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Colorful Stitchery: 65 Hot Embroidery Projects To Personalize Your Home



Synopsis

Embroidery has never looked this good or been so colorful! And it's never been so much fun to do. With inspiration and encouragement from designer and colorist Kristin Nicholas, would-be and experienced stitchers alike will find dozens of projects that add exuberance to every room in the house. Nicholas's collection opens with pillow covers in dancing colors on unexpected patterns and fabrics, such as stripes and plaids, velvets and corduroys. For kitchens, she offers a joyfully polka-dotted tea cozy or jewel-bright, purchased napkins and tablecloth creatively stitched with floral motifs. Personalized wedding gifts include a luxurious, monogrammed cashmere throw and his-and-hers hot water bottle covers; or for the perfect baby gift, a cozy matching blanket and teddy bear set. Many projects feature fabrics from flea markets and thrift shops, with complete how-to on hand-felting and hand-dyeing sweaters and blankets for the very softest, most colorful look. With her ribbon-stitched craft boxes (perfect for scrapbookers), embroidered stationery, and even a pair of espadrilles, the author explores an exciting world of embroidering on unexpected surfaces and materials. Nicholas encourages readers to find inspiration in whatever pleases them—gardens, nature, ceramics, architecture, ethnic and vintage textiles, postcards and magazines—and to use that inspiration as the basis for this new spin on traditional stitchery. This is the craft book for every creative person who loves fibers and fabrics, and itches to counterbalance the teched-up part of their lives by using their hands for self-expression and personal fulfillment.

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Customer Reviews

I must have 7 bookshelves of sewing/stitchery/needlework books and from among those this book rates an A+++. I *love* the "hand" of wool and she offers many ideas, photos, and clear, inspirational guidelines. I stitch alone, I stitch in several styles, and I often stitch with a 13 year old granddaughter and we both found several ideas we plan to adapt and/or copy. By next Christmas we'll probably have created over 80% of our gifts, all from this book. The author's writing is gracious and clear and leads me back to reading her words again and again. There's more to this than just "directions" but the directions are terrific as well.....even a 13 year old can attest to that. HIGHLY recommended!

I never thought that I was capable - let alone would enjoy - embroidery, but once again Kristen has lured me into the world of textile arts with fun, unique, interesting, and easy-to-follow projects that even a novice would be proud to call their own. Your friends and family will be impressed: Wouldn't a hand made teddy bear make a fabulous baby shower gift? What about a hand embroidered wedding blanket? Or you could make embroidered linens for Gramma, just like she did for you! You can do it all with Kristen's book no matter what your level of expertise. Really. I swear.

I just got COLORFUL STITCHERY in the mail, this past weekend, and started (and finished) my first project. The designs are so easy to follow. It took me no time at all to get in the groove. Hoorah for another awesome book by Kristin Nicholas!!!! I have to add a bit about the illustrations: I love 'em. I've loved them in KIDS KNITTING and in KIDS EMBROIDERY (both of which are also great books!!!). I'm so psyched for this book. I can't wait until work ends and I can go home to start my next project!!!

I had never done this type of work before but when I saw this book in a local store I was intrigued. The step by step instructions on how to do each type of stitch and pattern make it so easy that I have made 7 pillows in the past month, and some only take a few short hours! I recommend this book highly.

Embroidery projects usually focus on clothing, but they can be used to personalize a home, too - as embroiderer Kristin Nicholas demonstrates in COLORFUL STITCHERY: 65 HOT EMBROIDERY PROJECTS TO PERSONALIZE YOUR HOME. From dragonflies on pillows to lap blankets, egg cozies, and more, these colorful embroidery projects lend to gift-giving as much as home

embellishment. Each comes with a full-page picture and easy details on fabric choice, notions and stitches.

The projects are so well explained in word and picture...hand drawn by the author artist: indeed the whole book is a work of art in itself. Every page a gem of color and inspiration and just plain fun! See page 172 for a fabulous project for oneself or a birthday party activity. This book is like a smile: everyone should have one.....Claudia Birkeland

This book is not for the experienced crafter. If I had had the opportunity to flip through it before purchasing, I wouldn't have purchased it. With that said, I do think it could be useful for someone young and new to crafting. It has some good basic information and cute projects. I sent it to my 23 year old daughter and she is enjoying it much more than I.

I'm a knitter and I have purchased Kristin's knitting books. Lately, I've been wanting to do some crewel embroidery and this was a very fun book to start with. Kristin has wonderful, creative ideas and a lively sense of color that is engaging and exciting. The book has excellent instructions for the projects shown. I see the projects as a "jumping off" place for my own ideas. The pictures, taken at the artist's home, give added depth. All in all, this promises to be a new favorite!

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