



a letter from the editor...
For many of us the first day of school was several decades ago but it still may be a memory etched in our minds. I know that day is still vivid in my memory and probably is for my teacher Miss Lynley and the entire class...but that's another story. We stitchers get to claim the first day of school as another reason to sew (as if we needed a reason) and to make the day as memorable as possible. Twenty plus years ago when my children were approaching kindergarten and first grade, much thought and care went into the planning of the garments they would wear to meet their new teachers and classmates. On pages 25-33 you'll find inspiration in rich autumn colors of corduroy embellished with appliqué, machine embroidery, and smocking. Perhaps you'll even share with us a favorite garment you've made for someone's first day of school. See "Connecting," page 10 and enjoy your fall sewing!

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