

Platinum Embroidery Is "GOING GREEN"

No, Platinum is not about to tarnish. LOL!!! But all of us at Platinum are very concerned about the environment and we all do our part to recycle and keep our planet green. We thought it might be fun to share a few of these ideas with you this month.

There are lots of ideas out there, and these are just a very few. Before you get ready to toss that garbage...is there anything in there you can recycle and use?

Here are some simple ones:



A simple egg carton, trimmed back and set into its cover makes a wonderful storage organizer for little things at your embroidery machine. And when it begins to wear or look funny...just make another.



Thread snips can be added between layers of tulle and used with an appliqué pattern then cut out to make cute ornaments. Or add the thread snips to the inside of a glass Christmas ball for a beautiful Holiday gift. Especially pretty if you have been using some metallic thread in your embroidery. Carol from Art in Stitches did these for Christmas gifts for her sewing friends. Very neat idea!



Like to have a mint now and again...or a sour? Those little cans are wonderful for everything from your pins, to your dongle to keeping a few medications in your purse. But, they don't have to be ugly. Dress them up with a bit of embroidery and trims to be fun. You can see a whole set of ideas at <http://www.adesignbylyn.com/TreasureBox.htm> Lyn's idea has been featured in several magazines.



If you are a quilter...you know what this is. I have a wonderful quilter friend who sends me each month a box of all her ends and cuts from her quilts (Bless you Gerrie). I store them in a laundry basket under my cutting table. I use them when I am doing Appliqué work and doing test sews and patches. This is a great way to reuse leftovers. My daughter in law was here for a week, and she started grabbing a bunch and sewing them together in odd crazy quilt shapes and made a new piece of fabric, soon she had enough to make curtains for HER sewing room.



Instead of paper napkins, embroider cloth ones. This is a great way for little ones to learn manners for eating out in restaurants. Test sews also make great napkins with a bit of planning ahead for size. These are from the "Just Around The Corner" collection at

<http://www.platinumembroidery.com/platinumtreasures1107.php>

Here are a few more our friends shared with us.

Soda straws make great lengtheners on your thread rack for those taller spools of thread.

A soup can with some decorations, can hold your scissors and tools. Hangers from the store can be covered with fabric and embroidered to make pretty gifts for teens, weddings and more.

Tote bags...we all have them. Put them in the car for the grocery store shopping. If you don't like what is on the front, embroider something or use a test sew and appliqué it on.

Use the sleeve of an old sweater or sweatshirt to make a bag holder for those plastic bags from the grocery.

Save the ends of the used stabilizer and use them for strips to wax your legs.....OUCH!

Save the strips of stabilizer left over to use behind sewing seams to keep them straight.

Recycle your sew outs into quilts, pillows, bean bag toss bags, cosmetic pouches and more.

Recycle your old jeans and t-shirts and such to do test sews. Matching fabric to what you will be using is important for a test sew.

Use scraps of cutaway stabilizers behind buttons when you sew them on, or behind holes when you "mend" jeans and things.

Save leftover yarn, ribbons, & lace & empty spools & bobbins for kindergarten and preschool teachers - they will find ways to use them in classroom crafts and always appreciate the "supplies"

If you have a small embroidery boo boo or a hole in a shirt or pants...it is time to try appliqué. A great way to fix it up!

Save the wet and gone stabilizer to make "solvy soup".