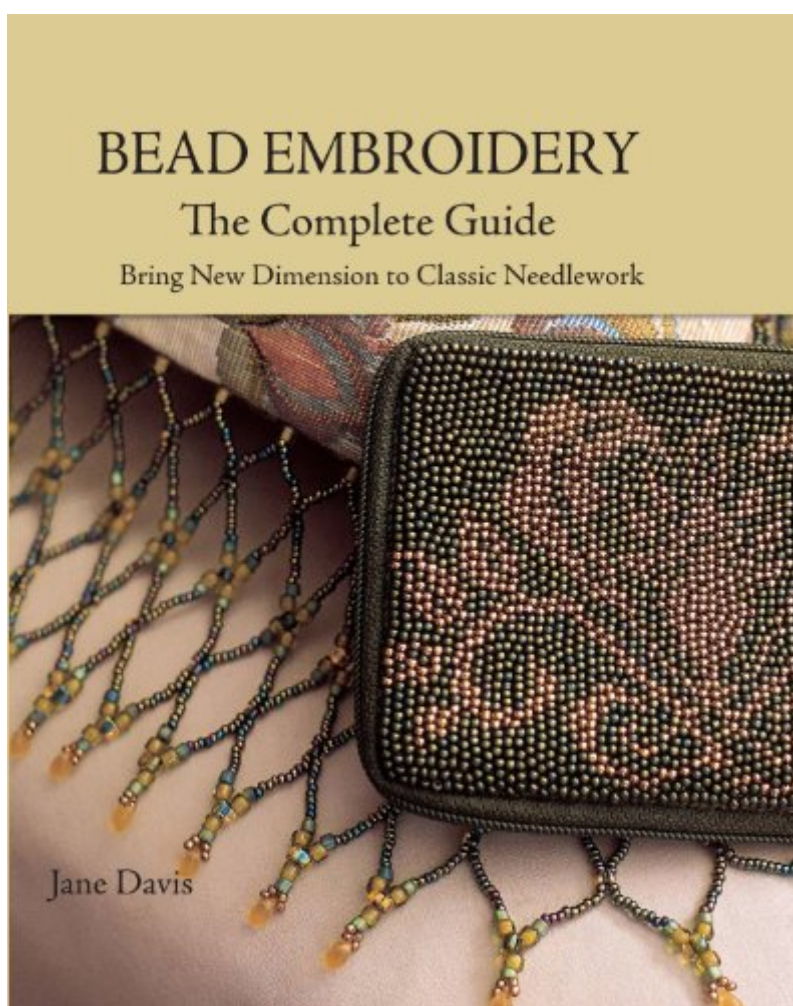


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Bead Embroidery The Complete Guide: Bring New Dimension To Classic Needlework



Synopsis

Revitalize classic embroidery stitches for a contemporary look simply by adding beads to your needlework. Learn how to embroider with beads on anything from bags and boxes to pillows and purses with *Bead Embroidery: The Complete Guide*. Through thorough research, her own personal experience and a visual smorgasbord of 525 photographs and 265 how-to illustrations, best selling author Jane Davis teaches you 215 embroidery stitches - from the common to the uniquely rare. Whether a beginner or seasoned embroiderer, you will revel in this truly complete guide. You'll find: Comprehensive Basics section showcasing every stitch at a glance, plus tips on choosing the right beads, threads, fabrics and tools to ensure your needlework success. Extensive instruction on how to create 215 embroidery stitches, each presented with a photograph and how-to illustration showing options with or without beads. Impressive assortment of 20 fabulous projects for home decorating, holiday gift-giving or personal accessorizing.

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Customer Reviews

I'm a great lover of beads, but I had never picked up an embroidery needle in my life. I really needed a book to tell me what was what, and this was it! This is a great book for beginners as all stitches and projects detailed are either easy or intermediate level. This is a spiral bound book tucked inside of a hard cover so it will lay flat for reference purposes but still sit nicely on your shelf. It is a pleasant compact size, great for tucking into a small bag or container to take on the go. All pictures and diagrams are in full color. The first 35 pages provide an "At a Glance" guide to 215 different needlepoint stitches, counted thread and crazy quilt stitches, freeform embroidery, smocking and ribbonwork stitches as well as various types of fringes. Each picture has a side by side showing the regular stitch and the stitch with beads! There is a short chapter that deals with tools and materials, followed by a lengthy section on how to perform each one of the above mentioned 215 stitches. There are detailed diagrams and instructions for each one. This is definitely the BEST part of the book and completely invaluable! The final (and weakest, in my opinion) section has a variety of projects to make with instructions and material lists for each. There is a short gallery of artists' beadwork which I personally did not find very inspiring, but gives you some new ideas all the same. At the end is a list of suppliers and other books to reference. I love this book on the whole! It's a fabulously put together reference guide and pleasantly presented. It will be indispensable for years to come!

I first learned to embroider when I was seven and have continued a love of traditional thread embroidery. This book's value is as an illustrated dictionary of sewing stitches. The instructions are clear and the examples are very helpful in understanding how to sew each stitch. In addition to the frequently used thread embroidery stitches, it also has many less common or obscure stitches. Without question, this is an excellent reference book for hand sewing stitches. As such, if your goal is to add beads to decorative stitches on a cloth ground, this will be an superb book for you. However, as I was interested in a book about bead embroidery, i. e., works that are predominantly made of beads, this was not a useful book for me. While nicely done, the beading aspect is demonstrating how to add a few beads to the thread stitches. All in all, a very nice book but make sure that it matches your sewing or beading needs.

Gave me some ideas on how I could use my supply of beads for something other than necklaces, pins, and jewelry. Instructions were complete and very easy to follow by someone who had not done this type of work before.

This book is the cat's meow. I don't know how I survived without it. Well worth the money if you are a stitcher and work with beads.

I purchased this book as a companion to Designer Bead Embroidery by Kenneth D. King. This book also incorporates a lot of embroidery stitches with beading techniques. There is a good glossary and stitch index in the back of the book - along with some eye-candy photos of complete projects. Most of the designs are geared towards an "intermediate" level stitcher. It's a keeper!!

I just received this book today and, boy, am I excited!! At the beginning of the book are photographs of every single stitch covered in this book and on what page you may find the explanation for it!! Each stitch has a written description on how to execute it, a diagram of needle placement and a photo of the finished stitch. A great, easy to follow book for beginners and veterans alike. Each stitch is graded by level: Easy, Intermediate and Advanced. The author has even included more than one diagram on those stitches that require several "steps" to complete. I have embroidered quite a bit in my life but am new to bead embroidery and I can't wait to get started on some of the really cool projects included at the end of the book. A must have reference for anyone wanting to learn bead embroidery. I LOVE THIS BOOK !!

This will be one of my most referred to for bead embroidery. Its simple, easy to understand and really helpful. I'm planning to finish the dress that I'm working on a masterpiece and I would like to thank Jane Davis for this lovely book. Now I know how to do it and try this book from A-Z I will. Next stop, another embroidery project. Adieu!

I just got this book today and came straight here. I THOUGHT I knew it all (as far as embroidery) and was looking for a beginners guide for my sister....sorry sis, gonna have to get your own! LOL -- this truly is an awesome and "Complete Guide". My copy is the hard cover and spiral bound (to open flat). The book is compact in size and absolutely LOADED with clear info & pictures. The gallery has several inspirational ideas and the projects are interesting. The projects are a good way to practice your new talent, but --- this is a GREAT teaching guide. The clear photos have really inspired my imagination already! GO FOR IT!

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