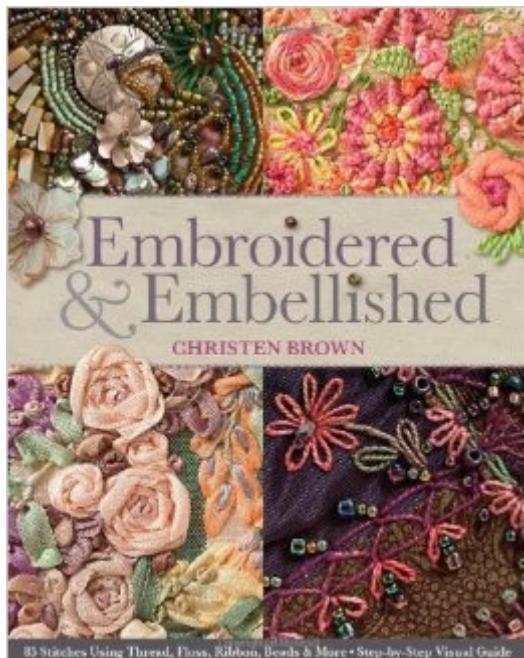


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# Embroidered & Embellished: 85 Stitches Using Thread, Floss, Ribbon, Beads & More • Step-by-Step Visual Guide



## **Synopsis**

This richly illustrated reference guide from embroidery expert Christen Brown covers everything you need to make beautiful magic with needle and thread. Learn to sew traditional and silk ribbon embroidery, make raised stitches, and embellish with beads, charms, buttons, and mirrors. Christen shows you how to combine and place stitches to enhance a finished piece and how to work with embroidery threads, ribbons, fabrics, laces, beads, buttons, and other embellishments. Step-by-step photo instructions show exactly how to sew 85 different stitches. Includes 8 complete embroidery projects to stitch and embellish. The essential embroidery reference for everyone from beginners to experts.

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## **Customer Reviews**

This book, like Christen's first book (Ribbonwork Gardens) has photographed step-by-step instructions that are invaluable to the student who needs to see the process worked out, with easy to follow text. The book includes a section on the materials and supplies that you will be using, including information on beads, ribbons, threads, and other embellishments, with clear photographs of these items. The chapters include four different types of embroidery, which is different from other books that may concentrate on just one type of embroidery. This is a must have for anyone who enjoys working with needle and thread!

I have taken a couple of classes from Christen Brown on line and though her classes are very thorough, I always wanted more - and here it is - beautifully detailed photos of stitches, patterns and

instructions for some fun and DOABLE projects and beautifully photographed samples of some finished projects. Often I find books to be either too basic or advanced but without clear enough instructions to replicate them. This book offers instruction for making your projects as simple or as complex as your little heart desires including the addition of beads, sequins and ribbons to your embroidery. This book is awesome! Thanks Christen for writing the book I always wanted.

If you do embroidery of any kind you should pick up a copy of Christen Brown's new book, *Embroidered and Embellished: 85 Stitches Using Thread, Floss, Ribbon, Beads and More*. The book lives up to its title by detailing four different types of embroidery and the stitches that are used for each. The first thing you notice is Christen's attention to detail. The book contains numerous close-up photos of stitches in progress and the finished product. Her written descriptions are very detailed and easy to understand. The format of the book makes it easy to use with a chapter for stitching techniques and terminology, another for fabrics and trims, another for threads and ribbons, and another for beads and embellishments. There is a section that deals with creating confidence in your ability as an embroiderer by becoming familiar with things like thread length and needle sizes among other things. Christen even shares how she got started embroidering. The projects follow these chapters, and the directions are clear and, once again, the photographs are clear and easy to follow. There are projects for traditional embroidery, ribbon embroidery, raised embroidery and bead embroidery. Experienced and beginner embroiderers alike will benefit from the information in this book. It will definitely become a much used reference for anyone interested in learning embroidery or looking to refine their techniques. This is definitely a book that I would recommend to anyone who loves working with needle and thread.

This book is everything you'd expect of one written by Christen Brown: a little bit of history, a thorough explanation of supplies, precise step-by-step instructions, detailed photographs that accompany the instructions, and beautiful work to inspire your muse. In *Embroidered And Embellished* Christen, explores embroidery from four perspective; traditional embroidery, silk ribbon embroidery, raised & textured embroidery, and bead embroidery. Each of those specialties has its own chapter, plus the book contains additional chapters devoted to embroidery thread and ribbons, beads and embellishments, and fabric, laces and trims. Christen also takes the time to explain the idiosyncrasies of the various types of threads and ribbons so that you can learn to embroider with confidence, making this book a valuable resource for both the beginner and experienced embroiderer. Each of the four sections includes two projects, each of which include a materials list,

cutting guide, the patterns, and a stich guide. Also included is an extensive gallery section with plenty of eye candy. If you've been searching for a "how to" embroidery guide, this is your book!

This is a wonderful book by a creative artist as well as an excellent teacher. While many of the stitches are classics, it is nice to have them focused on several formats -- embroidery, beading and ribbon work -- all in one place. The designs are also inspiring, which is sometimes necessary to get one stitching and not just reading. I had, however, hoped the book would cover her wonderful tangletons. In fact I ordered it specifically for that, inspired by the photo in the preview. Figuring out the decorations is easy with her instructions, but I had hoped for basic instructions on creating the little pillows themselves. Perhaps in the next book? In the meantime, one can play around making their own attempts.

**Embroidered & Embellished: 85 Stitches Using Thread, Floss, Ribbon, Beads & More Step-by-Step Visual Guide** The newest book by Christen Brown is truly amazing in its color photography and amazing details for design, instruction and inspiration. Christen has chosen a wonderful array of projects to awe and inspire the beginner to advanced embroidery enthusiast. She has combined a full range of creative material in her designs: threads, silk ribbon, beads, buttons, fibers and findings. She demystifies the difficulties with specific threads and carefully coaches one through the entire process of creating and recreating the projects in her book. I could not wait to receive my preordered copy and cannot wait to read it and reread it from cover to cover. Kudos to Christen!

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