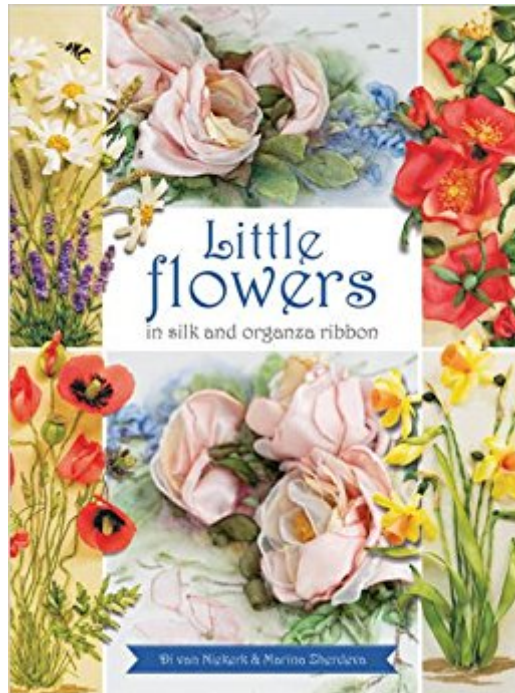




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Little Flowers In Silk And Organza Ribbon



Synopsis

This irresistible step-by-step project book is all about making little flowers in silk and organza ribbon. Using a combination of thread, ribbon embroidery, stumpwork and other techniques, you can produce gorgeous poppies, sweet strawberry blossoms, delightful daffodils and a ring of daisies. Or enjoy creating magnificent wild roses, chamomiles and meadow grass in 3D, lisianthus and lavender, with butterflies and ladybirds and so much more. Packed with information and many new techniques, this book will inspire every silk ribbon enthusiast, from the beginner to the advanced, to share in the joy of learning how to make beautiful life-like flowers and little creatures in ribbon and thread. All completed projects are smaller than A4 size and templates of all the original designs are included, with easy-to-follow instructions on how to layer the embroidery and stumpwork to achieve the exquisite three-dimensional effect. An extensive range of step-by-step photographs as well as a complete gallery of stitches make it virtually impossible to go wrong. This is the first collaboration between internationally acclaimed Di van Niekerk and Russian embroiderer extraordinaire, Marina Zherdeva.

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Customer Reviews

June/July 2015 What sets these artists' work apart is that they fearlessly combine techniques drawn from stumpwork, mixed media and conventional thread embroidery with specific ribbon embroidery stitches to create stunningly dimensional pieces. As you'd expect from an experienced author and

tutor like Di, the basics are covered with great clarity. Collaborating here with Marina for the first time, together they combine media and techniques that are truly inspirational, with the authors just as likely to add shells and stones to a piece as ribbon or thread. Dyed silk rods become wild roses, while a humble candle is used to seal and form organza into realistically curved leaves and petals. Sumpwork is wonderfully 3d but labour intensive but, here a 3D strawberry is made not in needlelace but from a gathered circle of ribbon, stuffed with wooly fibre, with the achenes (indented speckles) suggested by a few straight stitches - simple but effective, as is so much in this highly desirable book. An added bonus is the authors' recipe for making your own anti-fray liquid glue for sealing and strengthening cut ribbon shapes - which is worth the book's cover price alone.

