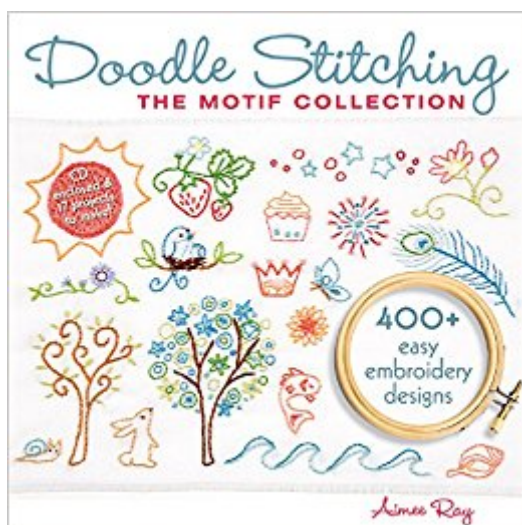


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# Doodle Stitching: The Motif Collection: 400+ Easy Embroidery Designs



## Synopsis

This follow-up to the best-selling Doodle Stitching offers fans expanded and updated basics, 400+ easy embroidery motifs on the page and on a CD sealed in the back of the book, 17 projects, and lots of added inspiration. More than a dozen categories include Alphabet, Asian Chic, Baby, Celebrations, Embellishments, Fruits & Veggies, Space, Trees, Flowers, Winged Wonders, and Woodland Creatures-and each section includes one motif stitched by the author. The motifs on the CD are in simple black lines, so readers can easily manipulate them using their own image-editing software, print them out, and transfer them onto their substrate of choice using the instructions in the book.

**PROJECTS INCLUDE:** Wearables: Jewelry, pajama pants, hat and mittens o Home Decor: Fabric basket, decorative wall hangings, more o Gift Items: Keepsake gift bags

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## Customer Reviews

Aimee Ray is the author of Doodle Stitching (9781600590610). She works as a designer and illustrator for a greeting card company, as well as on comic book projects doing colouring, lettering and inking. Aimee sells her embroidered work on Etsy and has been featured on the popular craft blog Whipup. You can view some of her work at [www.dreamfollow.com](http://www.dreamfollow.com).

I love this book! I've embroidered for over 60 years and have some favorite patterns, but with more time on my hands now I needed more of a variety for quick projects to do up for our 5 grandchildren.

When I saw the samples of the designs and 400 of them, I said that's the book. My 12 yr. old granddaughter has begun to embroider and needs easy projects so it's just right for her too. The CD that comes with it is perfect to print out and enlarge the designs. It's very unfortunate that so many young girls (and older ones) don't know how to do this beautiful, artistic and relaxing hobby in this modern age. With this book there's no excuse.....yes, I highly recommend the book Doodle Stitching.

Now, keep in mind I am a beginner to embroidery. I do many fiber arts projects and have done cross-stitch and embroidered cards in the past, but never traditional embroidery. I was inspired by all the cute projects on etsy to do my own, so obviously the first thing I did was look on to find a book. This book is great. It shows some basic stitches, has some projects (some of which I know I'll never use, but some I definitely will try) and the CD of all the doodles is so handy. I'm a lover of technology, so it was really easy for me to pop in the CD, drag the file to Photoshop and create the design I wanted. I ended up mixing doodles, fonts I already had (I actually used a cross-stitch font to get a bit of that look in) and even some shapes from Photoshop for my first project. I could size exactly how I wanted, print and voila! I had my first design! I'm definitely a fan and I pretty much can figure what I'll be doing for all my friends next Christmas ;)

I love this book and Sublime Stitching. I love to embroider. Unfortunately I can't draw. These books help me with that flaw. I liked the first Doodle Stitching book which was more project based. (I wish she included another quilt though like the last book.) This book is more about the patterns. I especially like the Woodland Fairytale section. They are pretty whimsical. I hope that Aimee Ray does another book but includes an Americana and a Holiday section. I'm currently making a pillow out of a pattern in this book for my sister for Christmas. I hope that more embroidery books come out. In my opinion there aren't enough on the market.

I haven't tried using the CD, but will in the future, and will update this review, if needed. As for the book of designs: There is a wide selection of modernized embroidery designs that range from kitchen to nursery motifs. Most of the stitches look easy to embroider and there are basic instructions on how to sew the various stitches. Recommend with caveats given. Penmouse

It's already my most useful embroidery resource. I've had it for about a month. The negative review that stood out in my mind was the person who complained that they could have drawn the images.

Well, I can't draw, so this book is amazing for me. Usually I have to scour the Internet, design books I have, etc. to find images to trace, iron on, and embroider. I only decorate useful items- towels, washcloths, pillow cases, ... -so finding images of an appropriate size was also wonderful!

The CD in the back of the book makes this perfect... no need to awkwardly photocopy or trace with the paperback spine in the way. It also makes it super-easy to resize the design in a photo-editing program. The motifs are a little cutesy for my taste, and sometimes it's hard to find what you're looking for (who knew the Matryoska dolls would be in the "Fairy Tale" section?) so I knocked it back to four stars. Excellent value, though.

I loved the original Doodle Stitching book, but this one is even better. Aimee Ray's style is charming and fresh and there are tons of cute, simple designs. The illustrations are all in color and the instructions are clear. Best of all, there is a disk with all the designs on it so you can combine, resize and print them for your own custom patterns. My only complaint about the first book was that it was a bit difficult to transfer the designs, and this solution works beautifully.

Great book.

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