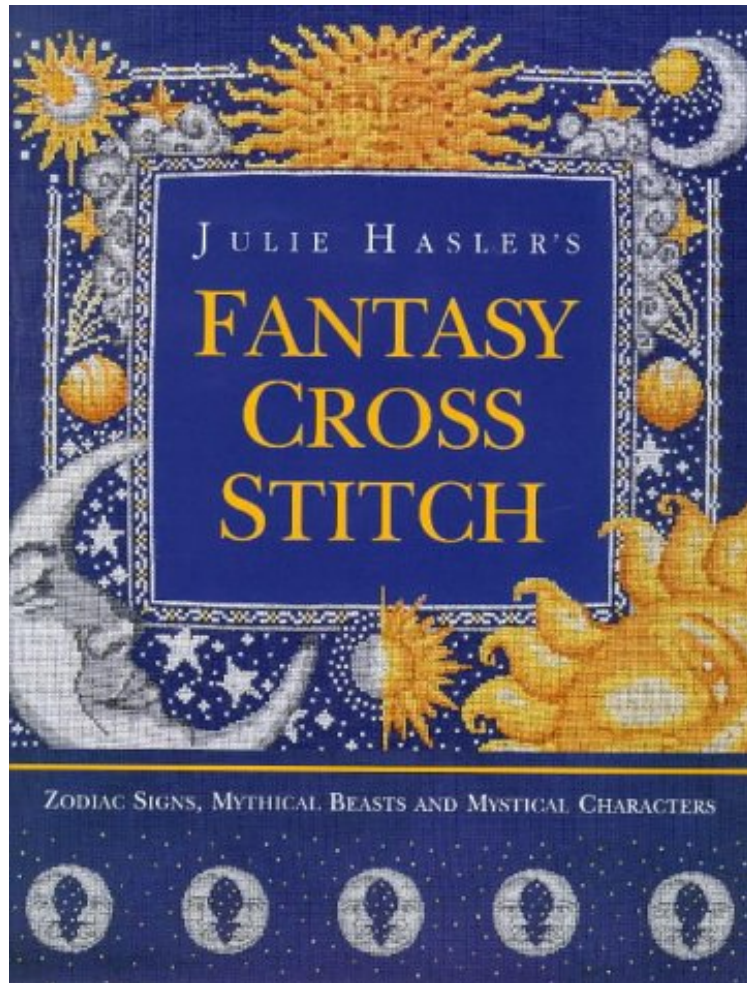


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Sew celestial beauty with 12 zodiac designs: make window hangings, cards, and box lids, and decorate clothes. Embellish cushions and small gift items with mythical beasts like Pegasus. It's a whiz to sew a wizard throw and bed linen, and mermaid pictures. 35 charted designs illustrate the power of symbols. It's fantastic! Best-selling author Julie Hasler has turned her considerable talents to the intriguing world of myth, mystery and magic. This marvelous gallery of over 60 cross-stitch patterns takes its inspiration from different cultures and ages. A guide that's beautiful to gaze at and simple to use. A Selection of BOMC's Crafters Choice Book Club.

.com Drawing on the realms of lore, legend, and magic, *Fantasy Cross Stitch* is a stunning gallery of intricate designs, a refreshing departure from the usual cross-stitch themes. Celestial subjects and mythological figures abound, from the signs of the zodiac to unicorns and mermaids to wizards and warriors. Accomplished needlework designer Julie Hasler finds inspiration in many places and many eras: medieval Europe, ancient Egypt, Greek and Norse mythology, the Orient, and the heavens. Each of the 23 highly detailed designs is fully charted in color, plus there is nice background information about each one. We learn, for example, that the ibis-headed Egyptian deity Thoth is credited with the invention of hieroglyphics, and that the Chinese dragon's waking, sleeping, and breathing was believed to determine night and day. In addition, a "symbol library" charts 35 smaller motifs (such as the yin-yang, Viking runes, Hindu talismans, and early Christian symbols). With subtle shadings and elaborate detail, these designs are apparently meant for the more experienced stitcher. But the artwork is good enough that anyone intrigued by these mystical motifs may even want to consider adapting them to other crafts. --Amy Handy  
From *Library Journal* Hasler, the compiler of numerous collections of cross-stitch motifs (e.g., *500 Cross Stitch Charted Designs*, LJ 10/15/97), has ventured into the fantasy world that is popular with modern stitchers. The designs she offers are more complex than many in her earlier collections and are presented as projects for pillows, bags, and clothing. The zodiac designs are particularly striking. Each design is charted in color and symbols with a DMC thread key. A small section of motifs is charted in color only, though there are color photographs of all the finished projects. Sure to be a popular selection. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.