BOXES

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For some reason boxes seem to hold a particular fascination. They are the guardians of treasures, whether they be an olive wood box that holds a pebble from Masada, a macaroni-covered box that was painted by one of your children, or the two boxes we share with you in this mailing.

The first box is a unique RECIPE BOX shaped like a stove and given to us by Ida Gold of Brooklyn. It would make a truly lovely shower gift, especially if it included some prized holiday recipes or some recipes from your Sisterhood cookbook.

RECIPE BOX

MATERIALS: 1 sheet of plastic canvas, 7 stitches to the inch
acrylic or double strand DMC embroidery thread

DIRECTIONS:

A. Cover
   1. Cut 2 of Figure 1 (38 x 6) front and back
   2. Cut 2 of Figure 2 (38 x 6) back splash
   3. Bind each side. Bind all 8 sides together. (The center will hold the recipes.)
   4. Cut 1 stove top (38 x 20) Figure 3. Follow the graph, suing a tent stitch. The burners are worked in Swedish stitch. Follow instructions over each 6-stitch square. Take one long stitch from 1-2, 3-4, and follow around to 20.
   5. Cut 2 of Figure 4 (22 x 6) for sides. Join by overcasting the front to the side (6 stitches). The box will then be formed. Overcast the stove top to the frame. Overcast the back splash to the back. Overcast the bottom of the 4 sides.

B. Bottom:
   1. Cut 2 of Figure 5 (36 x 22). Follow the graph on the front only. Leave the back blank.
   2. Cut 2 of Figure 6 (18 x 22), bottom sides.
   3. Cut 1 of Figure 7 (18 x 36), floor bottom.
   4. Join the front to the side. Overcast the sides, following the graph: side to back, back to side, side to front. This forms the box.
   5. Overcast the box to the floor bottom. Overcast the top of the box.
   6. Place the cover on the box. An index box can be inserted in the box and recipe cards can be inserted in the back splash when used.