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Needlepoint Trade Secrets

NEEDLEPOINT TRADE SECRETS

Second Edition



Synopsis

In Needlepoint Trade Secrets you will find hundreds of tips to make your needlework (of any kind) better, more organized, and easier. From Canvas to Traveling, this book compiles tips from teachers, designers, shopowners, and stitchers like you. It has been collected from a lifetime of stitching, designing and teaching. Whether you are a beginning needlepointer wanting to know the best way to mount a canvas, or an experienced stitcher looking for ways to organize your stash, you can find lots of ideas and information here. Each chapter begins with a short introduction about the topic. Chapters cover threads, finishing, organization, project ideas, techniques and stitching. There are even chapters, like this one on rare subjects like traveling with needlepoint or needlepoint photography. This book is a wealth of information, newly reformatted to take advantage of the Kindle. Janet's lively approach to needlepoint has won her fans all over the world. With the depth of knowledge and great ideas in this book you're sure to become a fan too. And there are three special offers available only to purchasers of the Kindle version.

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Customer Reviews

In her introduction to Needlepoint Trade Secrets, Janet Perry states, "...even though I've been stitching for over 30 years, I still discover ways to make my stitching better, learn a new stitch, or rediscover something from times past." On her website, [...] Janet bills herself first and foremost as a teacher. She wrote the original edition of Needlepoint Trade Secrets in the interest of sharing her discoveries. And does she ever! She offers fantastic tips on everything from where to find design ideas (your favorite lifestyle magazine is a great place to start!), to color choices (a good color wheel is invaluable), to how to finish your completed canvas easily and inexpensively. As a 30-plus-year stitcher myself, I must admit that the most daunting question I face with a completed canvas is, "OK, now what do I do with this?" Most stitchers will tell you that their UFO pile is as large as it is, due to the expense of finishing. Janet's terrific suggestions include everything from how to beat the high cost of custom framing, to innovative uses for those gorgeous belt canvases. Although there is a lot in Needlepoint Trade Secrets, her breezy style makes this 119-page book an easy read. Its short, bullet-filled chapters make this a fast read. The revised edition's small size (the original book was 8-1/2 by 11) makes it ideal to keep in your stitching bag. Do those ever-changing airline rules make you unsure whether or not you'll be able to stitch on a plane? No problem! With Needlepoint Trade Secrets at hand, you can read about our favorite obsession when you're 50,000 feet up. Be sure to have a pen and plenty of Post-Its handy! You'll need them to mark your favorite tips for easy future reference. Michelle Hufford, Owner Come to the Point! [...]

This is an excellent book for the beginner in needlepoint. Janet Perry is a needleworker and teacher who brings the clarity of her many years of experience to this book. After reading this book, a person who is new to needlepoint will have a greater understanding of what and why something is happening. The needlepointer receives help in understanding "what not to do and do" to have a professional looking product.

No matter how many years one has enjoyed the art of needlepoint, Needlepoint Trade Secrets, is a great reference book. I am self taught in needlepoint since 1970. Many times I refer to Needlepoint Trade Secrets just for fun, yet making sure there is nothing "I Thought I Knew", yet forgot. Great present for beginner needle pointers !!

Not a great deal of new information to me, but there are tips that probably would be a help to a less experienced needle worker. I would recommend it with reservations, suggesting that it might not be

all the help you expect. If you are just getting into needlepoint, though, you would probably find help here that others of us have learned through experience.

I have been waiting for months for this second edition to come out, having missed out on the first printing. If you are a needlepointer you will love reading this book! It is fun and easy to read and packed full of great ideas. Keep your highlighter handy!

Perry is a gifted teacher and designer and writes an entertaining and educational on-line column, but this book is a waste of money unless you're a beginning needlepointer. Anyone who has been needlepointing for more than a few months can pick up these tips from fellow stitchers, from their local needlepoint shop and in classes. And anyone with an ounce of sense can figure out an organizing system that is more efficient and less expensive. Perry should stick to what she does best!

Thought the book had many good tips, especially the recommendations on the stitching order. It would have been nice to see some illustrations and pictures of the examples she was talking about

I understood a portion of what was in this book, but then I am a beginner. Photos and illustrations would make this book actually valuable.

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