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We continue to make progress in the shop. We have a whole new look which we think you'll find warm and inviting. Our painters were Mr. Calvin Long and his helper, Jack, professional painters who have come down from Memphis to help N.O. with the clean up. Mr. Long's phone is (901) 581-1827 or (901) 348-6464. We highly recommend him if you are in need of a painter. His work is excellent and his price is very fair. He's also currently available---not backed up for months with other jobs. Be sure to tell him you got his name from the shop.

Our goal for reopening is as soon as our carpet is laid – which we expect to be on Monday. I am most hopeful that we can have Sit N Stitch in the shop on Wednesday, Nov. 2nd.

HOW TO CLEAN MOLDY FRAMED STITCHING

First: Open up the frame and remove the stitching. If the stitching was laced, cut the threads and remove the lacing threads. If the stitching was mounted with staples, remove all staples. Sunlight will kill the mold but I don't think there will be any hope of the getting the rust from the staples out of the fabric

Second: If the frame was underwater, just throw it out. If you had flood water, but not up the walls as high as the frame, you can try placing the frame in the sunlight to kill any mold and dry out the moulding. The mats and mounting boards should be thrown away.

To clean use these directions at your own risk.

Remember all fibers are subject to bleeding - and wools and silks are not usually cleaned with water.

First try: soak the stitching in cold water and dishwashing liquid. Change solution as often as necessary.

Second try: soak the stitching in cold water and Oxy Clean or a laundry product such as Tide or Arm and Hammer (something without bleach added). One stitcher told me Polident denture cleaner worked great.

Third try: when all else has failed and you have nothing to lose - wash the stitching in your washing machine on the washer's gentlest cycle with a laundry detergent and a small amount of chlorine bleach. You might have to repeat more than once.

If you had rust from staples: the hope is that rust did not bleed into the area of the frame that will show in the "window". There is a product for the laundry made especially for rust (can't remember the name) that I heard worked very well. It's sold in the grocery in the cleaning products aisle. Once the stitching is cleaned, the rust will not continue to "run" or be a problem.

When you are happy with the results, you should moisten your stitching with clear water and iron it on the back side until it is completely dry. This works best if you iron it atop a thick terry towel.

I discovered when I took apart a few of our damaged frames that the designs I had framed with a layer of batting between the mounting board and the stitching acted as a barrier and protected the stitching fabric from mold. We lace our needlework so I had no problem with rusting. Might want to consider those options when reframing.

ARE YOU A STASHLESS STITCHER????

Please send me an email if you are temporarily displaced with nothing to stitch, or know that you have had flood damage to your home, or know someone that had damage and know where they can be contacted.

DO NOT read this and decide that you will not email me!!!

There are stitchers out there that are waiting to help and you MUST allow them to do so. Click this email link and type Stashless Stitcher in the Subject line: accentsemail@bellsouth.net. I will need to know your current mailing address if you are not in your home, so please include that info in your email.

Stitching keeps the hands busy, the mind at ease and the spirit at peace!!!!



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