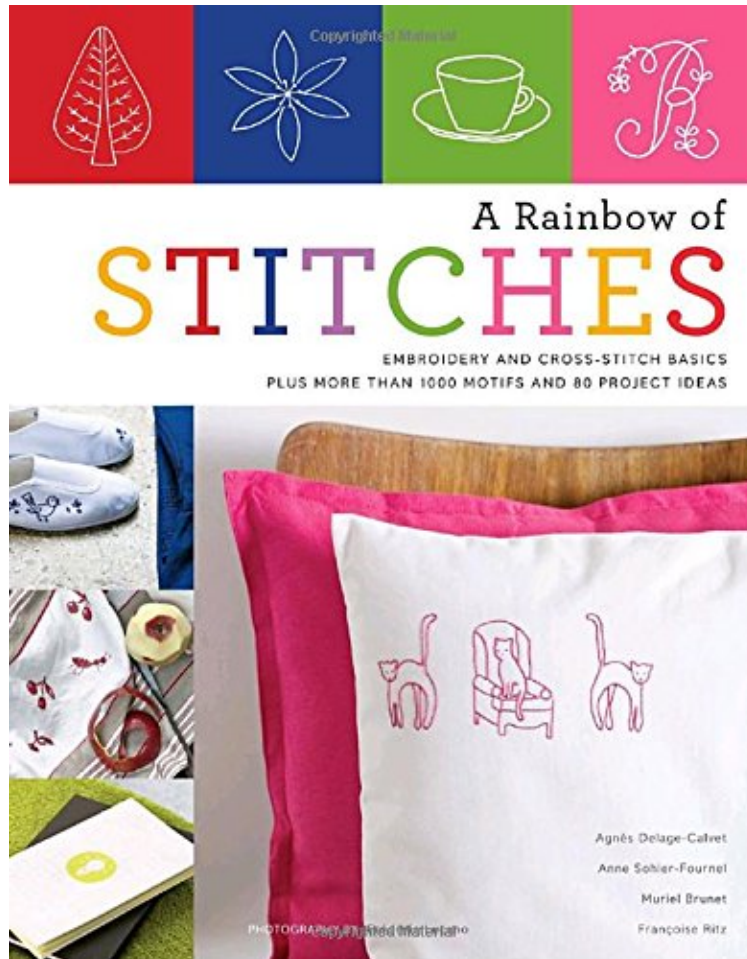


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**Agnès Delage-Calvet, Anne Sohier-Fournel, Muriel Brunet, Françoise Ritz : A Rainbow of Stitches: Embroidery and Cross-Stitch Basics Plus More Than 1,000 Motifs and 80 Project Ideas** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Rainbow of Stitches: Embroidery and Cross-Stitch Basics Plus More Than 1,000 Motifs and 80 Project Ideas:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great resource! By Dalya Highly recommend this book! It has a variety of embroidery and cross stitch patterns which are all modern. I love the cross stitch patterns especially because they don't look old lady like and some are very unique (cymbal banging monkey!). Included in the book are lace motifs, borders, and letters. One section is "good luck charms" embroidery motifs (such as a hamsa hand and horseshoe), very happy this was included because it's very hard to find embroidery patterns like that. I can't draw at all

so it's a treat ;D It's a great resource! The ONLY thing I HATE about this book is that the sections are organized by color. I wish they were organized into two parts such as embroidery and then cross stitch, then organized by color. The book doesn't show you how to make your stitch work into projects but instead shows ideas on what to stitch on :) I'm already working on the hamsa hand embroidery and I traced in some flowers from the book too. Get it! 24 of 24 people found the following review helpful. LOVE THIS BOOK!!!!By MidwestI love this book! I both embroider and cross stitch, and for me this book is like a dream come true. This book is both a cross stitch and embroidery book that is divided into sections based on a single color (green, pink, red, blue, white/taupe). Each section starts off with beautiful photos of project ideas, and is followed by motifs used in those projects as well as others. Each project is worked in a single color thread on a simple background, which makes for a very modern and fun effect. I would say that the ratio of cross stitch to embroidery motifs is fairly even. The motifs are very diverse, some are vintage looking, some are very modern and fun. Some caveats about this book: the how-to section is very sparse, so if you are new to stitching I would suggest a more comprehensive book from which to learn; there are not any directions for any of the "projects" .. the photos are meant to serve as ideas for projects, rather than full directions. Lastly, the book is not spiral bound, which is something that I really feel all craft books should be. I gotta say though...I own A LOT of craft books, and this is by far one of my favorites. It reminds me of the beautiful books that you can import from Japan with the high quality paper, and gorgeous photos...that is what this book is like. There really are very few designs in here that I don't like... I really like the majority of them...and there are A LOT. Really an excellent book!!!!!!!!!!!!!! :) 15 of 15 people found the following review helpful. ABSOLUTELY WONDERFUL!By E. DempseyI LOVE LOVE LOVE this book! I buy lots of sewing, knitting, and embroidery books and this is by far the best one I've bought in quite a while. The designs are unique and unusual, not the boring, outdated, typical geese, teddy bears, etc. that are usually found in embroidery/cross-stitch books. The designs are whimsical and delightful, I can't wait to get started on them. The photographs are beautiful throughout the book, there are full charts and ideas for stitching on all sorts of things. A very creative, inspiring book. Every page is a delight!

A Rainbow of Stitches is a how-to-stitch guide, a project idea book, and an encyclopedia of motifs, all in one go-to reference. Begin by choosing a motif from this extensive collection, which ranges from elegant alphabets to 1970s-inspired flowers and leaves, from sweet fairies to vintage-chic ladies in classic Dior dresses. The "Get Stitching" section gives you the basics you need to get started, along with an illustrated how-to of the simple stitches that are used to create all of the motifs. Each of the following sections, which are arranged by color—fresh greens, pretty pinks, timeless blues, rich reds, and elegant white and taupe—presents ideas for embroidering motifs in single colors, showing how much can be achieved with just one color of embroidery floss on a plain background. Includes more than eighty beautifully photographed, inspiring ideas for stitched embellishment, from wearables and personal accessories to a variety of decorative items for every room in your home.

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