

Stitch Love: Sweet Creatures Big Small: Cute Kitties and Cows and Cubs and More...and a Yeti

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Mollie Johanson : Stitch Love: Sweet Creatures Big Small: Cute Kitties and Cows and Cubs and More...and a Yeti before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised *Stitch Love: Sweet Creatures Big Small: Cute Kitties and Cows and Cubs and More...and a Yeti*:

11 of 11 people found the following review helpful. *Stitch Love- True to its name!* By Cynthia J. Gould I just got my copy of *Stitch Love*, and I really do love it. It contains several projects that are simple enough for most beginners and, for most of the projects, you could choose whatever motif you like the best (although, it could be hard to choose). Every motif, besides being adorable, is shown stitched in color, and has a template that can be enlarged to size (there's also a link to download the templates at full size from the Lark Crafts website). The motifs are also grouped by category (Arctic, Sea, Wild, Backyard, etc.) and there are even some not-yet-proven-to-exist creatures in there, as well (Yeti!). There's also a section (called Basics) that covers what you need to know for embroidery and sewing skills with clearly written, easy to understand instructions. After my first look through the book, my mind is already jumping with projects I plan to make. As a longtime fan of Mollie's blog, *Wild Olive*, I knew that I'd like this book, but I didn't

expect it to be love from the start! If you're new to embroidery, this is a great collection to get you started!7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. An incredibly cute and useful bookBy AbigailThis book is totally adorable. It begins with 25 sewing projects, all of which you can complete quickly and would be ideal gifts for babies and children. Every project involves some embroidery. Then there are over 100 animal motifs to stitch. The animals are very well drawn and totally delightful. Use them in the sewing projects, or for any number of your own projects.I made a bookmark with the butterfly motif, I embroidered my daughter's t-shirt with the dinosaur and volcano, I stitched a fox on my eldest daughter's jean jacket, and I stitched a pelican on my middle daughter's jeans pocket. I recommend photocopying the motif pages onto Fabri Solvy. You can cut them out, peel and stick to your fabric, stitch right through, then soak in water to dissolve the Fabri Solvy leaving you with a perfect design.I love Stitch Love!4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. My kids think I'm magical because I can embroider any animal they want, thanks to these brilliant and easy designs!By ReaderI absolutely love this book! So many wonderful animals to choose from, and the projects are small enough that I can complete them before my children forgot what they wanted me to embroider on their backpack ;)I had never embroidered anything before, but saw a review of Mollie's book on While She Naps, and just HAD to try my hand at it. The stitch dictionary at the back of the book, with detailed photos, and including starting and finishing instructions, were all I needed. I went from someone who'd never embroidered a thing, to an embroidery wizard. (No, really, my sons now think I'm magical because they can point to any creature, pick out colors, and I can have it on a backpack or article of clothing less than two days later.)I purchased some of the computer stitching paper that dissolves when wet, and was able to photocopy the patterns onto it, which made the project so much easier.There are 25 projects, but for our family, the over 100 embroidery motifs were even more valuable. Almost any animal my children can think of is in this book. Dragons, dinosaurs, lizards, elephants, a raccoon, owl, hedgehog, and seriously you should see the snail, it's adorable. I bought cloth napkins for my sons' lunch boxes for school next year, and am letting them pick out motifs for me to embroider over the summer. I love embroidery because it's so easy to see where you left off when you picked it up - as a mother of two preschool age boys, this is invaluable. I used to knit them sweaters, and it just wasn't a good creative outlet for this busy time in my life - they'd forget they wanted a star sweater / it would no longer fit by the time I finished it, and I could never remember when I took a week off what I was supposed to be doing in the pattern.My four year old has requested the banana, pelican, stretching cat, sleeping cat, butterfly, and sea turtle for his lunch bunch napkins.If you have young children and any interest in embroidery, this book is a no brainer for the sheer quantity of adorable, high quality animal motifs. The finishing instructions were so good that even as a newbie to sewing, I've washed my son's "lion" shorts on regular cycle in the washing machine four times now and see no evidence of thread pulling.Highly recommend this book!

Love stitching? Love animals? Then this sweet collection of creatures big and small is perfect for you! Featuring beginner-friendly embroidery patterns from a rising star in the craft community, it features a variety of irresistibly cute critterspets, farm animals, dinosaurs, even mythical favorites like Pegasus. There are 25 projects in all, from a hedgehog stroller quilt to a dachshund keyboard wrist rest, plus dozens of motifs.

Whimsical is the first word that comes to mind upon looking through this collection of animal-themed embroidery projects and motifs designed by Johanson, creator of the popular embroidery blog Wild Olive. The projects are beginner-friendly, using basic embroidery stitches and simple designs stitched as outlines . . . Embroidery continues to increase in popularity among contemporary crafters, and these projects will appeal to those sewing for childrenand to young-at-heart crafters who enjoy cute critters. Library Journal