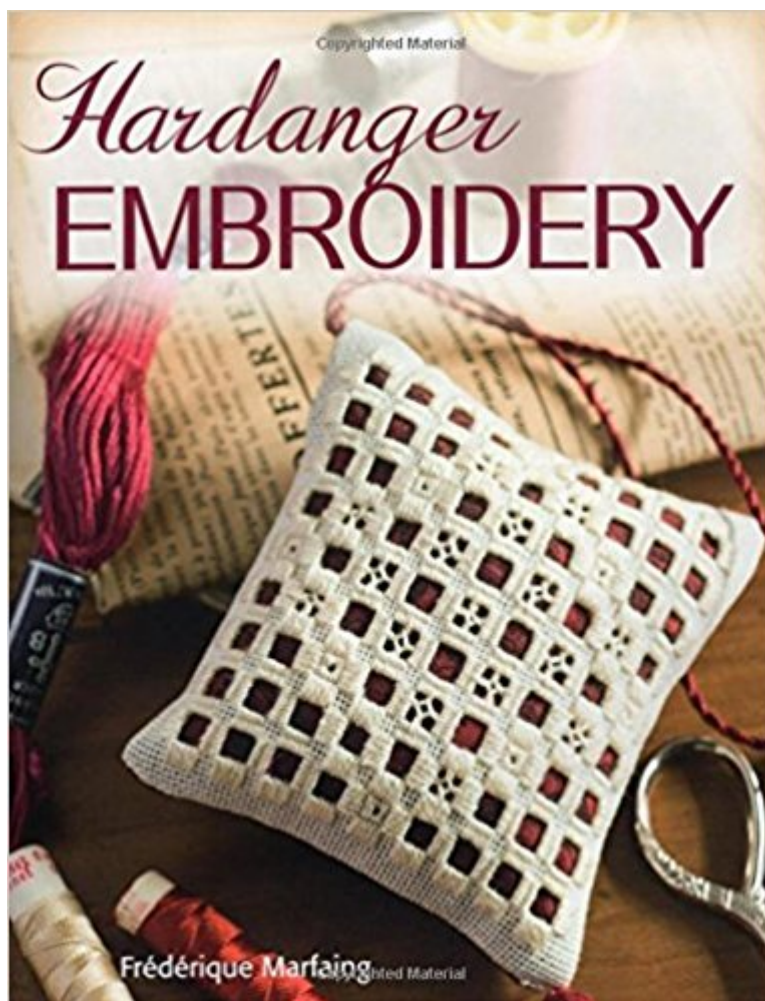


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# Hardanger Embroidery



## Synopsis

Hardanger embroidery is a Norwegian technique that uses simple stitches and pulled threads to create beautiful geometric designs. This book is a complete, easy-to-follow introduction to the craft. Step-by-step instructions for stitching 43 different embroidery building blocks, from basic squares to more intricate motifs. Charts and instructions for 18 projects show just a few of the ways these building blocks can be put together to create beautiful designs for decorating pillows, bags, home décor, and more.

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"Marfaing's guide, with its combination of stitches and small projects, will appeal both to beginners and to embroiderers who want to design their own pieces." (Library Journal 2014-06-01) "Everything old is new again, and hardanger embroidery, which is pulled threadwork named after a fjord in Norway, is gaining twenty-first century attention, thanks to its clean lines and (often) white-on-white textural design...Marfaing gives in-depth instructions and 18 elegant projects." (Booklist 2014-07-01)

Frederique Marfaing is a hardanger expert who lives in Norway.

I have so many needlework books that I have to make sure my sizable amount of hardanger books can all be found together. I renovated my whole craft room and am determined to cull my 800+ books to the best-of-the-best: they all have to fit in my existing bookshelves. So far, this one technique overflows a shelf. So what's different about this book? To begin with, it was first published in France and titled: *Les Sons et Modèles*. (Weirdly, the official Library of Congress

cataloging data lists her first name as Friderique instead of Marfaing and states the original French title was Hardanger: Legons et Modhles.) And the back cover explains the author is a hardanger expert who lives in Norway. Marfaing is a Norwegian name and Friderique is French? Anyway, the whole thing has more than an authentic aura--it has an international flair. A couple of the projects are photographed with books or papers in French and the double heart wedding ring pillow displays the date 17.03.2006, in the European fashion. This project is quite unusual for us; instead of the ubiquitous white or pink for the ring bearer's pillow, this one uses DMC pearl cotton in 814--a shocking garnet! (It's also interesting that a second ring bearer's pillow is pictured right after. Nice alternatives you don't see often.) Some of the most popular hardanger books and publications are from Nordic Needle in Fargo, SD, Janice Love, and Emie Bishop of Cross 'n' Patch Designs. Janice Love's are essential: Hardanger Basics and Beyond Fundamentals made fancy: Hardanger This reviewed book has a lot of Ms. Love's stitches and they're displayed even more clearly because there's a large color photo of the stitch right beside a large diagram of it. Please look at the Look Inside feature at the top of the page which, for once, displays an amazing number of pages. You'll be impressed by at least some of the projects and at how detailed the directions are. I like it that the projects go beyond white, ecru and pastels in fiber and fabric and move to deeper shades and also variegated colors. I really like it when the same project is shown in more than one colorway. Look carefully at the front cover. That little pillow is stitched on 25-count Lugana but utilizes size 5 and 8 pearl cotton instead of size 8 and 12. Look how much thicker the wrapped bars are than the ground fabric. There is a wealth of both traditional and nontraditional projects which are very inviting. I can't imagine anyone picking up this book and putting it down, disappointed in it. These are other of my favorite hardanger books: Classic Hardanger (Milner Craft Series) Hardanger Embroidery (Dover Needlework) Elegant Hardanger Embroidery: A Step-by-step Manual for Beginners to Advanced Hardanger Embroidery The Anchor Book of Hardanger Embroidery (The Anchor Book Series) Traditional Hardanger Embroidery (Dover Needlework) The New Anchor Book of Hardanger Embroidery Stitches

This is a wonderful Hardanger book. Several new stitches and great pictures. I ordered 4 books for friends who saw mine and wanted one of their own. I highly recommend this book for anyone who enjoys doing Hardanger embroidery.

This book is very basic. I had hoped for something more advanced and with greater detail. A good book for a beginner.

i saw this book at the library and ordered it ASAP. I consider myself an Advanced stitcher, but many of these stitches were new to me. Even my other stitching friends were amazed by it. An excellent resource for Hardanger enthusiasts, and my second-most important stitching book.

This book is full of suggestions and helpful instructions for designs from simple to complex. It helps that I have done onther kinds of embroidery so some of the terms were familiar.

The patterns were easy to read and the stitches were easy to follow

Full tutorial for the nice scandinavian embroidery. All instructions are clear and each step is supported by photo illustration. Now it is my directory to make new masterpieces like the musician writes Rhapsody with simple notes.

Purchased this book as a gift and it is well received

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