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# 2001 Cross Stitch Designs : The Essential Reference Book





## Synopsis

This golden encyclopedia of needlework complements the library of every cross-stitcher.Designs for every occasion and category of stitching—holidays, alphabets, florals, nature, sports, children, babies, Christmas, animals, and numerous others.Each motif collection accompanied by a clear and accurate color chart and color key.Tips for end uses for the designs.Includes 50 specialty stitch diagrams with instructions.Cross-stitch tips and specialty stitches to accompany the designs.Builds upon the success of 501 Cross Stitch Designs.Unique cross-stitch designs, project ideas, and tips.

## **Book Information**

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I originally borrowed this book from my local library and had to have it for myself. The used copy I bought arrived nicely. This book shows you what the pattern will look like once it's stitched and shows you the chart in color blocks with symbols. I like to use pieces from different patterns to create new kitschy patterns.

My daughter loves this book and has made multiple designs for friend and families.

As others have indicated the book contains multiple small designs and it also contains ideas about how to put them together. The only reason I did not give the book 5 stars is because in general I feel the BH&G books are not well photographed, and in this one in particular I even feel I have a better idea of the work by looking at the charts than by looking at the photographs. It is almost as though they are out of focus and so It is hard to really see the cross-stitch detail. However the designs themselves are very well done, the quantity of topics varies greatly and there is something for everyone: flowers, alphabets, babies, kids, holidays... Since the designs are small they are perfect for bibs, towels, and any other smaller project types. I got the book 2 weeks before Christmas as a present and was able to finish and frame it in time for the holiday. One other watchout is that there are designs that are repeated from other BH&G books, such as their alphabet book.

great for a beginner and a lot of variety. I like combining the patterns.

Great book of patterns. Worth buying!

This book is well divided into categories and includes theme favorites, such as Christmas, holidays, flowers, hearts, alphabets, etc. The book also includes unique & fun designs within those and other categories: castles, dragons, carousel horses, frogs, Uncle Sam, state flowers, etc. Full color photographs of the finished designs precede by a page the full color design instructions. The designs can be used for small projects (bookmarks, jar toppers, etc.) or they can be combined to create larger projects.

great choice of designs that I can use as an added touch to any design I'm working on.

This is a very handy book and I would recommend it to any Cross Stitch fan. I would wish for more "generic" designs to be included because most of the content is topic related.

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