

Wedding Handkerchief

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Last fall, a dear friend learned that her son (and only child), would be married this summer in California. As mother of the groom, and the wedding all the way across the country, there was little she could do to be involved in the preparations, except to make decisions and write checks to caterers for the rehearsal dinner!! So I wanted to do something to make her feel more involved in what was happening.



A couple of years ago, I took Bobbi Donnelly's Tønder class at "Lace at Sweet Briar". I loved working Tønder, Bobbi was a great teacher, and I was hooked. Not only was the class excellent, but Bobbi had come laden with a large assortment of Tønder patterns which she had ordered from Karelly in Denmark. (email: karelly@mail.dk). We were able to purchase patterns directly from her at her cost! (What a fabulous service *that* was!!) As it happens, I got several, and one of them was "Jordbaer". I put it aside, waiting for the perfect time and reason for doing it. Clearly, this wedding handkerchief had been had pre-ordained!

When I suggested this to my friend, she was thrilled. I know her son, but have never met his bride. So, I suggested that this handkerchief be a "Mother of the Groom" handkerchief. She could carry it in his wedding, and if and when the couple decide to have a child, the handkerchief can be converted to a Christening Cap with a couple of artful folds and ribbons... an Instant Heirloom!! She was delighted with the idea, and so I got to work on it.



The wedding was August 11. I was able to finish the handkerchief well ahead of time (in early July) and gave it to her right away. She has looked at it enough to know that she wants to have it framed with a picture of the Bride and Groom, in such a way that it can be taken out of the frame and made into a cap if desired.

It was very satisfying for me to be able to make something to enhance her experience of the wedding!