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experience learning embroidery stitches from a book. This isn't a book for absolute beginners. I want to be clear, I love this book and looked through it with pleasure and amazement, there is a lot of treasure in these pages. The Book of Stitches is now next to the chair where I work for easy access as I plan to take advantage of the inspiration and unique use of stitches. Recommended to the embroiderer and crazy quilter with no reservations. Canvas workers, needlepointers and those who like drawn or pulled work should look elsewhere for a stitch guide as The Book of Stitches concentrates on surface embroidery. The book is mainly in black and white as well, with a few color plates for those who demand color, but give this book a chance and it is sure to become a workhorse of inspiration and instruction.

Demonstrates the versatility of stitches - the textures and patterns that can be achieved, the effects created by working a stitch in different threads, combining stitches to make new ones, and altering the angle of a stitch. The book includes descriptions of over 70 different stitches.