

This now out-of-print book is a must-have in your needlework library. The stitches are not divided into the usual categories, but are listed alphabetically. This terrific “dictionary” feature encourages browsing. I discovered several new stitches I can’t wait to try! Susan includes several stitches courtesy of the late **Chottie Alderson**, including: *Ashley*, *Beau Ridge*, *Buttonhole Flowers*, *Dana*, and *Rubato*. Anyone looking for directions to *Chottie’s Plaid*? It’s in here! The book even has a stitch contributed by comedian **Arte Johnson**. Susan also provides a ***Stitch Durability Chart*** that tells you how well a stitch will hold up. Making a purse, and are tired of the Basketweave? Take a look at her numerous “hard wearers.” There is also a chapter on Blocking and Finishing and another on project suggestions.