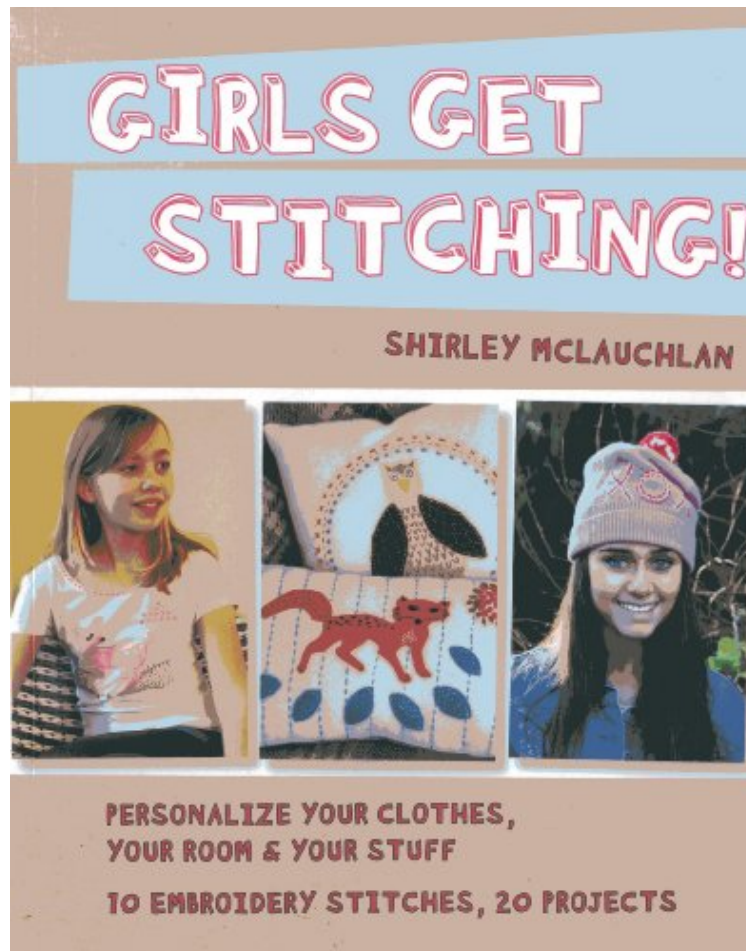


Girls Get Stitching

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Shirley McLauchlan : Girls Get Stitching before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Girls Get Stitching:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great for kids starting out and advanced.By B. AshbyMy daughter found this book at the library, and loved it so much we purchased a copy. It has great photos and easy steps by step instructions.

Girls Get Stitching by Susan McLaughlin teaches girls how to embroider simple projects and make them uniquely their own. Instructions include basic sewing and hand stitching, tracking down fabric, thread, and other material, and seeking out sources of inspiration for motifs. It includes a bevy of different projects from which girls can choose, including cards, gift tags, mobile phone covers, purses, little toys/charms/key fobs, stuffed hearts, bags, journal covers, hats, t-shirts, fabric jewelry, hair bands, scarves, pocket decorations, and more.

With a reassuring tone, McLaughlan certainly does get girls stitching, no sewing machine required! She uses 10 basic embroidery stitches to make the 20 charming projects in the book and that can then be used to branch out creatively to keep embellishing clothes and accessories. Introductory materials include a list of needed supplies, instructions for making the stitches and for the various techniques mentioned (such as bonding fabrics and transferring templates), and an explanation that natural materials work best. One need not spend a lot of money to get natural materials: why not turn to the clothing department at thrift stores?! Each project has at least one color photo and step-by-step instructions. End materials are reproducible templates with a statement of the percentage of enlargement needed and a glossary. Two female models are used in the photos, one looks to be a teen and the other looks to be a preteen, so I can see this book being used by crafty girls of many ages. I'm enjoying the fun and creative youth titles coming from the FunStitch Studio of CT Publishing and look forward to many more. Girls Get Stitching is recommended for ages 10 and up. (Ingram Content Youth e-newsletter, 11/6/13)Today's kids are all about being uniqueand Shirley's project book is loaded with fun and fashionable ways to make something scream Mine! And the personalization comes through adorable embroidery ideas that can be used on shirts, aprons, bags and other fabric items.Understand that this book is mostly about embroidery, which also includes wool felt applique. Most of the embellished items are purchased or up-cycled, but Shirley does include some simple plans for pillows and cards, which are then embellished.Most kids will be able to work through the projects and ideas in this book on their own. As with all of the FunStitch Studio books, this one is carefully written for children, offering many tips and illustrations to easily follow. (Generation Q Magazine, January/February 2014)About the AuthorRecipient of textile design degrees from the prestigious Glasgow School of Art and St. Martin's School of Art, Shirley McLaughlan was a partner at Kim Clark for 10 years. Currently, she sells her own hand-stitched designs on www.skmclachlan.co.uk. Shirley lives in Scotland with her family.