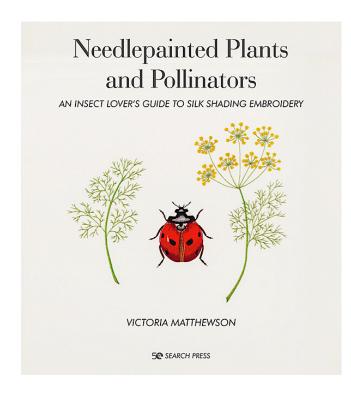
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# Needlepainted Plants and Pollinators

An insect lover's guide to silk shading embroidery

#### Victoria Matthewson

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# **Key Selling Points**

- Create nine exquisite step-by-step needlepainted embroideries
- Each project features a stunning plant and pollinator combination, and contains fascinating entomological insights
- Suitable for ambitious beginners or those with some previous embroidery experience.

## Description

Exquisitely detailed and worked in silk floss thread with tiny size 12 needles, Victoria Matthewson's embroideries are a masterclass in thread painting, and shine with vibrant colour and life.

Many people think of bees as being the only pollinators but, in fact, a wide variety of insects help with the pollination of plants, including butterflies, moths, wasps and beetles – all of which make wonderful subjects for embroidery. Starting with key stitches and techniques, this inspiring and practical book contains nine step-by-step embroidery projects. Choose from nine key plant and pollinator combinations including the dogrose and greenbottle fly, ox-eye daisy and hoverfly, and fennel and seven-spot ladybird. Each stunning project contains fascinating entomological insights about each pollinator and its plant, verified by the experts at the charity Buglife. With a foreword written by TV naturalist lolo Williams, and a comprehensive design and stitch guide, this gorgeous and informative book will inspire you to observe and capture the beauty of these vital ecosystems.

The book will suit people with some previous embroidery knowledge, or ambitious beginners.

#### **About the Author**

Victoria Matthewson is a hand embroidery artist specializing in needlepainting. By combining her love of nature and craft she has developed a distinctive style of embroidery using silk floss thread, creating realistic artwork inspired by British flora and fauna, with a special focus on insects.

She is proud to have built a reputation as one of the top needlepainting artists in the UK: in March 2018 she won Needlecrafter of the Year at the National Needlecraft Awards in collaboration with DMC thread. She is a member of The Society for Embroidered Work and has also created projects for Stitch magazine.

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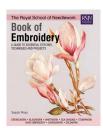




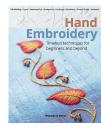
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