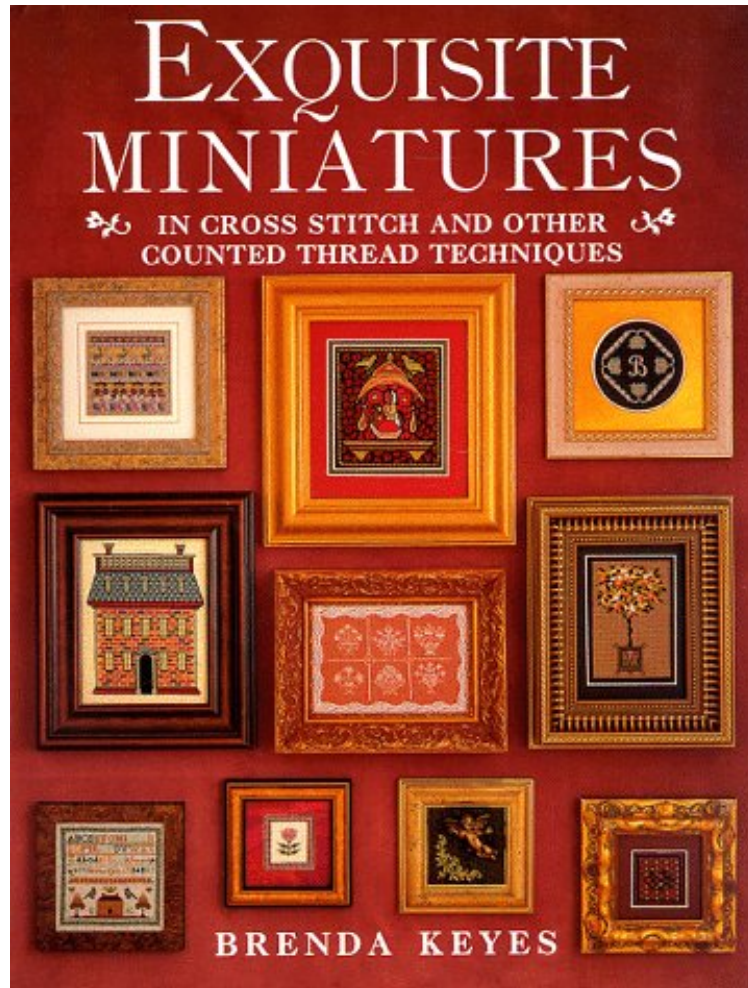


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Good things come in small packages-as these charming counted-stitch miniatures prove! Use your needlework skills to cross-stitch plants and animals, birds and trees, houses and baskets. At the start, you'll find a stitch directory and all the basic information needed to understand charts, calculate fabric quantities, and work with threads, hoops and frames. Then choose any one of the 34 projects, among them The Boxers, inspired by a 17th century sampler; bright Victorian flowers; and a golden cherub that's simplicity itself to make. Those who believe bigger is better can use the instructions for enlarging the patterns! A Selection of BOMC's Crafters Choice Book Club.