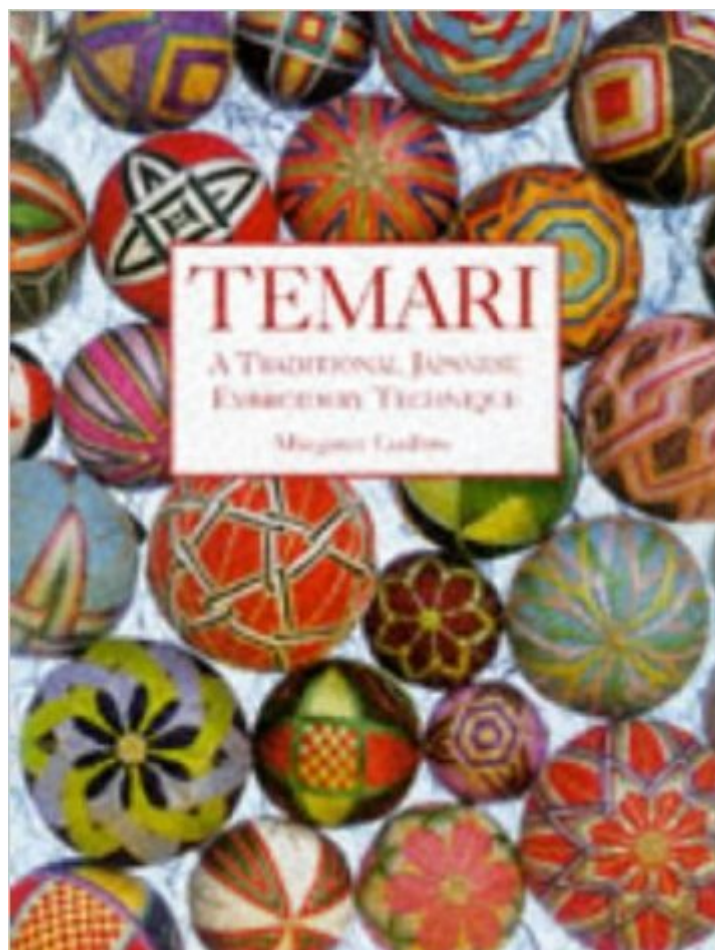


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# Temari: A Traditional Japanese Embroidery Technique



## Synopsis

• Virtually unknown outside Japan until recently, Temari consists of a ball core covered with plain sewing thread and finished on the outside with brightly colored embroidery thread in geometric designs. Twenty-two illustrated step-by-step projects for finishing the outside complete the book....An excellent and beautifully illustrated guide and is highly recommended for all crafts collections. • "Library Journal.

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As a beginner to the craft of Temari I must say that I found this book to be very clear and concise with easy to follow instructions and some excellent hints to make the construction of the basic mari very easy to attain. Also appreciated was the instructions on making tassels etc. to add the finishing touches to the completed ball. All in all I would heartily recommend this book as an excellent beginners manual.

A very basic book of the more simple Temari patterns, which could be good for the first timer. If you have already attempted and mastered any Temari you'll probably find it a bit disappointing. There are some interesting variations on basic designs, but use your own colors. For someone wishing to make their own base mari, there are very good step by step directions, and overall the directions given for the book contents are clear both in verbage and photo illustrations.

nearly twenty years ago, i bought a temari ball in little tokyo in los angeles. i was fascinated, but had no idea of how to learn. (not living in l.a., looking for instruction in little tokyo was a non-starter.) i

was thrilled several years ago to find a temari instruction book. i was less thrilled when i tried to follow the instructions. having just taken a class in beginning temari making, which made everything much, much more clear, i have acquired a couple more temari books for advanced instruction and inspiration. of the three i own as of this moment, this one has the clearest diagrams, and some of the best instructions and photos. ludlow mentions 'minor' points, such as when to hold the thread in position, that make actually accomplishing the design possible. the diagrams are varied, from 'maps' (the way a globe is flattened to a map) of the patterns to diagrams for stitch directions and where each section of the design starts. the photos are clear, and include some that show method, as well as those that show the finished product. there is even a section with line drawings to show how to develop patterns from the various divisions, a great help for designing your own. this is an excellent book for the beginner (and i wildly applaud anyone who can teach themselves this craft from written instructions) and for the somewhat experienced. ludlow's advanced designs may not be as advanced as some in other books i have seen, but she certainly does well by the beginning and intermediate crafter.

This is a wonderful book on what is presumably a simple embroidery technique, I, and others in my Guild Chapter, have found Temari a bit daunting. This book has clear illustrations and descriptions and is perfect for helping those new to the technique learn the basics. I highly recommend it.

This book is wonderful. It provides full instructions for making temari with photo illustration. This book is excellent for beginners that have never tried doing temari. Everything is written in an easy and understandable format. Even my 15 year old girl could make one all by herself

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