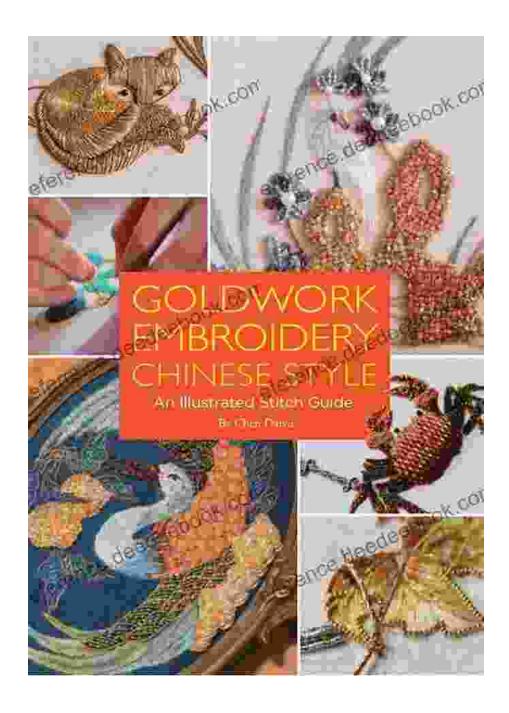
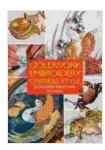
# Goldwork Embroidery Chinese Style: An Illustrated Stitch Guide



### to Goldwork Embroidery: Chinese Style

Goldwork embroidery is a form of needlework that uses metallic threads, typically gold or silver, to create intricate designs. This technique has been

practiced in China for centuries, and is known for its opulence and beauty.



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Chinese goldwork embroidery is characterized by its use of fine, twisted threads which are couched down onto a fabric backing. This creates a raised, sculptural effect that is both eye-catching and luxurious. Goldwork embroidery is often used to decorate clothing, accessories, and home décor items.

#### **Materials for Goldwork Embroidery Chinese Style**

#### Fabric:

\* Choose a fabric that is firm enough to support the weight of the embroidery, but not so thick that the needle will be difficult to penetrate. \* Silk, linen, and cotton are all good choices for goldwork embroidery.

#### Thread:

- \* The most important material for goldwork embroidery is the thread. \* Goldwork threads are made of real gold or silver, or they may be synthetic.
- \* Synthetic threads are less expensive than real gold or silver threads, but they do not have the same sheen or longevity. \* Goldwork threads are available in a variety of sizes and thicknesses. \* The thickness of the thread will determine the size of the stitches.

#### Needle:

\* Use a sharp needle that is designed for embroidery. \* The size of the needle will depend on the thickness of the thread. \* A larger needle will be needed for thicker threads.

#### Other materials:

\* Embroidery hoop or frame \* Scissors \* Ruler or measuring tape \* Pencil or fabric marker \* Glue

## **Basic Stitches for Goldwork Embroidery Chinese Style**

## **Couching stitch:**

This is the most basic stitch used in goldwork embroidery. \* To make a couching stitch, bring the needle up through the fabric, couch the thread down onto the fabric, and then bring the needle down through the fabric again. \* Repeat this process until you have created a line of stitches.

#### Split stitch:

This stitch is used to create a more textured effect. \* To make a split stitch, bring the needle up through the fabric, then insert the needle into the fabric

a short distance away. \* Bring the needle back up through the fabric, splitting the thread in the middle. \* Repeat this process until you have created a line of stitches.

#### Satin stitch:

This stitch is used to fill in areas of goldwork embroidery. \* To make a satin stitch, bring the needle up through the fabric, then insert the needle into the fabric a short distance away. \* Bring the needle back up through the fabric, overlapping the previous stitch by about half. \* Repeat this process until you have filled in the area.

# Advanced Stitches for Goldwork Embroidery Chinese Style Purl stitch:

This stitch is used to create a raised, beaded effect. \* To make a purl stitch, bring the needle up through the fabric, then wrap the thread around the needle twice. \* Insert the needle back into the fabric, a short distance away. \* Bring the needle back up through the fabric, passing through the loops. \* Repeat this process until you have created a line of stitches.

### **Bullion stitch:**

This stitch is used to create a more three-dimensional effect. \* To make a bullion stitch, bring the needle up through the fabric, then wrap the thread around the needle several times. \* Hold the thread taut and insert the needle back into the fabric, a short distance away. \* Bring the needle back up through the fabric, passing through the loops. \* Repeat this process until

you have created a bullion knot. \* You can then use bullion knots to create a variety of different shapes and designs.

#### **Tips for Goldwork Embroidery Chinese Style**

\* Use a light touch when embroidering. \* Do not pull the thread too tightly, or you will distort the fabric. \* Be patient and take your time. \* Goldwork embroidery is a slow and meticulous process, but the results are worth it.

Goldwork embroidery is a beautiful and versatile technique that can be used to create a variety of different effects. With a little practice, you can master the basic stitches and start creating your own stunning goldwork embroidery designs.



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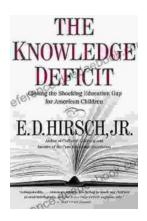
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