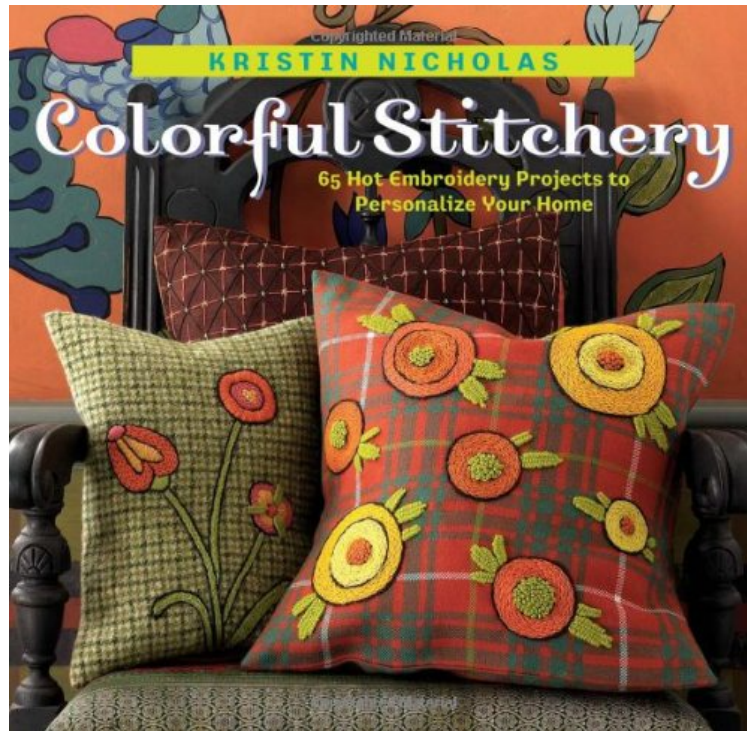


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to learn embroidery and I also wanted to expand my knowledge of stitches and improve my technique. We both like Colorful Stitches because the instructions are clear and easy to follow, and the projects included are a visual treat. There are many unique embroidered items that would make great gifts, and are accessible to beginners and their moms too.

Embroidery has never looked this good or been so colorful! And its 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. Nicholass 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 themgardens, nature, ceramics, architecture, ethnic and vintage textiles, postcards and magazinesand 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 selfexpression and personal fulfillment.

"innovative cross-stitching ideas and countless combinations of patterns, colors and textures." Log Homes Design Ideas"it was as if I had been reunited with an old friend." Orange County Register"Sounds like all the inspiration most people would need." Milwaukee Journal Sentinel"really does make embroidery look chic." Observer-Dispatch"plenty of insight and advice for dreaming up your own designs" Vogue Patterns"Embroidery has never looked this good or been so colorful! With inspiration and encouragement from Kristin Nicholas, would-be and experienced stitchers alike will find dozens of projects that add exuberance to every room in the house." -The Herald-Star, Steubenville, Ohio