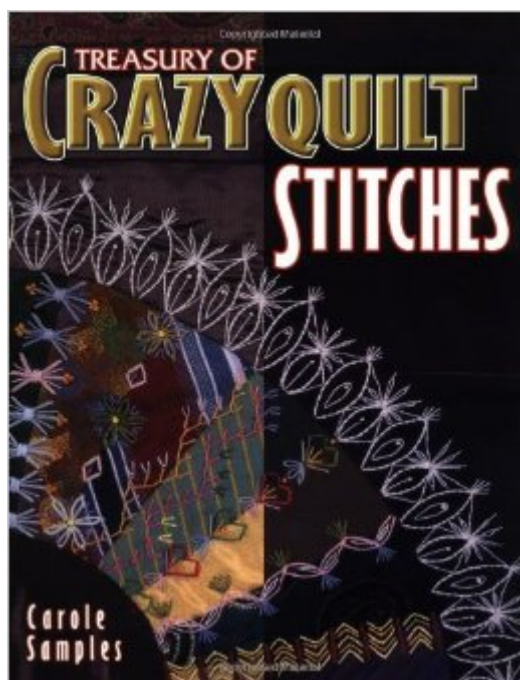


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# Treasury Of Crazyquilt Stitches



## Synopsis

Are you crazy about crazyquilts? Does the beauty of intricately embellished Victorian piecework make your heart race? If so, you will be positively amazed at this comprehensive collection of 'Stitcheries' commonly found embroidered on antique crazyquilts. In addition to the antique styles, you will also find many examples of stitches by Carole Samples, collector and lover of all things 'crazy'. The author presents 50 basic stitches and so many variations of those stitches that you may never run out of ideas and designs to try on your own projects. This book takes you on a journey from simple straight stitches and blanket stitches to chevrons and herringbones. The 'patch picture' designs feature floral bouquets, insects, animals, and much, much more. The old-fashioned script alphabet provides just the right touch for personalizing all your own creations. Whether you are an avid collector of crazyquilts or are just beginning to study and admire them, this book belongs on your shelf. You are sure to acquire a renewed appreciation for antique crazyquilts and their makers.

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## Customer Reviews

Wonderful to read and a very thorough treatment of the subject. Lots and lots of wonderful information and stitches. An excellent resource for all levels of crazy patch quilting. Also very good quality paper - for those of us who notice those things. A wonderful addition to a quilter's library.

I agree with the last review that said you really need to be experienced in a few of the stitches, but once you have mastered the main stitches you can go anywhere with this book. Maybe a review of

how to do the basic stitches would help those who are inexperienced, but I found that everything shown was simple once you broke it down into those individual basic stitches. I'd encourage anyone to buy a basic book first and learn before venturing into this one, but it is fantastic for those of us who need ideas and designs for our simple or ornate crazy quilt tops. Thank you Carole Samples!

This book is wonderful for just seeing the stitches, but it gives absolutely no instructions at all. I wish I had read the reviews before I bought it. Would probably be a great book for an experienced crazy quilt maker, but it is definately not for the beginner

I love this book. I took out about 10 books from the library and settled on (and bought) this one because the collection is so complete (it's over the top actually). Granted, there are not detailed instructions for each stitch (if there were, it'd have to limit the number of stitches). Also, it is easy to lose yourself in the book -- definitely mark a stitch once you've found it because finding a particular stitch again is challenging. There are so many gorgeous stitches that I did not see anywhere else. If you go through the trouble of making a crazy quilt, you'll want the unique stitches in here.

I recently bought this book and found it to be a very comprehensive book for crazyquilt and embroidery stitches. There are a couple of problems though. The photographs are printed in browns, beiges and cream colors not in black and white, or in color. The brown photos make it rather difficult to see the stitches clearly. Many of the photos are very muted and stitch patterns do not show up well at all. The photographs really needed to be printed in color to get the full effect of the stitches. The other problem is that if you are a beginning crazyquilt stitcher this is not a good book to start with as there are few if any stitch instructions. Some of the more complicated stitch patterns really needed some instructions. Taking an educated guess on how to do some of these beautiful stitches may take more time than some readers want to spend. I am glad I bought the book and I am sure I will use it as a guide for many quilt and embroidery projects.

Any needleworker - making a crazy quilt or not - will be amazed at this wonderful book. Ms. Samples has clearly invested a lot of time into her research and has presented us with not only solid historical documentation but also with a platform for delving off into new uses and combinations for these glorious stitches. As for the complaints that the book has no specific stitching instructions, that is true, but a beginner embroiderer with a stitch encyclopedia should have little trouble since the stitches are grouped and labelled by their most prominent basic stitch, i.e., "blanket stitch,"

"feathered chain," etc. The only suggestion for improvement I have is that the text portions be printed in a different font. I highly recommend this book to any needle artist. Just have your needle and floss nearby once you start looking at it!

I bought this book after it was recommended to me at my crazy quilt guild meeting. I have read it from cover to cover and it is by far the best crazy quilt book on embroidery stitches ever. Carole explains history of crazy quilting and best of all the different stitch combinations are just wonderful. If you like me and get hung up on the same old stitches and want to add on to stitches you have just done this is the best book. I now use it as my main crazy quilt book for new stitching ideas. I do wish it was spiral bound so it would lay flat in front of me when I use it.....which is quite often. Thanks  
Karen, Woodstown, NJ

This is more of a reference book. Mostly with drawings on brown paper making the stitches hard to see and no actual instructions to guide you if you have never done them before. There are many more books better for first timers such as "The Magic of Crazy Quilting" by J Marsha Michler. It has nice black & white drawings and color photos showing the stitches. THEN maybe this book will be helpful...if you can get past the brown colored paper and black drawings. CHECK THIS ONE OUT OF THE LIBRARY FIRST! There is a book called "The Embroidery Stitch Bible" by Betty Barnden. It is a nice 250 page full color spiral bound book just loaded with stitches for all types of projects. A worthwhile investment if you do other things besides just quilting.

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