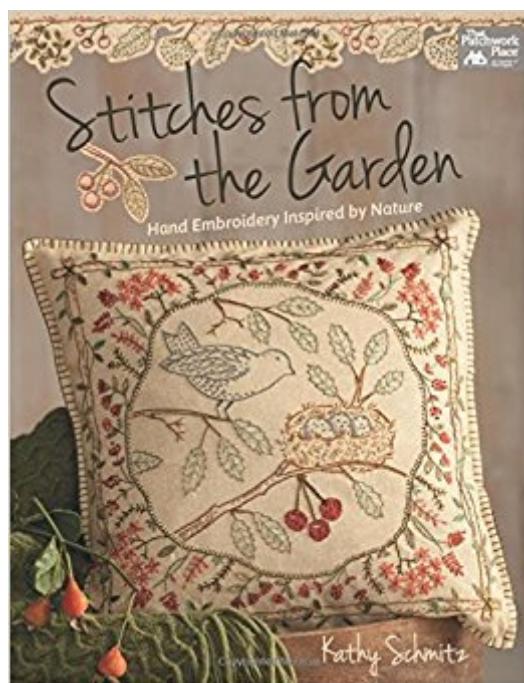


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# Stitches From The Garden: Hand Embroidery Inspired By Nature



## Synopsis

Indulge in the sentimental pleasures of stitcheries with wistful vintage artistry. Inspired by nature and stitched with the gentle romance of days gone by, noted artist Kathy Schmitz creates designs that use simple embroidery to create thoughtful keepsakes. Select from a variety of elegant embroidery projects, including a pillow, pincushion, wall decoration, tote bag, and more. Find success with each design--clear illustrations demonstrate how to master every featured embroidery stitch. Revel in Kathy Schmitz's original artwork, gracefully presented throughout the book.

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## Customer Reviews

Expert quilter Kathy Schmitz (founder of the pattern company Kathy Schmitz Studio) presents *Stitches from the Garden: Hand Embroidery Inspired by Nature*, a medley of embroidery projects inspired by charm and wonder of nature. Filled with full-color photography, traceable embroidery patterns based on Schmitz's hand-drawn artwork, reader-friendly step-by-step instructions, and supplemented with a helpful diagram of embroidery stitches, *Stitches from the Garden* is a treasure trove of inspiration for needlecrafters! Highly recommended. --The Needlecraft Shelf

*Stitches from the Garden: Hand Embroidery Inspired by Nature* is a fine collection of hand embroidered works that use easy embroidery techniques to create keepsake pieces from tote bags and pincushions to notions keepers and more. The look is vintage but the techniques incorporate embroidery designs and approaches designed to streamline results and produce the best professional-looking results.

Any who want to blend nature and garden images with useful gifts and projects that support sewing materials will find this an excellent collection. --Midwest Book Review

When Kathy Schmitz was growing up, her mom always made sure that she and her sisters had an abundance of creative craft supplies at their fingertips. In adulthood, after many trials and errors, and jobs at banks and the like, Kathy says she is lucky enough to be what she always dreamed of being as a little girl, a designer. Kathy has designed fabric for Moda since 2002 and has had her own pattern company since 2007. You can find her online at [KathySchmitz.com](http://KathySchmitz.com).

I hate to say it but I don't care much for this book even though I'm a Kathy Schmitz fan. If you like stitching projects that look like something your grandmother (in her early stitching days) may have made, then it is likely that you will like this book. 's pictures of the book's projects depicts most of the projects. There are two bags, the Bloom Bag which measures 11.5" x 9.5" (I may use the stitchery on a pillow) and Cheery Cherries Tiny Tote which is 5" x 6". There are a couple needle keeps and a 3" x 2.75" pin cushion. There is a pillow (shown on the book's cover), a table runner and a journal cover. There's a tea towel (28" x28") that has a bird perched on a tea cup and there are four different cup designs (okay, this one is actually really cute and looks more like what I expect from Kathy's stitchery designs). There is also a wrist cuff if you are into wearing your stitched projects. Most projects carry through with the same or very similar look of the pillow on the book's cover. The embroidery keys that identify the embroidery stitches used in each project are easy to use. The Embroidery Basics pages are where I feel they should always be...at the back of the book. That way what sells books, the designs, are up front. The floss reference includes DMC and The Gentle Art Floss. The embroidery stitches examples are large and even though they don't have the A, B, C style, they are clear enough to see how you both begin the stitch and continue.

Beautiful book, the drawings and patterns are wonderful. You can make the projects as illustrated or in whatever way adapts to your projects. All the designs are not simplistic, but have simplicity in their beauty. Also the directions, stitches and floss information is excellent. I recommend this book, I am so glad I found it on . I have several embroidery books and this one is an awesome addition to my selection.

Beautiful book with the most lovely patterns. Received my book a couple of weeks ago and have completed three of the projects already. Beautiful, designs and colors. Directions very easy to follow.

Wonderful book for modern stitchers who would like to preserve a vintage mood. Well written, beautifully illustrated, and clearly explained. Highly recommended for either novice or experienced stitchers looking for something unique and special.

I love all of Kathy Schmitz's book! The patterns are beautiful and the directions are clear and concise. Anyone who enjoys embroidery will love this book!

I love the projects in this book and can't wait to make some of them for myself and friends. I have made many of Kathy Schmitz's patterns and found them to be accurate and lots of fun. I'm a big fan of handwork and embroidery is a great take-along craft.

Now.....WHICH one will I make first??! VERY nice designs!

Really pretty little patterns and clear instructions. Lots of details on needles, floss, etc.

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