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Alison Snapp, Kate Tully : May Gibbs Embroidery and Neddlecraft before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised May Gibbs Embroidery and Neddlecraft:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Beyond Beatrix Potter and Flower fairy needleworkBy John GoughIf you enjoy needlework based on beautiful children's book illustrations by author-artists such as Beatrix Potter or Cecily Mary Baker's "Flower Fairies", you will love May Gibbs' motifs.May Gibbs may not be well known in North America.May Gibbs is arguably Australia's greatest children's author-artist of the first half of the Twentieth century.She is comparable to Beatrix Potter or Tove Jansson, or Eloise Wilkin or Robert Lawson.She is famous (in Australia, and should be famous world-wide) for gumnut babies and flower babies.But who or what is a gumnut? And why are the babies?In the Australian bush there are eucalypts, wattles (acacias or mimosas), and many very pretty flowers.About the same time that "Flower Fairies", kewpies, and brownies were invented outside Australia, May Gibbs saw that some of Australia's flowering eucalypts could be re-imagined as tiny cherub-like people.(A gumnut, in this context, looks slightly like an acorn: it has, like an acorn, a "cap" that is worn by the naked or near-naked [male] cherubs.)Gumnut babies are male.Blossom babies (such as fluffy-yellow Wattle Babies -- cherubs wearing blossom tutus and blossom berets or blossom-feathery hats) are female.If you've followed me this far, this is possibly one of the prettiest counting books ever!The art is some of Gibbs' best! (She is very, very good!!)For me, that's enough to recommend this very highly for any needleworker or craft-person looking for fresh designs that are simply beautiful!Google "May Gibbs" or "Snugglepot and Cuddlepie" to see examples of her remarkable, and unique art!John Gough - jagough49@gmail.com

The 22 embroidery and needlework projects to make for your home or gifts for friends included in this book are a linen supper cloth and serviette, Aida placemat and serviette, traycloth, handkerchief, handkerchief sachet, bookmarks, greeting cards, linen collar and porcelain bowl, bath set, buttons, canvas cushion, doorstop and sampler. All the projects feature Australian bushland characters.