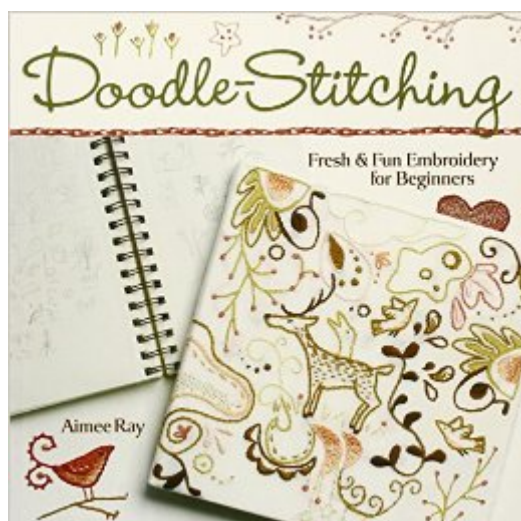


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# Doodle Stitching: Fresh & Fun Embroidery For Beginners



## Synopsis

Asian-inspired lampshades embellished with flying fish. Canvas sneakers decorated with pink and white swirls. A pretty pillow adorned with a sleeping bunny, sweetly curled up. All it takes to create these appealing projects—or add charming embroidered touches in no time at all—are a few simple stitches, some easy techniques, and the nearly 30 projects in this book. Begin by learning several styles for outlining, filling, decorating, and appliqué. Find out about floss, fancy threads, fabrics, and needles. Get the scoop on hoops, and the lowdown on transferring your very own designs onto every type of fabric. The fresh ideas, witty patterns, and clever color illustrations take stitchers from novice to accomplished in a blink of the eye!

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## Customer Reviews

I've bought a bunch of embroidery books recently, hoping to get into this craft which has always attracted me but never quite hooked me. The best so far was Kristin Nicholas's book, *Colourful Stitchery*. Very fun. The *New Crewel* is quite cool too. The others - well, let's just say that most of them are a little dreary. I wasn't crazy over *Hip to Stitch*, although to give it its due there are a couple of cute designs there - nor over the *Stitch it Kit*, although some of the transfers are very cute. Worst of the bunch was *Not your mama's stitching...* not even one thing that I would like to make... at least the others all have one or two projects I like. This is different. There are loads of things that

inspire me in here. Obviously not everything, but loads - which is quite something. Her colour combinations are lovely, her designs are really fresh - this is such an overused adjective, but it works here. Her instructions are really detailed and clear - she leaves nothing out and takes nothing for granted. All in all, a really cute book which has finally gotten me into embroidery - what fun - I have actually already gotten half way thru a project..... this is a keeper.

I love this book! It's full of really cute (but not too cutesy), basically simple projects that anyone can make with wonderful results. I received it yesterday afternoon and was immediately inspired to get going. By bedtime, I had already made two lovely little projects and will be making more today. Perfect for something to do while relaxing, listening to music, or watching tv. Some of the projects take just a couple of hours or less. Great for little gifts. There are also some bigger projects that I look forward to making, too. I'd definitely recommend this to anyone who likes to make fresh, creative, and delightful stuff!

Often when I buy a craft book, I do so thinking that I'll probably never do 99% of the projects in the book- I'm often just inspired by what's in the book instead. Not the case here (though it's still inspiring)! Almost all of the ideas really appealed to me and I can't wait to start working on my favorite projects. The designs are fun and very unique and the ideas are fun as well. It has the usual staples in any embroidery book- ("embroider your towel!" "embroider your pillowcase!") but some things I don't see often- toys, scrapbook covers, and a lap quilt that I can't wait to make on my own. But beyond just the projects, I was so happy to see a how-to that's actually useful. I'm tired of books with the same drawings over and over again; you'd be surprised at the number of books that don't actually show you a picture of a finished stitch to give you a better idea. The how-to here is detailed with actual photos of the stitch-in-action next to the stitch description. For those of us who taught ourselves how to embroider, it's nice to know what we've been doing and it's also nice to branch out. This is definitely a great book for crafts, whether you're new to embroidery or whether you've been stitching for a while. I LOVE it!!

I was a bit disappointed by this book. Everything good mentioned in the other reviews is true: the designs are charming, the color combinations are lovely, the instruction is detailed and clear. However, there are several wonderful finished products shown in the book (including the project featured on the cover) which do not have a pattern anywhere in the book, and of course these are the projects I most admire. Frustrating!

I have never done embroidery so I wanted to buy one book that not only would teach me the stitches and get me started with supplies, but would also provide some patterns/ideas to inspire me. This book is perfect. It contains very clear instructions with pictures for the beginners like me, but goes on with some gorgeous/adorable projects that anyone can do (yet look so professional). The baby/wall quilt is worth the book's price alone; it is just amazing. I am not a person who has to only follow patterns (even though this book is perfect for that type of person) so I was inspired when reading the book that my simple doodles could be rendered in thread. I would never have thought about doing that. So not only does this book inspire you to do the projects (all but a few I plan on doing, and even the ones I won't do right now are still lovely), but it encourages you to go out on your own and create your own works of art. I only hope that this author eventually puts out a pattern book in addition to this book (this book has wonderful patterns, but I am itching to have more of her gorgeous work in my hot little hands). I have followed some of her work on that popular crafter message board and it is simply outstanding. I am so happy I invested in this book and especially happy that one little inexpensive book is all I need to start in my new art: Embroidery. Buy this book for yourself AND a friend. You will not be sorry.

Everything about this book is wonderful. I love the designs and colors! As a beginner, I really appreciate the demo showing three different results from the same simple pattern. It illustrates how much difference the choice of colors, stitches, and background materials make.

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