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# The Best Of Kooler Design Studio



## Synopsis

The Best of Kooler Design Studio is a compilation of the very best cross stitch designs from staff designers Linda Gillum, Barbara Baatz Hillman, Sandy Orton, and Nancy Rossi. Four chapters, one for each designer, are full of their most elegant, dynamic and popular cross stitch creations.

Barbara's gorgeous florals, Sandy's intricate samplers, Linda's charming wildlife and Nancy's seasonal landscapes are well recognized and collected by discerning stitchers. This book brings them all together for the first time to create a treasure trove of designs within its 208 pages.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Don't let the cover (a dizzying close-up of a giant, man-eating, pink-toned peony blossom) dissuade you from diving into this impressive collection of 38 counted cross stitch designs by four needleworkers. Each has her own style and presents a candy store of patterns in varying degrees of difficulty for a range of talents. Gillum, a founding partner in Kooler Design Studio in California, offers fish, cats and a patriotic carousel horse. Hillman's designs include a kimono and a Celtic angel (green with pink and orange accents) along with ones of fruits and flowers, dotted with her signature dew drop. Orton's designs extend from time-consuming projects ("Nature's Wisdom") to bookmarks that can be stitched in a week. Rossi, with the studio since its founding in 1985, concentrates on still-lives from nature; "Moonlit Cranes" is as compelling as traditional art. Brief instructions, not for the absolute newbie embroiderer, are general enough to help most cross stitchers, who will find finishing directions for the bookmarks especially helpful. Patterns are clear and color-coded. - Publisher's Weekly: 09/09/2011

Linda Gillum, Barbara Baatz Hillman, Sandy Orton, and Nancy Rossi are all staff designers with Kooler Design Studio, a California-based company of multi-talented illustrators, craft designers, editors, project managers, graphic artists, design assistants and photographers. Their work appears in magazines, hardcover and softcover books, leaflets, CDs, and kits. Founded in 1985 by Donna Kooler and now led by her daughter Basha Kooler as president, the group has a web site at [www.koolerdesign.com](http://www.koolerdesign.com).

beautiful designs and clear concise color charts, I was glad to get another of this designers books.

Love the book. Beautiful designs.

Great crossstitch book with fabulous artists work put to crossstitch. I am an avid stitcher and know when a book is worth the money and this one has several projects that are worth the effort and time.

I got this book out at my local library and couldn't wait to buy it for myself. I went straight to and ordered it. Thankyou . It has wonderful designs by people whose designs I have used before. All very talented people . They are all designs that I will love to hang or use in my home. Absolutely delightful.

I am, as always, obsessed with cross stitch books and this book has some very beautiful charts - making a list and checking it twice - need to buy floss - and fabric so nice!

Great book with tons of great patterns. Something for everyone in this book - a must have for any cross stitcher!

Patterns are large, detailed and complex. That is what makes them so life-like. I would recommend them to an intermediate cross-stitcher. I love them. Happy stitching!

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