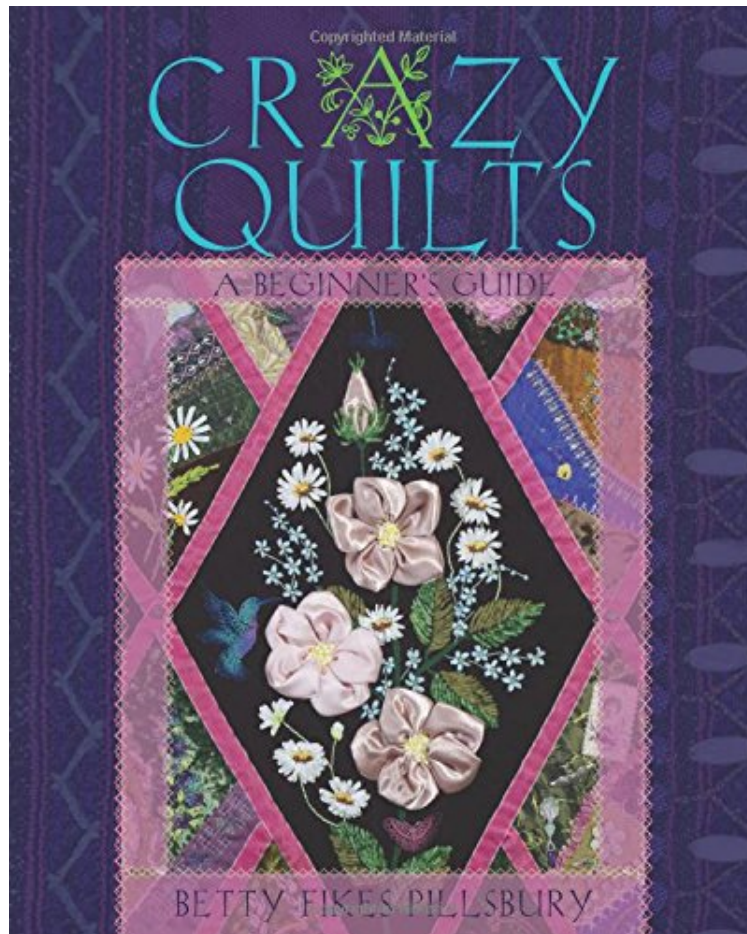


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## **Crazy Quilts: A Beginners Guide**

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Textile artist and instructor Betty Fikes Pillsbury has won hundreds of awards for her homages to the elegance of Victorian crazy quilting. Grounded in traditional methods but crafted with elements of whimsy, each piece stands on its own as a work of art. In this definitive guide, Pillsbury shares her methods for piecing, embroidering, and embellishing. Her instructions equip readers at any level of quilting skill to use those techniques to express their own visions. Encouraging her readers to see functional and artistic possibilities beyond quilts (wall hangings, purses, and pillowcases are just some of the options), Pillsbury shows them how to make each work by hand, the slow cloth way. An inspiring primer for beginning and experienced quilters alike, this meticulously illustrated how-to book is far more expansive than previous guides. Pillsbury a master of the form shows us why crazy quilting belongs firmly in the twenty-first century.

From the broad strokes of design to the precision of embroidery stitches, Pillsbury explains crazy quilting with the authority of a scholar and the passion of an artist. Her expertise, backed by historical research, is paired with her exquisite stitching, and *Crazy Quilts* is a storehouse of ideas and techniques. Beautifully detailed, with simple instruction, this book is an important resource for those who love the art of the needle. Kathleen Glynn, filmmaker and editor of *The Daily Stitch*