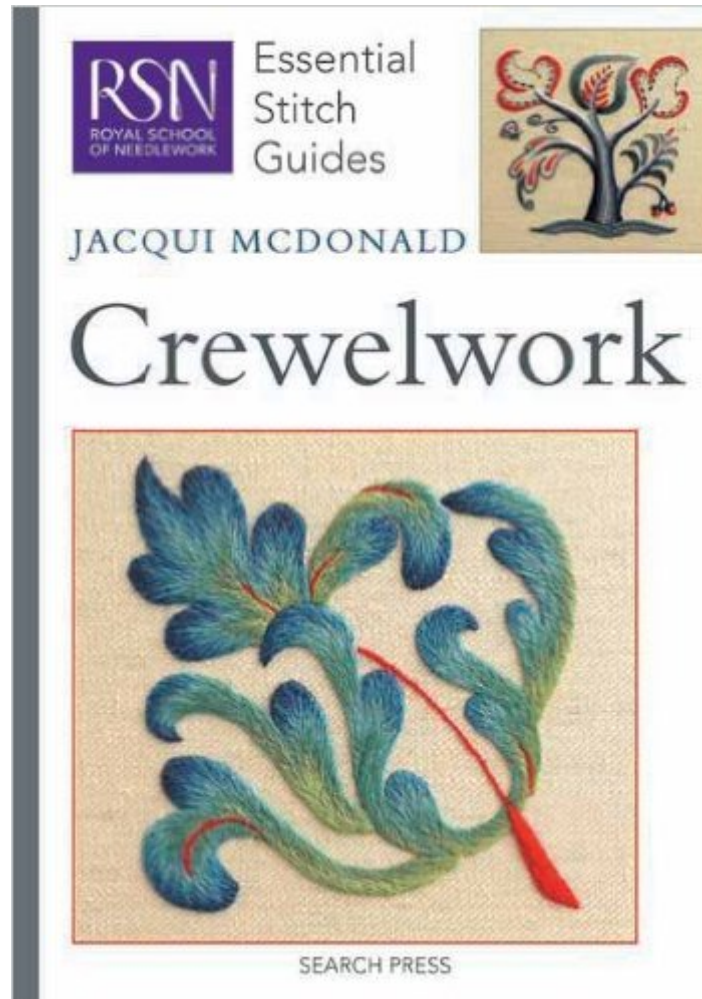


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# Essential Stitch Guide To Crewelwork (Essential Stitch Guides)



## Synopsis

In this invaluable stitch guide, Jacqui McDonald, Graduate Apprentice and tutor at the Royal School of Needlework shows you detailed instructions on how to work basic and more complex stitches.

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## Customer Reviews

Like the previous reviewer mentioned, this is not really a project book. Instead it gives stich instruction as taught at the RSN and a brief note on how to use them. For example, "Van Dyke Stitch: A row of equally spaced cross stitches is worked, with each woven on to the previous stich. Once pulled taut, this produces a very attractive pattern that looks like a ladder with a central plaited vein. It is ideal for borders or leaf shapes". There a two hints on the page: "This stitch is not suited to being used as a closed stitch" and "Aim to keep a small even space between each stitch for an attractive stich". The description is followed by 10 step-by-step photos with accompanying narrative of how to create the stitch. The photos of the stitches are clear and the step by step is informative. Photos of projects using some of the stitches are delightful; I do wish there were more photos of Jacobean works.

Very, very nice book at a very reasonable price. It contains some history, discussion about the various materials and preparation methods, and technical stitch diagrams. It is easy to use as it is spiral, so it lays flat. Nice photography. It is not really a "project book", but more of a book of techniques. I would consider it a "must have" for an embroidery library.

I have bought some other books about embroidery and Crewelwork, but this one is amazing. It is easy to follow, clear and inspiring. From now on, when I need a new book about embroidery, I will first check if the Royal School of Needlework has anything about what I am looking for.

The spiral bound format in the small size makes it easily carried around with your crewel work. The instructions are easy to read and even inspiring somehow--make me want to do the stitches as beautifully as the clear photos show. The only very minor criticism I have is that in doing the sampler I am doing now, I find some of the stitches the sampler calls for are not listed in the book. This is not a big deal because of course, the kit has the complete instructions. The book is easier to use than the unwieldy instructions, and I will use it for years to come. It has given me the confidence to design and create my own sampler (finally!). Better and easier to use than any book I have tried yet.

Helps identify materials and equipment needed, positioning the design, and framing the design. And, of course, the main content of stitch guides. Superb detail to work the stitch you wish to use. Handy to keep in the project kit.

Don't buy this book if you are looking for step by step project guides, however DO buy this book if you are looking for a fantastic easy to read reference with all of the different crewel stitches and how to integrate them into your projects. Love this book.

I just got this book today as one of 4 crewel instruction books I bought to guide me as I stitch my first Norwegian bunad. The book is gorgeous with meticulous attention to detail. The photography is perfection. Great close ups with hundreds of step by step photos that show stitch progression. The written instructions are very easy to follow and, unlike another book I got, very accurate. Great sections on getting started, different supply choices and choosing supplies best for your needs, designing and other basics with very helpful photographs showing the differences in supplies discussed. Great tips for designing custom pieces. The hard cover spiral design will make it very easy to use for reference as I'm stitching. Someone was really paying attention when this book was designed. I am very, very impressed with the professional quality of this book and can hardly wait to get stitching but I have to finish reading all the helpful hints first!

This is a great book. It is easy to read and easy to understand. It has lots of ideas. Great for

beginners as well as very experienced embroiders

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