

Create A Bag with *Homespun* and DMC — the winners

We were completely overwhelmed with the number and quality of the entries received for this fantastic competition, which we launched in *Homespun* Vol 8 No 11. Apparently, many of our readers love handbags as much as we do! Thanks to the generosity of J Leutenegger, three very talented women have each taken home a complete set of 465 DMC Stranded Embroidery Cottons in almost every colour imaginable. Each set is valued at more than \$670 RRP. Congratulations to Lynne Power, Helen Bravington and Alice Gove, whose amazing winning handbag entries are all pictured below. For those of you who were shortlisted and for others of you who didn't win this time around, be sure to keep sending us photos of your incredible designs and look out for future competitions in *Homespun*. Your turn may be next!



Lynne Power, Swan Hill Vic.
This is Lynne's own original design.



Helen Bravington, Warragul Vic.
Helen created Natalie Rosin's Sewing Things Carry-All from *Homespun* Vol 7 No 11.



Alice Gove, Mildura Vic.
Alice's elaborate flower embroidery and patchwork bag was her own original design and included DMC Perle as well as Stranded Cotton.

The Short List — some of the other incredible entries received



Sharlene Jones-Martin, Kallangar Qld
(original design)



Michelle Mackereth, Waikerie SA
(original design)



Susan Brewin, Portarlinton Vic
(bag design by D Ardle 2003 and own embroidery design)



Rachel Measham-Pywell, Ballarat Vic (original design)



Nina Markopoulous, Frankston South Vic
(Friday's Quilt Tote by Jennifer Knol from *Homespun* Vol 8 No 9)



Pauline Holden, Stawell Vic
(own design, inspired by a bag in Bronwyn Hayes' Flowerbed book)



Helen McGrath, Modanville NSW
(original design)



RIGHT: Margaret Hamilton, South Hurstville NSW (inspired by Vivian Robinson's My Gardening Friends Bag from *Homespun* Vol 6 No 1. Stitchery design by Wendi Dillon)



Amanda McKenzie, Sheldon Qld (embroidery from Bronwyn Hayes' Hummingbird Garden Cushion from *Homespun* Vol 8 No 5)



Jenny Chate, Wynyard Tas
(original design)



Eva Maria von Struppi, age 11, Healesville Vic
(original design by inspired by Guardian Angel Bag by Megan Holmes in *Homespun* Vol 7 No 3)



Yvonne Flood, Bega NSW
(original design)



Wendy Fitzpatrick, Wandin North Vic (bag pattern by Gail Pan from *Homespun* Vol 7 No 8, cross stitch by Dale Burdett)



Lee-Marie Rieck, Port Augusta SA (stitchery design from Natalie Bird's Fairyland; bag pattern original design)



Paula Ryan, Yinnar Vic
(original design)