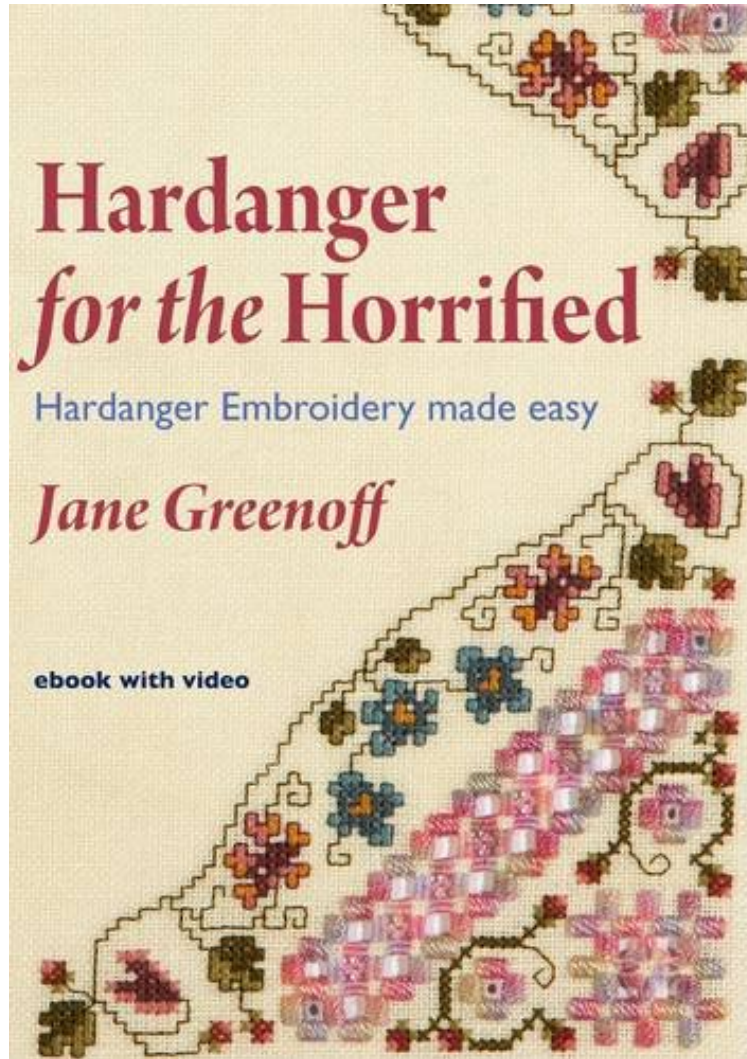


# Hardanger for the Horrified: Hardanger Embroidery Made Easy

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4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Excellent tutorial!!By Jane in MilwaukeeI love Jane Greenoff. She's a master stitcher and founded the Cross Stitch Guild in England in 1996. She's written over two dozen needlework books, many of which have been translated into other languages. She has a magazine: Jane Greenoff's Cross Stitch, which is large and colorful and is one of the mainstay stitch magazines both in the UK and here. She's traveled the world and in this CD-rom e-book discusses her trips to Norway to visit the lovely countryside, see the Hardanger Folk Museum and also authentic folk costumes and other pieces still in use by many Norwegians. Jane is a marvelous designer and teacher. I was privileged to attend a stitch retreat with her about 9 or 10 years ago sponsored by Just

Cross Stitch magazine. She came to a tiny little town in Wisconsin and there were only about 25 students there. She came with her husband, Bill, and we had a riotous time. I had brought some of her books from my library, bought more, and she graciously signed all of them. The classes she taught were a little more complicated than those shown on this e-book but while they included a little hardanger, they were mostly about cross stitch and surface embroidery. I purchased this item for a friend and she asked me to look it over. I just went through the videos and then looked at the pdf file and realize you NEED TO GO THROUGH THE PDF in order to read the 105-page book and watch the videos in order. That's really handy to be reading through and then come to a page that indicates you can click on it to play whatever it is she's discussing right then. If you just look at the playlist of the videos, they're in ALPHABETICAL order instead of chronological so you already have to be very familiar with hardanger to know in what order you need to look at the sections of video. Each segment averages maybe 2 minutes with a couple being less than 30 seconds. This is really frustrating because the bit I would have liked to linger over the longest was the pattern book. This is pages of photos and the worked piece of examples of patterns of hardanger in clear protected sheets in a binder. She states that Norwegian women don't stitch using patterns but by consulting photos or a worked piece. Thus, patterns can be replicated for generations in the same family or village and that is why there is both uniformity and diversity within the culture. I find Jane's video extremely enjoyable and educational. Since the videos are really more snippets than anything, you're reading about the technique and then seeing a nice visual so as to make it crystal clear what the text means. Color close-ups shown in frames go a long way. But a minute and a half of watching her make a series of kloster blocks is priceless. I like it that she prefers linen to 22-count hardanger cloth and stitches in the hand instead of using a frame as I do. She uses overdyed pearl cotton which is good to see on the white fabric although when she holds up a finished stitch, say, a spiderweb, it's a little hard to make out because the background of the darker fiber is dark. But you've just seen how she made the whole stitch so you're not missing out. I really enjoy the projects she includes: a needle book, scissor fold, needleroll, samplers, Christmas ornaments in the form of a biscornu, heart and others. I imported my husband from England though he's from the Lake District and Jane is in the Cotswold area. Don't tell I said so but the Brits have such a lyrical accent they all sound smart. Jane's voice is very clear and soothing so she takes the horror out of Hardanger for the Horrified. Buy this if you want a wonderful tutorial from an expert. It will seem like she's sitting right next to you showing you the way. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Doris By D Kibi highly recommend this CD to everyone, especially the beginner. Jane's technique of teaching leaves the learner with full knowledge of how to do each step. She also inspires full confidence in students by her calm and detailed instructions. I have had the pleasure of being with Jane on her teaching tours, one of which was a Hardanger teaching/tour to Hardangerfjord, Norway.

Hardanger embroidery is a traditional counted-thread technique from Norway. Frequently used with cross stitch, it has a reputation for being difficult because it involves cutting away fabric threads to create its characteristic lace-like patterns. Bestselling author Jane Greenoff takes the horror out of Hardanger by explaining the techniques in simple steps and showing that they are not difficult at all once you understand some easy principles. There are videos showing Jane demonstrating how to do the crucial techniques. Along with the attractive projects, these help to make Hardanger accessible and fun. Ebook in pdf format on CD.

About the Author Jane Greenoff is the bestselling author of 23 cross stitch books (The Cross Stitcher's Bible has been published in 10 languages). Designer, teacher, TV presenter and businesswoman, Jane founded the Cross Stitch Guild in March 1996, for cross stitch and counted thread addicts. In 2000, the Cross Stitch Guild published its first book and launched its successful website.