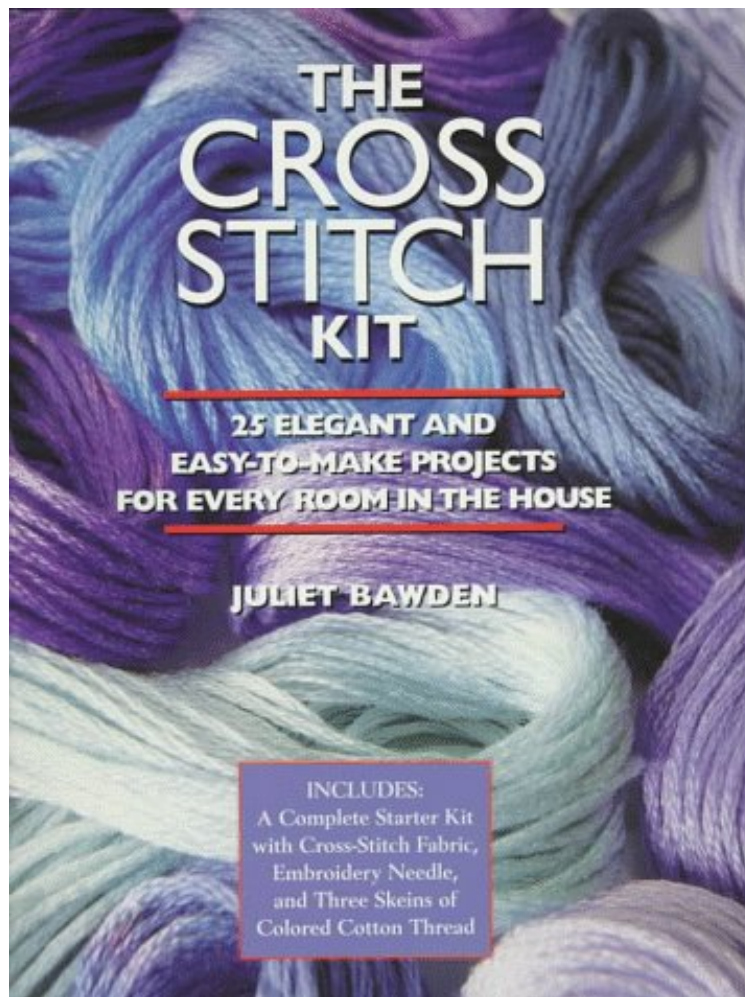


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Juliet Bawden : Cross Stitch Kit: 25 Elegant and Easy-to-Make Projects for Every Room in the House, with Fabric before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Cross Stitch Kit: 25 Elegant and Easy-to-Make Projects for Every Room in the House, with Fabric:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Missing a little something...By Tabbykitten13...Like the middle section on some of the charts. Seriously, a few of the larger charts, like for the curtain tie-back and for the black and white runner she's divided the chart into two sections to fit the pages, which is fine, but she's left out the chart for a couple rows in the middle, so you have to try and decipher what you're supposed to do in those sections from the picture. If you can... on the red and white throw she gives lovely charts for the individual motifs, but nothing showing

where they go in relation to each other, and none of the pictures of the project show the panels laid out flat so you can get a reference. There's also the lovely red and blue tablecloth where she flat out says to make up your own chart. I got this book (sans materials) at a second hand store, so I can deal with those annoyances for the dollar and change I paid, but if I had had to pay full price for this haphazard mess you'd better believe it would be going back! The designs in the book are charming and most are taken from vintage traditional European folk patterns, and I can find very little fault in them. The talk of tools, materials and stitching are well enough, but I have to knock off several stars for the seeming lack of a competent proofreader on the patterns. On her linen tablemat and napkin project she tells you to finish off the edges by merely pulling out five lines of thread on each side, with no sort of stay-stitching at all to keep your hard work from disintegrating in use or in the wash, and that sort of lack of finishing detail is exactly what is wrong with the "finishing" of the book itself. 29 of 29 people found the following review helpful. A wonderful book for beginners! By A Customer I'm not really a beginning stitcher but I was interested in what this book could offer as projects. The charts are mostly simple and the instructions quite clear. I've finished one project and have started another! The fabric, floss and needle make it easy to get started right away. My only wish is that it included more fabric and floss so I could do the larger projects too! This book is a great way for a beginner to practice their skills on smaller charts and has some good finishing ideas as well.

For cross-stitch beginners and needlecrafters, there is great value in this idea-packed instruction book with a starter kit containing Aida cross-stitch fabric, a needle, and three skeins of colored cotton thread. Ranging from cushions to curtain tiebacks, napkins and placemats, picture frames, pillowcases, towels, baby blankets, bibs, and decorative holiday items, these 25 projects for the home are simple to make, yet elegantly designed.