

## Care and Washing Instructions For Your Needlework Projects

### Care Instructions:

1. When handling any needlework, always take the special care that is necessary to keep your work clean. Wash hands frequently to prevent body oils from staining the fabric or embroidery.
  - Be sure to remove your embroidery from the hoop each time you stop stitching to prevent hoop marks from soiling your fabric.
  - It is recommended that you use approximately 18" lengths of thread when stitching your project. This will help to avoid knotting, twisting or fraying of the thread while you work.
  - Your project should be stored in a bag or workbasket when not being stitched to protect it from dust, spills, etc.

### Washing Instructions:

2. If you have followed our Care Instructions, you may not find it necessary to launder your piece before framing or finishing. If, however, your piece has become soiled, wash it following the instructions below:
  - Always wash each embroidery piece separately -- **DO NOT** wash embroidered piece with any other embroidery projects or laundry items.
  - Wash embroidery in lukewarm water with a mild detergent or dishwashing liquid. **DO NOT** use specially formulated wool wash, harsh detergents, or chlorine bleach.
  - Rinse embroidery several times in clear water. Do not worry if water becomes coloured when washing embroidery -- continue rinsing piece in clear water.
  - Roll the embroidery between two clean towels squeezing gently without wringing -- **DO NOT** allow embroidery piece to touch upon itself. Unroll towels and spread out piece flat to dry on a towel. **NEVER** leave damp embroidery folded or in a heap.
  - To iron your piece, place the dry embroidery face down between two clean towels and press with a warm, not hot, iron. To remove creases or fold lines from your piece, you may find it necessary to use the steam setting on your iron.
  - It is NOT recommended that protective coating sprays or other products of this type be used on your embroidery projects as they may cause a chemical reaction with the thread dyes.
  - It is generally NOT recommended that your embroidery be dry-cleaned. However, certain fabrics (i.e., wools) may require dry cleaning. We suggest that you speak to your local dry cleaner advising him that there may be a reaction between the thread dyes and the dry cleaning chemicals (i.e., benzene, trichlorethylene, etc.).