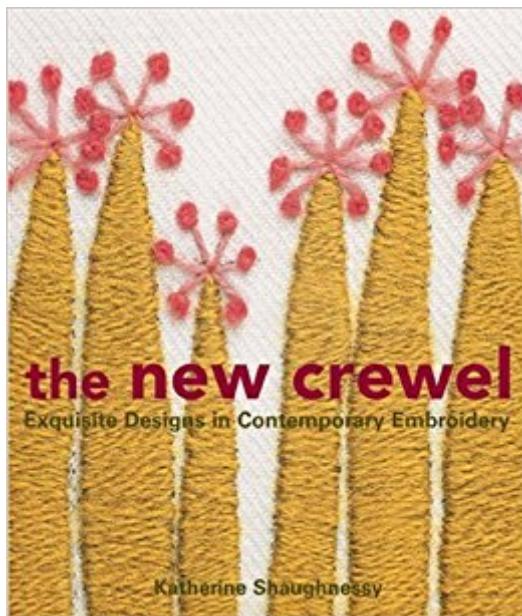


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# The New Crewel: Exquisite Designs In Contemporary Embroidery



## **Synopsis**

One look at these pages and you know that this isn't your grandmother's crewel, but a hip, contemporary update that will have everyone reaching for a needle and thread. And these projects are easy, too, because crewel has no counting, no grids, and no cross-stitch--just beautiful free-form embroidery. Dive right in, guided by a basics chapter that explains how to do the different stitches, ranging from French knots to laid filling. Novices will swiftly move on to the 30 practice designs, all accompanied by easy-to-follow instructions and diagrams, and a dozen lovely projects. Make a card or keepsake scrapbook embellished with stitched motifs, colorful totes, table runners, and an elegant triptych.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

This is wonderful book! It is clearly written and very well formatted with crisp bright photos. It is important to remember the designs are clearly modern, some akin to mid-century modern and some to danish or Scandinavian in style, so if this is not your design aesthetic, you may not be as inspired as I was; however, it is inspirational regardless your design style. The book is uniquely formatted into four sections with a brief interesting history as follows: I must interject that the title "New" throughout the "table of contents" appears to be not new techniques per se but part of the book's title being utilized throughout the book. Section 1..."The New Crewel Basics" Materials and tools pages 14-18 New crewel techniques pages 19-21 New crewel stitches pages 22-31 There are 16 stitches clearly illustrated in large rendered sketches using a,b,c,d (etc.) steps. Each stitch has accompanying written instructions with an accompanying color photo of a "finished" stitch. The author also includes some written text on variations of some stitches. The stitches are rather basic...

chain stitch, french knots, blanket stitch, satin, etc. This is a good beginners primer. Section 2..."The New Crewel Gallery" pages 32-62 There are 30 designs (motifs) each with a name like "falling snow", "fishing net" and so on. In this section a full page is dedicated to each design with a very large clear photo example in the center of the page. On each page is a side bar with text that explains fabric that was used, type and color of thread, stitches used and finishing followed by either a tip or fact or reminder. Section 3...

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