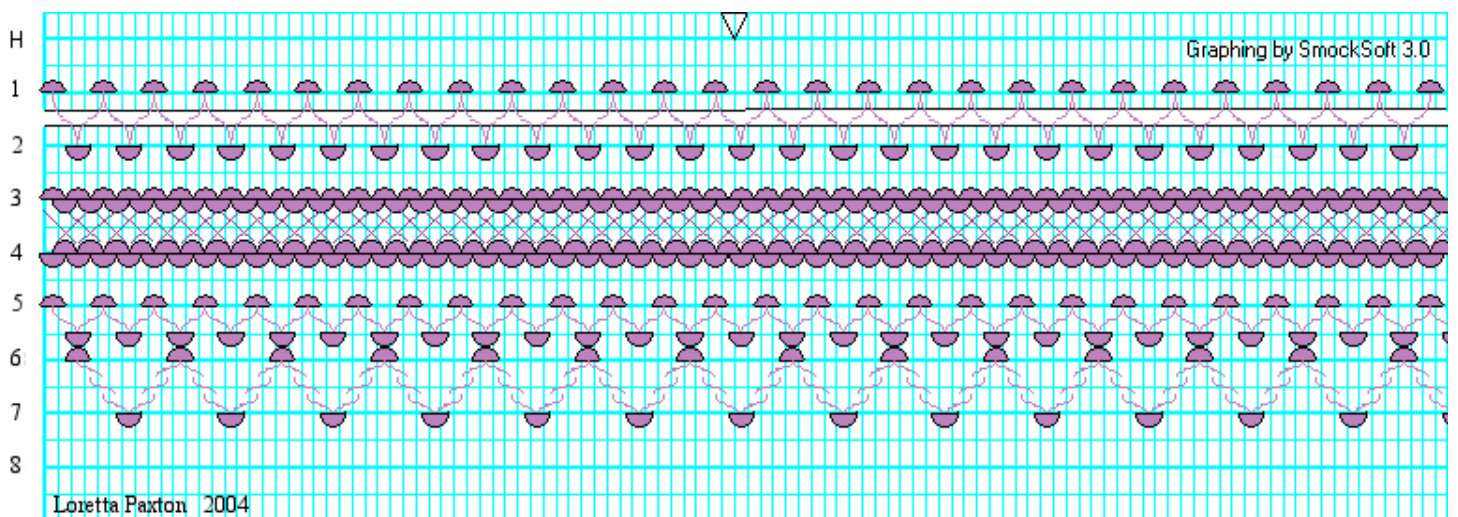
Kelsey I

by Loretta Paxton



Kelsey II

(half space version for WeeCare© Gowns)



Smocking Instructions:

Kelsey I

Pleat seven rows.

Row 1: Half space baby wave across row

Row 2 ¼: Cable across beginning with an up cable.

Row 3 ¼: Cable across beginning with a down cable.

Row 2 ¼ to 3 ¼: Work the Herringbone stitch between the cable rows.

Row 4 ¼ to 4: Work ¼ space baby wave stitch across row.

Row 5 to 4 ½: Work three step trellis across row.

Kelsey II (Wee Care© version)

Pleat nine HALF SPACE rows.

Row 1 to 2: Work full space baby wave between rows one and two.

Row 3: Cable across beginning with and up cable.

Row 4: Cable across beginning with a down cable.

Row 3 to 4: Work Herringbone stitch between cable rows.

Row 5: Work ½ space baby wave across row.

Row 6: Work three step trellis across row.

I Need Your Help!!

It takes a great deal of time and effort to put the newsletter together. I have asked before and I'm asking again for help from each one of you. I am only publishing four newsletters a year but I need items to include in each issue.

Please contribute to the newsletters by writing book, smocking plate or pattern reviews. I know you are all using patterns for the garments you make ~ how did you like the pattern or design? Let the rest of us know! How about contributing your own original smocking design? I will help you graph it if you just have a basic idea or don't know how to graph. What are your favorite smocking or construction tips? Please put your creativity to work and share your thoughts with all of us.

The next newsletter is due to be published in July so I will need your contributions by July 10th.

Free Projects



Are looking for a project or two to keep you busy? If so, surf on over to the Martha Pullen website.

<http://www.marthapullen.com>

There you will find several projects with free instructions. The instructions for this beautiful embroidered pillow, a cathedral window wall hanging, a red work

quilt and a lovely wedding poem are all just a click away!!

You can also find some great photos of antique garments for your sewing inspiration. Click on the link below or follow the link on Martha's homepage.

<http://www.marthapullen.com/Antiques/antiqueguide.html>

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