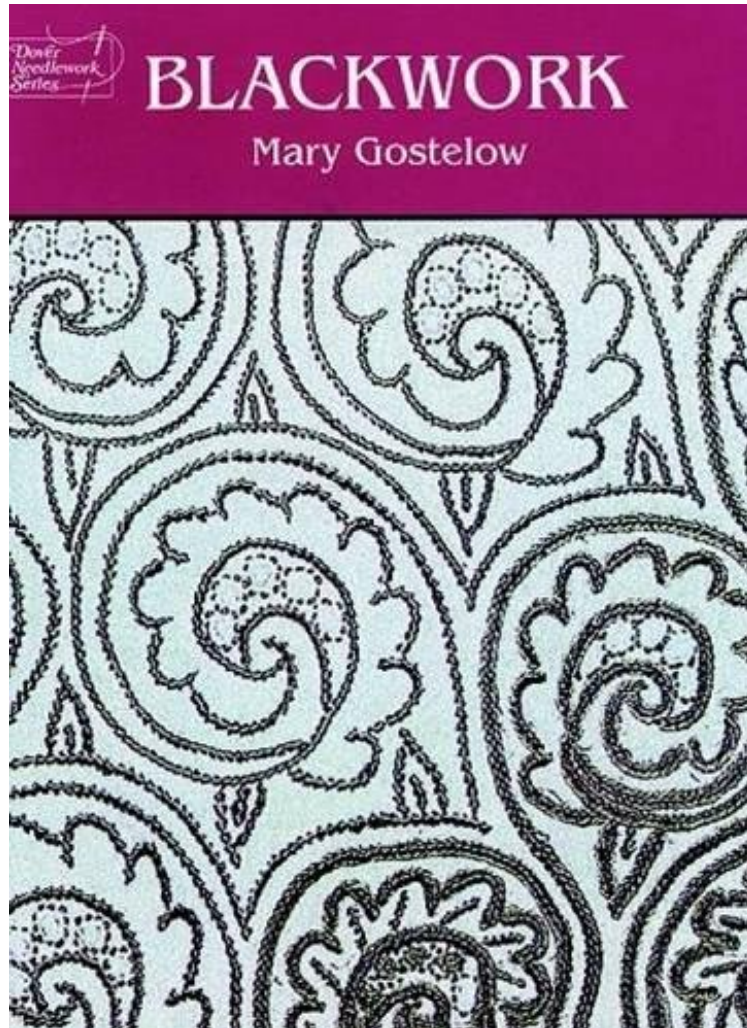


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Blackwork, or black-on-white embroidery, has long been a popular craft among needleworkers. Often referred to as

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