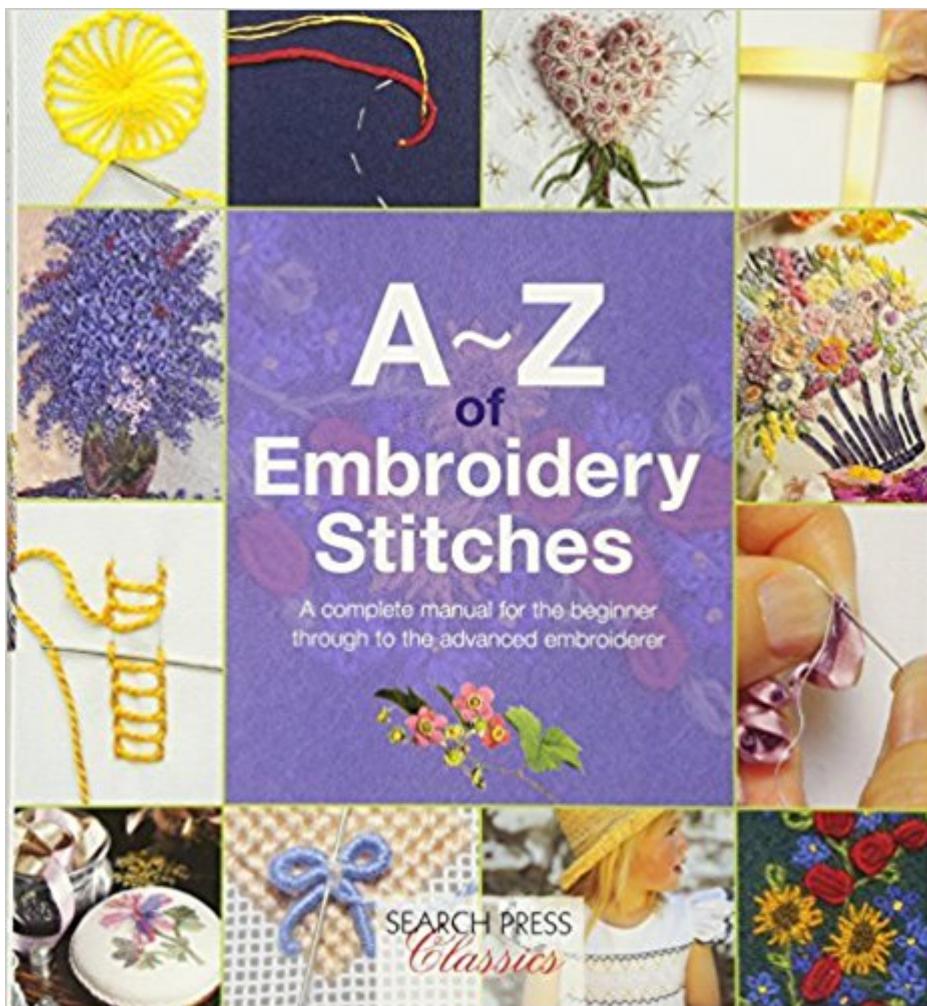


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Compiled by the expert team at Country Pumpkin, renowned Australian publishers of embroidery books and magazines.

First, I'm delighted that everyone here seems to love this book. Let me explain why you may not. I own about 700 needlework books including dozens of stitch guides, encyclopedias and dictionaries. These are books I strongly suggest you consider instead:Rebecca Ringquist's Embroidery Workshops: A Bend-the-Rules Primer--this is the newest stitch guide. You get an actual piece of

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clearly??I'm avoiding the Search Press A~Z series books but I really like these:Silk Shading (Essential Stitch Guides)Crewel Intentions: Fresh Ideas for Jacobean EmbroideryBeginner's Guide to Drawn Thread Embroidery (Beginner's Guide to Needlecraft)I hate to be such a bummer...but I'm trying to be helpful!

This is definitely not for a novice or a beginner. I'm really pleased now that I've reviewed older books that used to actually teach the art of embroidery. I hadn't embroidered for a long time and needed at least a slight refresh and a new tutorial on neatness, tying off, etc. For basics, I'd recommend even a child's embroidery book, but this is definitely not a starting place (and not A-Z for that kind of initial knowledge).

This is a fabulous book!!! I actually purchased the Embroidery Stitches 1 and 2 books, and I am so glad I did!! The instructions and diagrams are so clear and easy to follow! I love that they have actually photos and not just diagrams. I'm a very visual person, as in if i can see it done then I can do it. These books are perfect for me!! The steps are thorough and I'm not left wondering what to do next. The variety of stiches is also amazing!!! My mom taught me how to hand stitch and embroider when I very young, and in all my years, I haven't seen over half of these stiches before!! So I love all the new ideas and different designs I use in my work!! I couldn't be happier with these books!!!

One of the best embroidery dictionaries out today! Color pictures of each stitch helps the novice learn and the advanced perfect this time-honored art!

The best embroidery stitch book I have ever found! The instructions for each stitch, basic to advanced, are easy to understand and accompanied by color photographs of each step. I have been tearing my hair out trying to follow the instructions of some very gifted needle artists who simply should not be teaching the basics of stitch work. I highly recommend this book!!! I added a spiral binding which makes it even mor fabulous.

Great book for my crafting resource bookshelf. The images are wonderful and easy to understand. Perhaps the complete embroidery novice would need more than this resource to begin (or become proficient at basic) embroidery, but for someone who already has some basic embroidery experience, this is a very useful book. I plan to also get Book 2 in this series.

I have wanted this book for a long time. It was recommended to me by a friend. I am very satisfied with my purchase. A very good basic instruction book with pictures. A great reference book of embroidery stitches.

I enjoy all the A - Z books. Excited to have this one added to my collection and to be able to learn MORE embroidery stitches and SEE how to do them. Just what I needed to kick my projects up a notch!

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