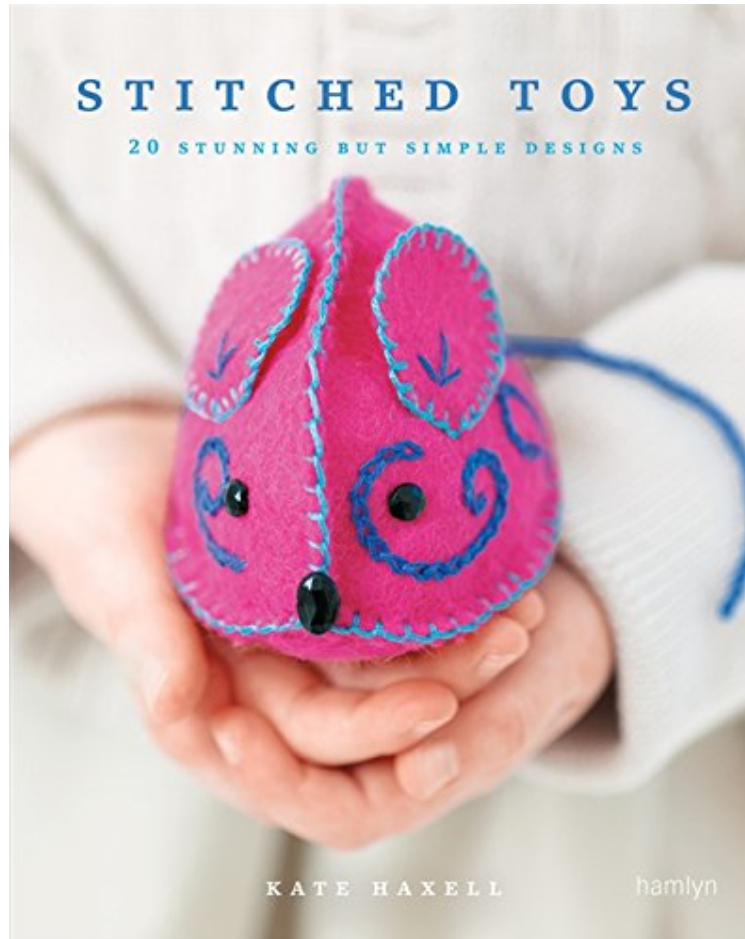


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Kate Haxell : Stitched Toys: 20 Stunning but Simple Designs before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised *Stitched Toys: 20 Stunning but Simple Designs*:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. *Stitched Toys* BookBy Leanne CrawfordThis is the exact book I WAS needing. When I found it I ordered it right away. I had a wonderful experience with the purchase of this item and would definitely recommend the book and the party I purchased it from to others. This book gives you the basics to use to make some really cute home made toys and I will be getting started soon. My first project will be making two of the cute elephants from the pattern inside. If you are looking for some wonderful handmade items to make for your children, grandchildren, friends' children or to donate to a charity I definitely would recommend this book to you.8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. The "Faberge Eggs" of homemade toysBy Ana Mardoll*Stitched Toys* / 978-0-600-61850-8I am absolutely delighted by the patterns and designs in this book. The subtitle proclaims "20 stunning but simple designs" and "stunning" is right - these are the "Faberge eggs" of homemade toys. As you can see from the front cover, author Haxell has taken basic toy shapes (mouse, doll, ducky, elephant, teddy) that anyone could

whip together in a few hours and has added simply stunning detailing in the form of careful embroidery and detailed hand-stitching. Now, I'm the last person in the world to extol the values of hand-stitching - I try to use my machine for *everything*, but these designs are too lovely to pass up. The dolls in particular are excruciatingly lovely - the detail work on the eyes, cheeks, lips, and fingers of the dolls evoke a very special blend of old-fashioned crafting (by using simple thread instead of buttons and snaps) and modern artistic style and flair. Although the detail is daunting, the instructions are well-written, with lots of pictures of assembly and the finished products to help the crafter along. I can almost guarantee that these works of art will be cherished by children who are old enough to appreciate the uniqueness of the final product. And, I will add, a great big kudos to author Haxell who urges her readers to reuse old material from around the house for reasons of environmental awareness and economy (most of these toys are small enough that even a fat quarter of material would be too much).~ Ana Mardoll4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Well Done!By KLPI'll admit, I haven't sat down to sew any of these projects just yet (the book was just delivered the other day), but after looking through the book, I was impressed with not only the design of the projects themselves (beautiful!), but also the layout and design of the book.... I'm looking forward to working my way through all the delightful projects. :) Well done!

An imaginative collection of 20 stunning, soft and safe stitched toys. From bean bags with whimsical faces to beautiful embroidered dolls, *Stitched Toys* shows you how to make a collection of wonderful toys that your children will love to play with and you will love to make. Simple step-by-step instructions and great photography guide you through every project, with each graded in difficulty so that you can pick the ones that best suit your current skill level. Including guidelines for easy embroidery, applique, patchwork, decorative beading and making toys' faces, you'll have no problem stitching these 20 original designs that children of all ages will treasure for years.

About the Author Taught to sew at an early age, Kate Haxell spent many hours making clothes for her long-suffering teddy bears. Author of six craft books, and editor of many more, Kate's favorite crafts are sewing and knitting.