

## The Dressmaker S Technique Bible

This comprehensive guide provides instruction in a wide range of dressmaking techniques, from how to use and adapt patterns, to sewing hems, zippers, and adding embellishments.

At the time, the 8th Day Era of America was seen as enlightened. It stood as a testament to scientific advancement and of man's triumph over nature and instinct. Violent crime was relegated to the history books. Viewed as nothing but a barbaric scourge of the past. Murder went extinct, it had been cured. Mickey Moore grew up in this sanitized version of America. He was a drifter and a small-time cheat. As Mickey matured, he sharpened his con-game, and got by on the misfortunes of others. But trickery and dumb-luck eventually betrayed Mickey, and he found himself broke and homeless as he approached middle age. Destitute and desperate, Mickey was hitching a ride across the New Mexico desert when fate shoved a new path before him. Under the bright rays of a dying sun, Mickey saw the impossible, he witnessed a murder. Shocked still in disbelief, he marveled at this primal display of man's feral past. The violence before him came at Mickey like a revelation. He was frightened, terrified in fact, but the con-man in him saw an opportunity. The sensation that Mickey felt was so strong, he felt as it awakened areas of his mind that the 8th Day Era's medicine had put to sleep. To package and sell such an experience was a million-dollar idea, and for the first time, Mickey actually believed in something. He would erect CrimeSpree, an amusement park, an interactive museum of man at his worst. Mickey's venture offered the American public the chance to participate in violence once again. At CrimeSpree, customers paid to play the parts of the victims of violent crime. It was all scary and lecherous fun, as a bored and uninspired public lined up to take part in the charade. But the fun and the games eventually put out the proverbial eye. The monster that Mickey created came to life and it dug human instinct out of the grave. The past was coming back around again. It was coming for America, and it was coming for Mickey.

Got a dressmaking problem you can't solve? Curious to know more about a specific technique? Want to know how to construct a garment? This book will come to your rescue, answering 200 questions on a vast range of dressmaking topics. Chapters cover sewing equipment, measurements and fitting, cutting out fabric, machine stitching, and much more.

This text presents a complete guide to fashion sewing techniques, whether you are following a pattern, adding embellishments or designing garments from scratch. Easy-to-follow instructions explain the essential dressmaking techniques, allowing you to work confidently from a pattern to create beautiful clothes.

The Indispensable Guide

Dressmaking Step by Step

A Modern Manual of Practical and Decorative Sewing Techniques

200 Questions Answered

The Sewing Stitch & Textile Bible

Dressmaking

Set in London and Monmouth in the late 1700s, this is an extraordinary novel about Mary Saunders, the young daughter of a poor seamstress. Mary hungers greedily for fine clothes and ribbons, as people of her class do for food and warmth. It's a hunger that lures her into prostitution at the age of thirteen. Mary is thrown out by her distraught mother when she gets pregnant and almost dies on the dangerous streets of London. Her saviour is Doll - a prostitute. Mary roams London freely with Doll, selling her body to all manner of 'cullies', dressed whorishly in colourful, gaudy dresses with a painted red smile. Faced with bad debts and threats upon her life she eventually flees to Monmouth, her mother's hometown, where she attempts to start a new life as a maid in Mrs Jones's house. But Mary soon discovers that she can't escape her past and just how dearly people like her pay for yearnings not fitting to their class in society...

The Verse Mapping Bible Study Journal allows you to verse map and journey through Scripture at any pace and through any season. Follow a suggested topical map journey or plot your own Bible passages as you study Scripture in the Verse Mapping Bible or your favorite Bible.

Sewing is an extremely rewarding hobby. With so many different fabrics, embellishments and trimmings now available on the high street and online, it is easier than ever to create unique clothes and home furnishings. Now available in paperback, this best-selling title is THE essential guide to sewing. Each chapter is devoted to one key area of sewing and provides clear and concise in-depth instructions along with step-by-step instructions for basic principles and more advanced sewing techniques. Learn about materials and equipment, and choosing the right machine to work for you in chapter one, then move onto fabrics and patterns in the following chapter. Once you're comfortable with the basic stitches, seams and techniques, learn how to make clothing, accessories and soft furnishings. With this book by your side, you will soon be able to make anything from a commercial pattern, and will also know how to alter patterns to suit your style. With a section on care and repair, you will find out how to look after and fix homemade and store-bought items. And if it can't be fixed, learn how fabric and trimmings can be reused or upcycled into something else. This comprehensive guide offers a glossary of sewing terms, clear instructions and hundreds of illustrations and diagrams showing each stage of the sewing process. It'll be the one resource that you will turn to time and time again.

