

Japanese Temari: A Colorful Spin on an Ancient Craft by Barbara B. Suess

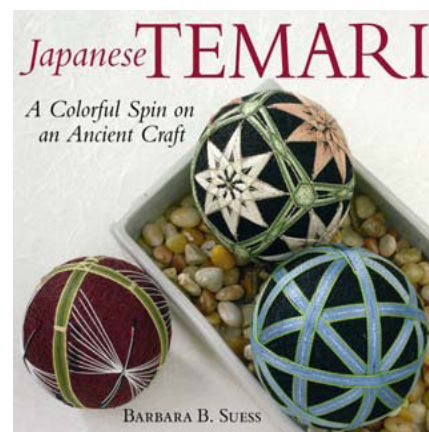
How can anything that looks so intricate be so simple? Learn how to make beautiful Japanese handballs in 25 stunning designs. Let these fabulous carry-along projects busy your hands, soothe your mind, and fire your imagination!

Book Description

For centuries, temari balls have been decorative additions to the Japanese household, and this introduction for the beginning temari-stitcher features straightforward directions and detailed sketches for recreating their bright colors and intricate designs. Each section introduces a new stitching technique, guiding the reader through the temari repertoire, until he/she is well on the way to becoming a temari master by the book's conclusion. These crafts are inexpensive and fast to make. Sidebars throughout the book are loaded with beautiful watercolors and notes on Japanese culture and poetry. Colorful pictures and rich text make this unique craft book appealing to buyers both as a how-to guide and as a beautiful gift book.

(www.japanesetemari.com)

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About the Author

Barbara B. Suess was first introduced to temari while living with her family in Yokohama, Japan. Upon returning to the US, she tried making her first ball, and quickly became enthralled with the range and beauty of temari patterns. Today, she is a self-taught expert, writing temari patterns, teaching classes, and creating temari-inspired jewelry. An online showcase of her work, Kiku Designs, has grown into an extensive resource for temari enthusiasts (www.japanesetemari.com).

Barb is a member of the Japan Temari Association (passed jury selection for Advanced Level), the Embroiderers' Guild of America, the National Academy of Needlearts, and the National Embroidery Teachers' Association. Barb teaches for the Embroiderers' Guild of America on a national level and has been hired to teach at John C. Campbell Folk School in January, 2009. She lives in Raleigh, North Carolina.

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