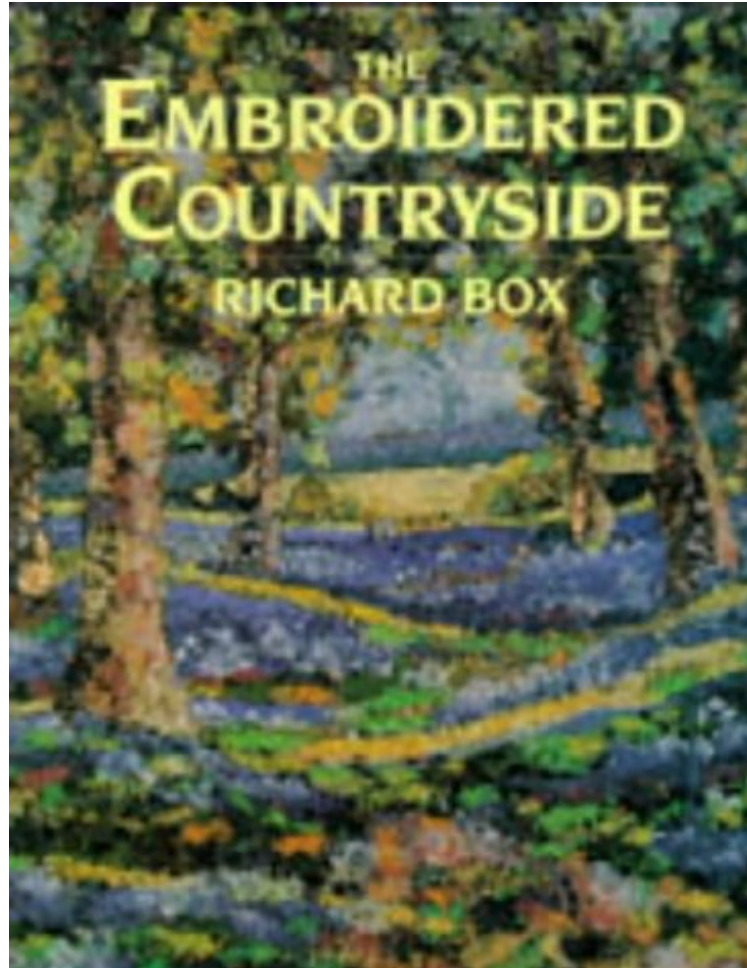


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Taking the four seasons as the main theme, this book introduces readers to the embroidered countryside through a number of "how-to-do-it" projects. The book includes sections on both hand and machine embroidery ranging from the traditional to more contemporary designs. It is designed to encourage embroiderers to use their own designs as a starting point for the projects, with the less-experienced guided throughout. Explains every stage of the embroidery process, including selecting and simplifying a design, making a paper pattern and choosing fabrics, with all aspects of the countryside featured including flowers, animals, fields, woods and seasons.

From BooklistIt makes a great deal of sense, as Box demonstrates so well, to look on embroidery and other stitchery techniques with a painterly eye. Yet how-to books on this subject are more concerned with instructions than with beauty; this British artist simply reverses the emphasis. Based on seasons of the year, each section includes at least one full-scale explanation of an embroidered fabric collage pattern and directions that decrease in detail with each subsequent project, as stitchers increase their skills. Among Box's more unusual techniques are the use of a viewfinder (a new way to explore perspective) and the judicious intermixture of machine and hand embroidery. The only jarring notes? A propensity for New Age vocabulary and far too many quotes. Then again, as Horace pointed out, "there is a measure in everything." Barbara Jacobs