Stitch July 14 Oh my goodness. The words that come to mind! Lavish, Lovely, Luscious - Di van Niekerk and Marina Zherdeva's new silk ribbon embroidery book, *Little Flowers in Silk & Organza Ribbon* is all of the above! For silk ribbon embroidery enthusiasts, I'm pretty certain all of Di's books are a must for your bookshelves. But silk ribbon embroidery - and the techniques found in this book that I'm reviewing today - goes beyond just the SRE enthusiast. If you are a crazy quilter, if you love stumpwork and three-dimensional embroidery techniques, if you are a flower enthusiast, if you just like pretty things - this book will draw you in and teach you much! First off, like all of Di's books, this one is a beauty. It's one of those books you can leave out on your coffee table, that people who aren't remotely interested in embroidery will browse through and take delight in. The photos, the colors, the abundance - the book is mesmerizing! But the great thing is that Di & Marina combine a gloriously beautiful book with solid instruction. That's a win-win combination for me. I love to look at books, but even more so, I love to read them and learn from them. Even though the projects in this book look elaborate and advanced, I think the newbie to silk ribbon embroidery can definitely venture in, too. All the basics are covered, so if you're just starting out, you'll have the foundation information you need to approach the projects in the book. And the projects! They're all flowers - narcissus, poppies, chamomiles, a rose wreath, strawberry blossoms, a ring of daisies, double roses and blue violets, wild roses and pink blossoms! And there it is, my friends - another glorious book from Di van Niekerk!

needlenthread.com July 14 Being an absolute beginner to ribbon embroidery, I have struggled to find a book that explains and illustrates this attractive form of embroidery as accurately and in such an easy manner to follow as the "*Little Flowers in Silk and Organza Ribbon*". The quality of the diagrams are clear and very easy to follow along with the techniques which again are clearly explained each step along the way. I particularly liked the idea of using other materials to enhance the work and for me personally this is a book I will enjoy working with. (East Sussex Branch) Embroiderer's Guild

An artistically inclined mother and a keen interest in all things beautiful got Di Van Niekerk off to an early start as an embroiderer. Her love for this discipline soon became her livelihood and starting an embroidery business was just another natural progression for this talented crafter. She opened her first shop in the Natal Midlands and when the family decided to uproot and move to Johannesburg, along went the business. After four years of running one of Johannesburg's most successful embroidery shops, the family's urge to settle in Cape Town became too strong to ignore. Di now lives in the Mother City where she runs two successful embroidery shops. The end product of her latest interest, hand painting her own range of silk and organza ribbons for embroidery, is marketed to retail outlets worldwide.

Well little flowers is a misnomer. They are really large flowers suitable for wall art. For that, it is a nice book. With many techniques shown in detail. Each project list the items you will need to complete, pattern sizes and information on the "equipment" you will be using. For me it was worth it just for the lovely roses.

Step by step directions, even how to burn ribbon/silk edges. Very detailed photos, you can see the threads on the silk. Projects are beautiful and inspiring. Very glad to own it.

too fabulous a book and the talented ladies - so glad I got it so I can progress in my flowers for crazy quilting!!

Little Flowers in Silk & Organza Ribbon is another lovely book from Di van Niekerk. It's an instructional book as well as a project book - and the projects within are gorgeous! The instruction at the beginning of the book is geared towards beginners, making the book accessible to determined beginners and beyond. At the beginning of the book, you'll find all the pertinent information on setting up a project, on necessary tools and materials, on choosing ribbons and fabrics, and so forth. Then, the author instructs on the basics of silk ribbon embroidery, using clear text and step-by-step photos. There are eight floral projects presented in the book, from narcissus to poppies to chamomiles, roses, strawberry blossoms, violets - all of them are gorgeous! Finally, the book ends with a stitch dictionary for easy reference. If you love ribbon embroidery, if you are a crazy quilter, if you're fascinated by stumpwork and three-dimensional embroidery techniques, if you're a flower enthusiast, or if you just love pretty things, you'll probably want this one on your shelf! It will teach

you how to create realistic, sumptuous flowers out of silk and organza ribbon, so that you can go forth and adorn your world with them!

While I did flip through the pages of this book online, I had hoped there would be more too it. It seems that there was only a brief introduction and then some designs to use for embroidery. While this may be nice for someone looking for design ideas, this was a bit of a disappointment as I can find most if not all of the techniques taught in this book online for free.

Dear! If You like embroidery this book is a "should have it!" Very clear step-by-step direct teachings with many flowers models to give you more inspiration for nice compositions, just a point: start now. I am sure You will get in love, my Dear.

Excellent little volume, with nifty ideas and clear directions for creating them.

This is the second book I have purchased from Di Van Niekerk. The instructions are easy to follow and her work is just beautiful.

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