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Prettysmartideas When I was in college, all of my friends owned a copy of this book. It was our bible for embroidery techniques (after the Coats Clark Embroidery Stitches). Anyone who wanted to embroider their jeans or other clothes had this book to come up with new stitches, or new ideas. If you don't know about the 60s and 70s: Hippie girls embroidered just about anything they could get their hands on. We had to patch our jeans (not like now, when people like to have holes in their clothes, and pay for clothes with holes in them), and a popular way was to attach the patches with embroidery stitches, and even embroider on top of the patches. When we weren't embroidering, we might be knitting 6-foot-long scarves, or hats, or sweaters, or ponchos, or whatever. If we didn't like knitting, we would crochet things. There were so many inspirations in The Encyclopedia of Needlework. My copy went the way of all good things, and, then, suddenly, I wanted to have this book as a reference again. If you are interested in any kind of needlework, including lace-making, crochet, and knitting, this is the book to have. The graphics are not necessarily 2012 quality, but they will give you an idea of what you are after. I am so glad to have this book again.