

Material Girls Present: The Traditional Quilt

March: Stitching Color into your quilt

GREEN & RED, BLACK & BLUE, CRAZY TOO!

Red-work, green-work and blue-work are typical pictorial embroideries.

Most people are familiar with redwork;
green and blue are just that redwork style done in green or blue.

Whereas blackwork is usually fill type embroidery.

CRAZY QUILTS

A quote from an 1883 article in "The Chester Times", Chester, PA.: "If your pieces are of good size, and all fresh and handsome, one way is to cut out blocks of cotton cloth, either square or diamond-shape. Cut enough blocks to make the quilt the desired size, then paste on the pieces of silk, satin, or velvet; lap the edges and turn the upper one under; then cover every seam with feather-stitch, cross-stitch, or any fancy stitch you can invent." Crazy quilts with those asymmetrical patches of pretty scraps of satins, silks and velvets are awesomely breathtaking. They are heavily embellished with laces, ribbons, bobbles, beads and buttons; and all sewn with elegant hand embroidery stitch work. These quilts are a wonderful hodge-podge of beauty, talent and patience. Crazy quilts are heirlooms to treasure for generations to come.

WICKEDLY WONDERFUL WEBSITES

WWW.MARCH

REDWORK & COLOR/STYLE VARIATIONS

http://www.quiltersmuse.com/index_to_embroidery_articles.htm history of redwork, ECT

http://www.equilters.com/library/mystery_quilts/myst3-borderfinale.html redwork

<http://www.freequiltpatterns.info/QuiltCategories/FreeRedworkStitcheryPatterns.htm> redwork

<http://quiltbug.com/articles/redwork.htm> redwork

<http://www.needlepointers.com/ShowArticles.aspx?NavID=396> redwork

<http://www.grandmasatticquilting.com/patterns.htm> redwork

<http://www.freequiltpatterns.info/QuiltCategories/FreeRedworkStitcheryPatterns.htm> redwork

BLACKWORK

<http://www.needlework-tips-and-techniques.com/blackwork.html> blackwork

<http://www.blackworkarchives.com/> blackwork

<http://www.prettyimpressivestuff.com/blackwork.htm> blackwork

CRAZY QUILTS:

<http://www.loopylace.com/crazyquiltstudio/lessons/lesson.htm> home page offering many lessons and tips

http://www.womenfolk.com/quilting_history/crazy.htm history of crazy quilts

http://www.ehow.com/how_13974_interlock-crazy-quilt.html Interlock those crazy blocks

http://www.womenfolk.com/quilting_history/victorian.htm more history

<http://inaminuteago.com/stitchindex.html> stitches galore

<http://www.oocities.org/soho/lofts/6531/> oodles of crazy quilt information

<http://www.caron-net.com/classes/classmayfiles/clasmay1.html> online class for crazy quilts

http://www.alotoflife.com/Restoration/Pages/Quilt_Restoration.html restoration of antique quilts