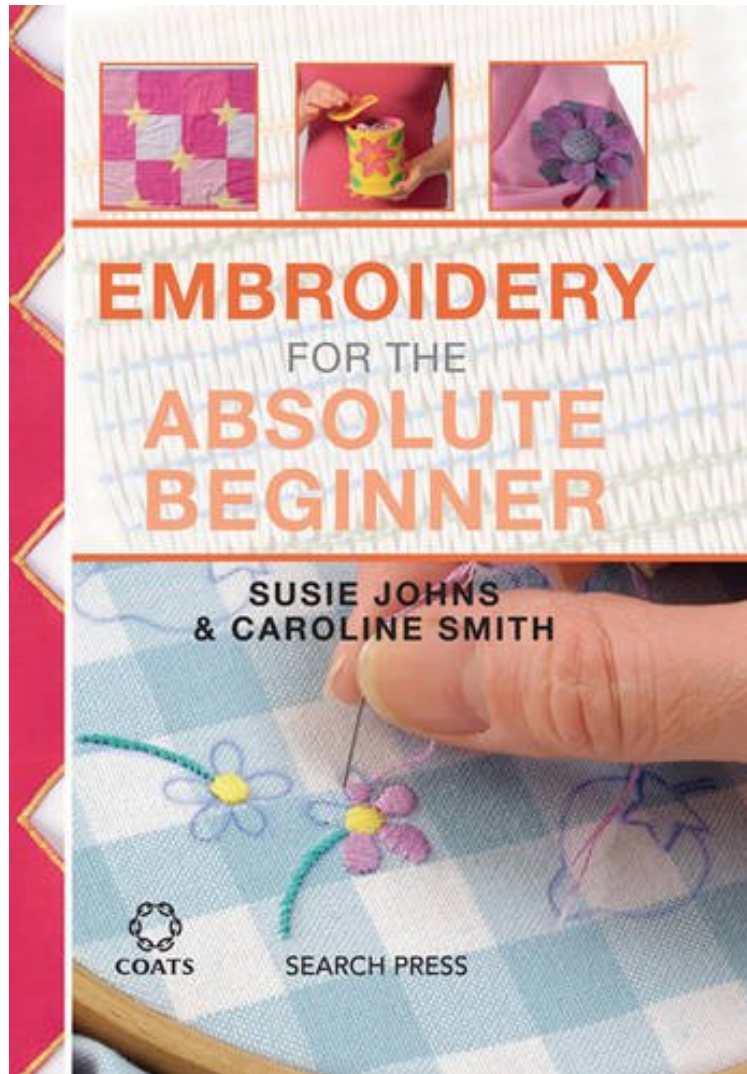


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The book introduces the reader to many different stitchery techniques from simple cross stitch to intricate pulled threadwork. Some of the techniques are useful for making decorative borders, while others are good for adding spot designs, monograms and lettering, and applying beads and sequins. Readers will find out how to use these traditional techniques to create attractive home accessories and a wide range of fashionable garments. They will also be taught how the simplest of sewing machines can create embroidered pieces in a fraction of the time it takes to do it by hand.

Hand embroidery includes a variety of techniques such as surface embroidery, couching, smocking, drawn and pulled threadwork, and bead embroidery. In this introductory guide, fiber crafters Johns (Knitted Pets) and Smith provide an overview of each of these techniques, as well as projects that provide beginners the opportunity to combine embroidery into a variety of practical and decorative objects. As this is a beginners' guide, the tutorials don't delve deeply into a particular area; rather, they provide enough to get started, allowing for exploration of an array of methods without getting bogged down in too many beyond-the-basics details. VERDICT Embroidery novices seeking an all-in-one guide to diverse embroidery techniques will appreciate this direct, introductory title. \* Library Journal \* Embroidery is such a beautiful craft. Having this book gives you what you need to get started. Not only will you learn the stitches you also have projects to practice what you have learned. The book is spiral bound which makes it very easy to keep the book open on the page you need. The hardback cover means you know it's going to last. The book takes you step-by-step through everything you need to know. Throughout the book there are easy to follow instructions, pictures and diagrams. I have learnt so much from this book. The little things that they give you make everything so much easier. There is so much covered that will make embroidery your next love. I love the fact that everything is explained in an easy to follow way. The pictures really help you to understand everything. I now keep this book next to me whenever I am completing an embroidery project. It's so easy to find what you are looking for and it really helps for you to complete your stitches. The projects are fun, diverse and interesting. There is everything from a recipe book cover to a tote with a picture pocket. The book not only teaches you hand embroidery it also teaches you techniques on the sewing machine. If you want to embroider or you want to expand your knowledge this is a fantastic book. \* Crochet Addict UK \* About the Author Caroline Smith is an English writer and editor who has worked in lifestyle publishing for nearly 20 years. Her areas of expertise include needlecraft, cookery, gardening and DIY. Caroline lives in Surrey, England. Susie Johns is a hugely successful author of crochet, knitting, sewing and craft titles, with dozens of books under her belt. She is an experienced crafter, a wonderfully inventive designer, and has articles published regularly in mainstream crafting magazines. Visit her website at [susieatthecircus.typepad.com/](http://susieatthecircus.typepad.com/)