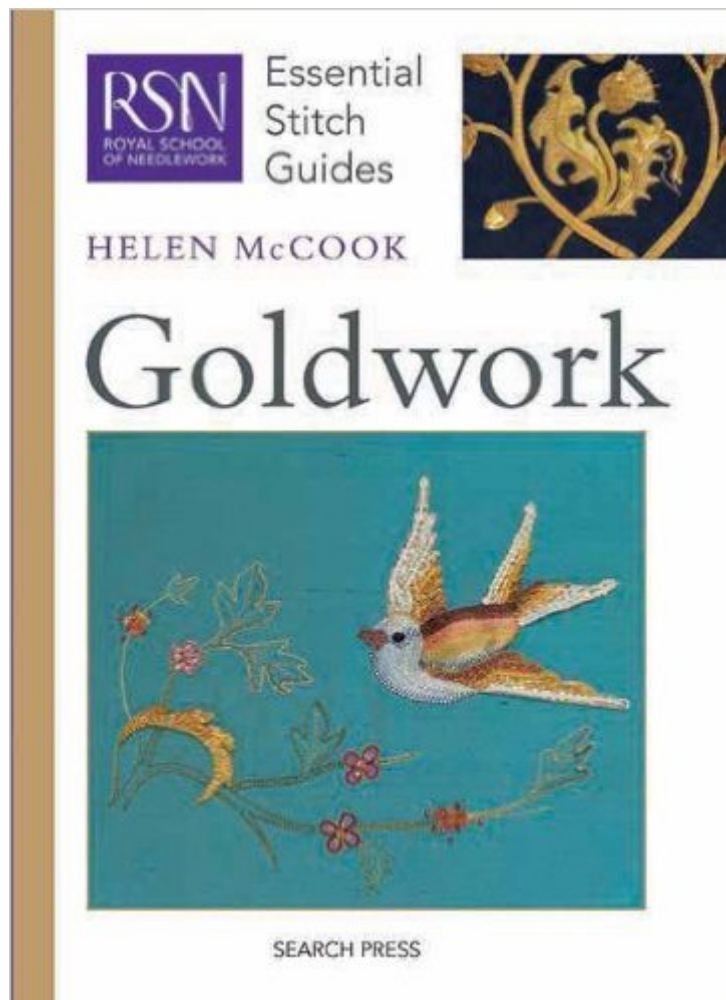


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# Goldwork (Essential Stitch Guides)



## Synopsis

This much-needed book features all you need to create beautiful stitched work. Helen McCook includes the major stitches, with expert advice on padding, couching, using colour and mixing techniques. While covering the traditions of goldwork, she develops techniques offering innovative design, new ideas and inspiration.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

The RSN Guides to various styles and needlework techniques are as always indispensable primers and the RSN Goldwork book is no exception. RSN has developed a standard for format and content for these books and the standard is a good one: clear, accessible and confident. First, a brief history of both the Royal School of Needlework and the history of the technique. This history is necessarily brief as the book is concentrated on teaching the materials, tools and methods. Next is a review of the various metal threads used in goldwork as well as necessary tools and this section is invaluable. Goldwork threads are different from other embroidery threads and different from each other ranging from threads that are metal wrapped around textile cores to hollow metal threads. Understanding the materials is key and this book gives good understanding. Next the techniques and stitches are reviewed and this encompasses the meat of the book. Photographs are clear and step by step. Even a novice at goldwork, the intended audience of the book will be able to follow the instructions. Examples of historical and contemporary goldwork are scattered throughout the book and while no specific project directions are given, the examples do use stitches taught in the book and line drawing cartoons are provided for the adventurous embroiderer. In short, this is another entry in the

wonderful technique primers by the RSN and it is a good buy as an introduction to goldwork with clear explanations of materials, techniques and stitches.

I know I've said it before, but these books from the Royal School of Needlework can't be beat. If you've never touched goldwork, this book will walk you through it step-by-step. If you've been doing it for years and years, it's fantastic reference material. You can't go wrong with this book.

Nicely presented instruction! I'm a beginner, and after looking through this book I'm confident this is going to give me the help needed to accomplish beautiful work. Great pictures and instruction. And the book lays flat for ease of use.

Great book with much useful information. Easy to follow instructions. I would recommend this book to anyone starting this old/new type of needlework. I'm having fun combining sasiko and goldwork using some of the techniques. Would definitely recommend adding this book to your sewing library.

This is a great little book on goldwork embroidery. In depth information on it's history, materials and how to actually do it, complete with a few projects at the end and spiral bound so it lays flat easily.

It was very good book. I already have some previous knowledge of the techniques discussed, but found it to be well written. Highly recommended, especially for the price.

This book has great pictures and shows many details of how to do the work. I enjoyed just flipping the pages and realizing how much I can do.

This is a brilliant book again from the RSN. I hope to be able to achieve this degree of work sometime in my life! Beautiful instructions and great projects.

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