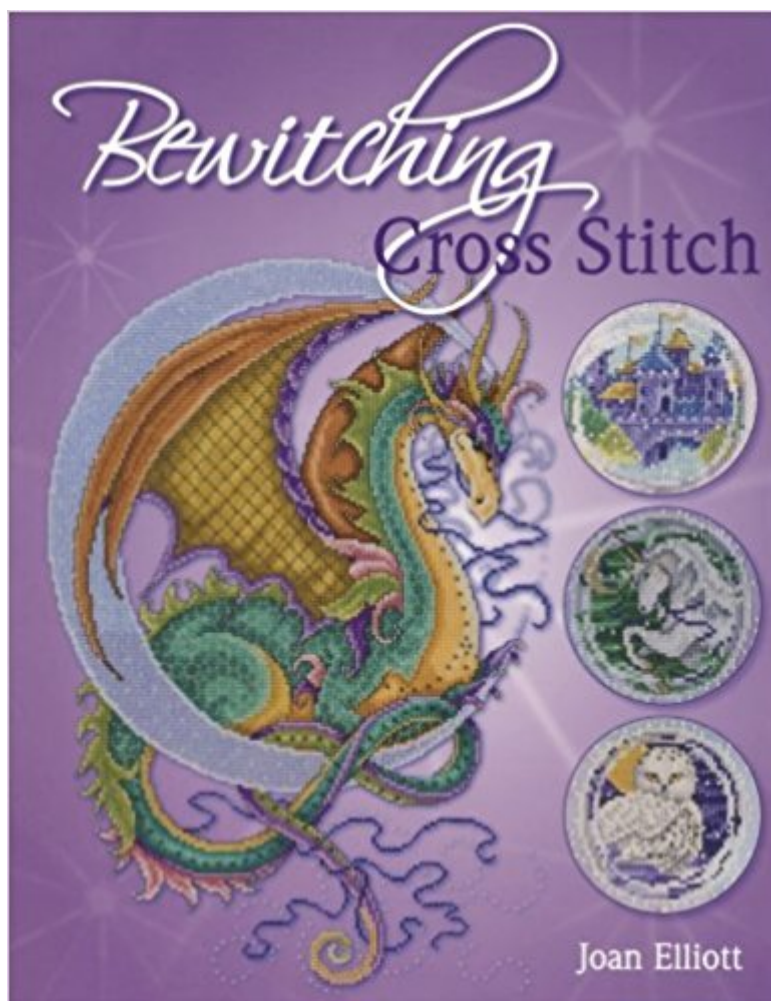


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# Bewitching Cross Stitch



## Synopsis

Cross stitchers will be bewitched by this original collection of fantasy-inspired designs from one of the cross stitch world's favorite designers, Joan Elliott. Fans of fantasy will love this collection of imaginative designs, including wizards, witches, dragons and pixies--all intricately brought to life with luxurious metallic threads and glittering beads. Projects include enchanting cards, gift bags, keepsakes, framed pictures, and more.

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## Customer Reviews

Joan Elliott has created needlework designs for over 30 years. She continues to be the main designer of kits for Design Works Crafts Inc, one of the top US needlecraft kit suppliers, and is a regular contributor to World of Cross Stitching, one of the UK's leading cross stitch magazines. This is her seventh book for David & Charles.

Cross stitching is not just copying a piece of art onto fabric with thread - there's also an art to the colors and the ease of stitching them AND the effective use of back stitching. Joan's the master of these techniques, and this book has some of her best and brightest work. Highly recommended.

**\*UPDATE\*** I LOVE THIS BOOK! I have done almost EVERYTHING in here as gifts or just 'cause. I m redoing the Crescent Moon Dragon again. The 1st time I did it on black and it looks FANTASTIC! Now I'm stitching it on a blue/grey tie dye fabric. This book ISN'T for beginners... it works with evenweave fabric you have to work over 4 strands and its not only hard but it took me almost 8 months t finish the dragon because of that fact. The other ones are on regular Aida (you COULD do

the dragon one on Aida but I'm a stickler for detail!) The charts are PERFECT... in full color and easy to read, 1/2 of the patterns take up more than 2 pages and each and every page is color. Some projects are small like post card size but the biggest one is the wizard (I am eagerly awaiting fabric or that one!), 18x22 inches! I TOTALLY think its worth the money, I have had this book for a little over 2 years and i go to it whenever I need a project (my sister loved the Hope (bird) cross stitch and my cousin loved the egyptian style bookmark)...If you can afford the amount of money and time it takes (you need PLENTY of both) then this book is a must have!!! found this book at the library and when i rented it i knew i had to buy it. the designs are a little big (1-4 pages) but the images when done are more than astounding. i am an avid cross stitching addict and have to work on three projects at the same time but with these they don't bore me or make me want to go to another design.

Full color and the best designs yet! If you are just looking for Joan Elliott I would highly recommend this book over purchasing the "Magical Cross Stitch Designs: Over 60 Fantasy Cross Stitch Designs Featuring Fairies, Wizards, Witches and Dragons". Joan Elliott's books are wonderful and very well done. This one is older, but I definitely hope that they will keep it in publishing and publish a second volume or more as well!

I love all things mythical and have fallen in love with this book. All of the patterns are extremely beautiful and so fun to stitch. I have already completed the "Mother Moon" and I am currently working on "Father Sun" and I have to say that they are both magnificent! The colors are rich, the details are beautiful, especially the metallic thread and the beading. If you are into stitching and love to do mythical type projects, this will be your favorite book. I first borrowed it from the library and after looking through it, I had to buy it for myself.

I bought this book for 1 specific pattern. After I got it and went through it dozens of times, there are SEVERAL projects in here I am VERY excited about! This book has the most beautiful patterns! Colorful, big with great detail and small easier patterns, the 1st I've seen that uses beading, metallic threads and multi tone threads....very Magickal and pretty :) !!! I LOVE this book!!!

There are so many ways to describe this book that it is hard to choose just a couple of words. The colors and the designs are fabulous. The patterns Father Sun and Mother Moon are by far my favorites and I can't wait to begin stitching them. They are just absolutely beautiful. I bet Joan had a

wonderful time coming up with these. The colors are over the top. Everything about this book is way over the top and anyone would be hard pressed to find a book to beat this one. These designs are just small reasons why Joan Elliott is by far my favorite designer. The designs are definitely bewitching.

I bought one for myself and one for a friend when I saw mine. Joan Elliott is the artist that draws the most beautiful faces in cross stitch. I like "Mother Moon" so much, I immediately bought all the ethereal Kreinik metallic floss, beads, and fabric to start stitching! The colors that are used to make her patterns are really seen once you get all the "ingredients" together. Once you start you know you are creating a Goddess! Next will be "Father Sun" and the wonderful Wizard and Dragon that are also in this book. I have bought other books and have been disappointed once you get them home and see how poorly done they are, but not this one. Some of these patterns were originally published in English Cross Stitching magazines. If you go to her web site you will have to pay more for just one of these patterns than you will for this whole book.

Joan Elliott has outdone herself with this book. Beautiful designs. Breathtaking colors. She was born to design for cross stitching. Every chart in this book is incredible. A friend just finished the Crescent Moon Dragon, and I am working on the Chinese Phoenix, my favorite in this collection. If you want a challenging, yet extremely enjoyable project, this book is for you!

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