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Stafford Whiteaker : English Garden Embroidery before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised English Garden Embroidery:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. needlepoint, or crossstitch designs, flowers and fruits with bordersBy Elizabeth A. ThompsonA lovely older book. The designs included can be adapted for all sorts of counted needlework. There are some really nice borders around some of the designs that could feature any sort of motif, including monograms or verses.

This is a presentation of over 100 original designs based on the hand-coloured patterns popular in Victorian times and inspired by the flowers, fruits and animals found in the traditional English country garden. The patterns range from full-page size to small border motifs and include pansies, strawberries, honey bees, a cat and his catsnip, nasturtiums and poppies, rose geometric and snowflakes. Each pattern has a suggested colourway chart coded for British and American wools and a section on essential stitches will remind both the novice and the advanced needleworker of the basics. The accompanying text includes information on the flowers and gardens of England and poetic sayings which lend themselves to be worked up as embroidered samplers, for which there is an alphabet. The author also wrote "The Compleat Strawberry", "English Garden Embroidery" and "English Countryside Embroidery".