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Stitch Graffiti: Unexpected Cross-Stitch Heather Holland-Daly

Stitch Graffiti: Unexpected Cross-Stitch (Interweave Press, April 2008, \$21.95) puts a new twist on this classic craft with a collection of 25+ stylish, witty, and playful designs with the modern crafter in mind.

Heather Holland-Daly, owner of cross-stitch design company Monsterbubbles, livens up the craft with her graphic designs, tattoo imagery, and quotations found in song lyrics, literature, movies, and even truck stops and bathroom walls. ***Stitch Graffiti*** assumes no prior cross-stitching experience and begins with the basic introduction to the craft with patterns that follow for decorating clothes, accessories, home accents, and gifts. Heather's playful approach to cross-stitch is showcased on everything from wall hangings and jean jackets to handbags.

"You'll soon see the possibilities for cross-stitching on any medium. A fly swatter, a mesh screen door...they're all an open canvas to cross-stitchers willing to experiment with new mediums," says Holland-Daly.

Projects are divided into "Graffiti" stitched quotes, initials, and meaningful observations using a graphed alphabet included in the book; "Tattoos," designs meant for jeans, jackets, and purses; and "Stuff," designs meant to adorn different surfaces and show creative ways to finish off needlework projects. ***Stitch Graffiti*** projects include the Flower Child motif perfect for an old top, a purse or a pair of jeans, the funky Mom tattoo perfect for a onesie, new baby bib, or even a jean jacket, the No Fly fly swatter, Bloomer screen sandwich frame, and three bracelets stitched on nylon frames, plus more!

Throughout the book Heather offers “Liner Notes,” which are her creative ideas on designing original projects, embellishing designs with beads, tips for dyeing fabric backgrounds and fantastic framing ideas using found objects, hardware, and more. Plus every project features Heather’s funny, offbeat take on what inspired the design and how to personalize it. Whether you’re an experienced needleworker looking for a fresh take on cross-stitch or complete beginner, ***Stitch Graffiti*** has everything you need to stitch with success.

**STITCH GRAFFITI: UNEXPECTED CROSS-STITCH
Heather Holland-Daly**

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About the author: Heather Holland-Daly is the owner of cross-stitch kit company Monsterbubbles (monsterbubbles.com), a quirky design company she started in 2003 to satisfy her need for something to stitch. Her designs have been featured in *The Cross Stitcher* and *Just Cross Stitch* and she has appeared on Needle Arts Studio with Shay Pendray. Heather strives to make stitching cool again and bring needle arts to the young and young at heart. She lives in Belleville, Illinois. Website: monsterbubbles.com

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