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Linda Gillum, Barbara Baatz Hillman, Sandy Orton, Nancy Rossi : The Best of Kooler Design Studio before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Best of Kooler Design Studio:

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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.

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

About the Author
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.