

STITCH ENIGMA

Week 3: the needlework puzzle

Are you ready? Turn your printer on, grab your pen, let's go!



Hello! and Welcome to the **third stitch enigma!**

Every year to celebrate my blogaversary, I don't host a regular drawing; that's kind of boring and not enough time consuming, really. ;)

The thing is, why rewarding some random reader when you can make them struggle, and guess, and fight for the prize in a sort of Game of Thrones for needleworkers?! ok, that's a tad too much, but you get the general idea.

What I like to do is prepare a fun game I call *stitch enigma*, and whoever solves it gets of course all the glory, plus a fancy needlework prize.

There have been previous *enigmas* (or *enigmata*, that's another plural for *enigma*) with



A Trip to the Past

In the past two years we had a different type of *enigma*. I picked a project and started working on it secretly; prepared written clues and work-in-progress snaps that would work as graphic clues, and posted these regularly for a certain period of time. Sometimes they were guessed very quickly, sometimes it took a really long while before readers figured out what I was working on, but in general it was always great fun to see everyone's comments. You can find all the previous posts featuring a *stitch enigma* by selecting this [Category](#) in the dropdown menu located in the right sidebar of my blog, [The Grey Tail](http://TheGreyTail.wordpress.com).

- chiara



two or more prizes, but this year there can only be one, in a Highlander kind of way (honestly, I've never watched GOT but I had an insane crush for Christopher Lambert while growing up).

If you want to know more about the games we had in the past, take a look at the yellow box right above.

Mainly because I should hate to be predictable, but also because I felt it was time to spice up things, I decided to split this *enigma's* final clue into sections.

This year you will have to solve **puzzles, riddles, codes, identify a mysterious piece**, .. five different games available to download as a PDF every Friday starting on May 1st, the day of my third **blogaversary**.

Each week there will be a new file to download just like this one, and once you complete the game featured in it, there will be instructions as to what to do with the portion of the final clue you just obtained.

Everyone can join at any time, from anywhere in the world. You don't have to be reading this before May 1st to participate, open up as many files as there are available at the moment and get down to work! But remember, in order to win the needlework prize you have to be **the first** person to post the correct answer to the **final clue**, and because that final clue will be obtained game after game I strongly recommend you **follow my blog via email** (which is also required to participate) so that you'll get an instant notification of a new blog post every Friday.

You can tell your friends about this (actually that would be really nice of you), share snaps of you ready to work on the puzzles, talk or write about this using your favourite social media, etc. but please **don't post or share the answers**.

Don't be a party pooper, let's keep this fun for everyone!

Also another **NO NO** is **sharing this PDF** via email or in any sort of way. You can write about it, talk about it, show your copy next to a good cup of tea and add a link to my blog - your friends can access the file and download it for themselves. It goes without saying that you cannot use any of the contents in this file for nothing other than your personal use.

If you have any questions, doubts or comments I would be really pleased to hear from you, just drop me a line using the [Contact me form](#) you find in my blog. You can also find me at Instagram (@nexthursday) and on Facebook (Taras BaBa), but the safest way to get to me is always the blog, I'm hardly ever on FB and comments on IG can easily go unnoticed.

Now it's time to get this game started, shall we?

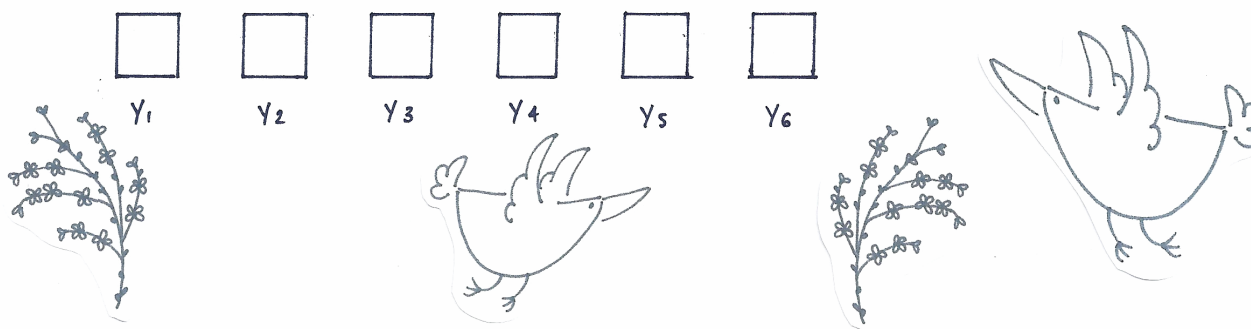
WEEK 3 - THE NEEDLEWORK PUZZLE.

It's time for the third game, the needlework puzzle. You will find it in the following page which will be in black and white, printer friendly format, as usual.

Hidden in the puzzle are the **81 words** listed beneath it; once all the words have been crossed out, you will find yourself with a set of **6 letters**.

This is the third set of letters needed to form the final clue. Add them in the exact order you found them in the puzzle (going from top to bottom, left to right) to the diagram below; this time they have been numbered Y1 - Y6 and the background colour is **yellow**.

Have fun and good luck! See you next Friday! - *chiara*



the needlework puzzle

N O W P K L O S T E R B L O C K C B
 M E O F R I E N D S I A N S R C I A
 S U M M E R T O I G N I T R E M R P
 T Q L R E W O L F O B A F R A N C E
 I I Y P A W K Y I B C H A R T F L B
 T T L L H E A T O U P U Q N I B E B
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 U P C E P O K C Y A Y R T E M M Y S
 Q E T A C I L E D A N Z T P O F O T
 X T H O L I D A Y S W E A T E R J E
 E N O C I B E A D S R N P L G O A R
 N W O R B W O L L E Y N E E R G Y Y

AGO	CREATIVITY	KEY	PINK
ANTIQUÉ	DAY	KLOSTER BLOCK	PLUM
ARABESQUE	DELICATE	KNOT	POUT
AU VER À SOIE	EXQUISITE	LAZY DAISY	PUSH
BAP	FIX	LOVE	QUILT
BEADS	FLAW	MARQUOIR	RAY
BEE	FLOWER	MER	RED
BICONE	FOB	MYSTERY	SAL
BIG	FRANCE	NEEDLE	SEW
BLACK	FRIENDS	NOW	SILK
BLOCK	FROG	OPALESCENT	SQUARE
BLUE	GEOMETRY	PALETTE	STASH
BOBBIN	GREEN	PAPILLON	STITCH
BROWN	HAND DYED	PARIS	SUMMER
BUTTERFLY	HAPPY	PATTERN	SUN
BUTTON	HARDANGER	PAW	SWEATER
CAT	HOLIDAY	PEBBLE	SYMMETRY
CHART	INTERNATIONAL	PEN	TORCHWOOD
CIRCLE	JAY	PERLÉ	YELLOW
COLOURS	JOY	PET	WAY
COMPANY			