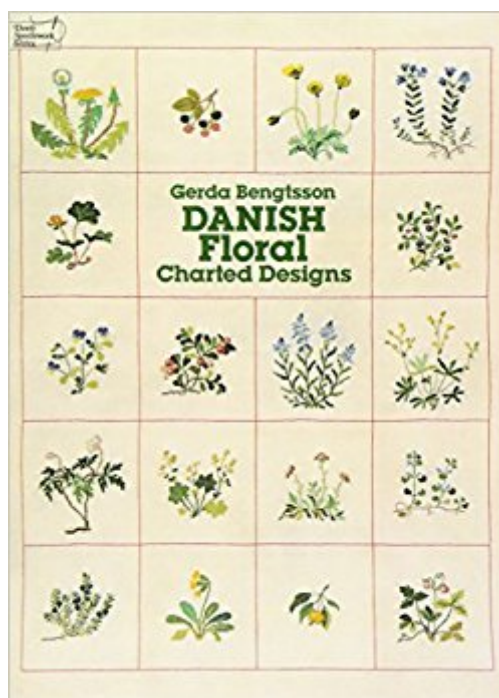


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# Danish Floral Charted Designs (Dover Embroidery, Needlepoint)



## Synopsis

Embroiderers will welcome this delightful collection of charted designs by Gerda Bengtsson, considered one of the greatest living designers of counted cross-stitch designs. Here are more than 40 exquisite florals, including such favorites as Buttercups, Anemone, Pansies, Spring Flowers, Iceland Poppy, Crowberry, Lapland Rhododendron, Wild Fruit, Sweet Violet, Lady's Mantle, Stone Bramble, and Hare's-Foot Clover. All of the designs are color keyed to both D.M.C. and Danish Flower Thread embroidery floss, and because the chart makes it easy to vary the size of the design they can be used to decorate anything from small pillows to bedspreads. The patterns lend themselves to use not only in cross-stitch, but also needlepoint, rug-hooking, crochet, and other forms of counted thread embroidery.

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## Customer Reviews

This book has the most CHARMING small florals which would be delightful in a European or "cottage" decor! I'm going to make some sachet pouches with these designs on them to place throughout my home or give as gifts. They add a delightful touch to any small project. I thought the suggestion to enlarge the charts on a copier was a good idea. To make the charts even easier to follow, and more interesting to look at, I would suggest coloring the enlarged charts in with colored pencils that resemble the floss colors. I see that DMC has come out with "linen" floss in soft floral colors . . . I bet they would produce an especially lovely effect. I saw them at A.C. Moore in the

cross stitch section. I do not know how these "linen" floss colors are numbered, but I suppose this could be checked out at a DMC website?

The patterns are really nice. I can't wait to get started on some projects. You would need to copy & enlarge them to see well.

I was hoping that this was some cross stitch and some other surface embroidery, but it's all cross stitch. The designs are simple and pretty though.

This book of exquisite small projects is just right for the counted cross stitcher who wants to create something for the person who has everything. The designs are small and need to be enlarged on a copier before they can be used (I enlarged at 159 percent). Most designs are square, about 65 stitches in each direction. Three or four designs grouped in the same frame would make a nice presentation. Thread colors for both DMC and Danish Flower Thread are given.

Excellent

I love Gerda Bengtsson and have several of her Dover books. I haven't done the little flowers on the cover...so many projects, so little time...but I did the Spring Flowers in the middle of the booklet. The stitch count is about 120 x 160 and it works up quite quickly because you use just one color in the Assisi format: the outlines of the flowers and the background, Assisi is done in relief.

caught me flatfooted with different dmc thread and not having equivalent or explanation but then again is published overseas. Mayhaps with next reprint the publishers should consider an international note, since with the internet, it is an international market. My netstore has helped out with the thread issue.

Gerda Bengtsson is Denmark's greatest fiber-artist and created more than 1000 designs. She achieves the essence of botanicals using just a few, well-placed stitches. Most of her botanicals are large, stunning pieces. This is a collection of tiny, exquisite plants. (No, you won't find anything cute in here; no teddybears or santas). Over the past thirty years, I have made many of these, framed them for my home or given them as gifts. They are best when stitched on pure linen with Danish Flower Thread. [Still available from the Haandarbejdets Fremme] I was delighted to see this gem of

a book for sale and bought up 5 copies! Mine is so worn!

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