An invaluable resource for sewers of all abilities, this guide offers practical help with all of the essential hand and machine sewing techniques, from stitches and fastenings to fabrics and seams. The Sewing Stitch and Textile Bible's binding allows it to lay open flat next to your project, making it a perfect addition to a sewer or crafter's craft room library. Beginners will find instruction in basic skills, guided by clear photographs and diagrams. Advanced sewers will find new applications for their sewing skills. The comprehensive Stitch Directory features functional and decorative stitches created by hand, sewing machine, and serger. The Sewing Stitch and Textile Bible also contains a textile Directory provides information on working with over 70 fabrics from delicate chiffon and lace to heavy duty denim, and tips on suitable stitches and applications

Debbie Shore's Sewing Room Secrets: Essential Skills for Dressmakers

A Complete Guide to Fashion Sewing Techniques

Love at First Stitch

Ultimate Quilting Bible

Metric Pattern Cutting for Women's Wear

Over 80 Techniques

Making well-fitting clothes is a challenge for many dressmakers, but especially so for those of us with a curvy shape or a plus-size. This book shows you how to take a standard commercial pattern in a larger size, make some smart adjustments, and end up with clothes that will give you a great, flattering fit. Dressmaking to Flatter Your Shape includes detailed information on selecting fabrics and choosing styles to fit your shape. It explains how to get a perfect fit out of any sewing pattern, with troubleshooting techniques to cover tricky points such as shoulders, necklines, sleeves, hips and waists. Using this book you will also pick up tips on how to personalise a pattern to your own style, by changing the collar or cuffs of a top, or even by drafting your very own skirt pattern from scratch!

Presents step-by-step instructions for taking accurate body measurements and creating patterns for dresses, skirts, shirts, and necklines.

A complete course on sewing—from threading a needle to couture hemmingFinally someone has created every sewer's ideal companion: a comprehensive book on every aspect of hand and machine sewing—from the most basic to the most advanced—with a modern aesthetic and 20 projects to boot. From simple tutorials to in-depth masterclasses, Ruth Singer packs in lesson after lesson on both practical and decorative techniques. The Sewing Bible includes:
• Easy-to-use instructions accompanied by hundreds of beautiful photographs detailing every stage of each technique•20 functional, fashionable sewing projects that illustrate many of the lessons—from an easy T-shirt transformation to a complex handbag—making this a how-to guide and pattern book in one
• Extensive guides to fabrics and tools, and resources to help you choose the perfect materials and equipment for your projects
•Advice on using organic and eco fabrics and working with recycled and vintage fabrics With more excitement than traditional sewing manuals, and much more depth than a book of projects, The Sewing Bible is an easy-to-use guide that's as attractive as it is comprehensive. This is the one book you need whether you're a beginner, an expert, or anywhere in between.

Sewers who have ever longed to create clothing with the distinctive look of haute couture will love this book. They'll learn the finer points of hand sewing, shaping, and finishing for a high-end, professional look. This book is for all sewing enthusiasts who appreciate fine workmanship.

CrimeSpree

Prairie Lotus

200 Sewing Tips, Techniques & Trade Secrets

Making Common Garments, 1200-1500

A Guide to Fashion Sewing

The Dressmaker's Technique Bible

*A complete resource of techniques for designing and making clothes, whether you are following a pattern, adding embellishments, or designing garments from scratch. This book is an essential dressmaking techniques guide. It includes an at-a-glance guide to basic garment shapes and styles, and cross-references the relevant techniques throughout the book, with advice on construction techniques, suggested fabrics, and embellishments. The advice given in these pages will allow you to work confidently from a pattern to create beautiful clothes with a perfect fit, no matter your skill level.*

*Classic patterns and essential techniques for a range of beautiful garments - now available in PDF A compact and comprehensive dressmaking resource for anyone who wants to learn how to make clothes at home. Learn how to make skirts, dresses, trousers, tops and jackets by following clear and simple step-by-step sequences. Everything you need to learn to sew a wardrobe of clothes is included, from tools and materials to key sewing techniques, to projects complete with sewing patterns, ensuring success every time. Includes 11 sewing patterns for making 18 different beautiful garments. Whether you are a beginner dressmaker looking for a clear, concise and dependable introductory guide or an experienced dressmaker looking for new projects and inspiration, Step By Step Dressmaking has something for you.*

*The ultimate sewing bible for beginners, students and seasoned stitchers wanting to perfect their skills Whether you want to make soft furnishings, clothing or just do alterations this is the book that everyone interested in sewing needs. Follow step-by-steps and master every technique you'll ever need; from machine-stitching a buttonhole and attaching a collar, to altering patterns and building a basic sewing kit. Every hand and machine stitch and technique is clearly shown and easy to follow, guiding you through every move. Follow 25 stylish projects, for the home and to wear, which will enable you to take your sewing skills to perfection. Plus, get properly kitted out; close up photographs of hand and machine tools show you the best equipment for the job and guarantee you know exactly how to use it. Tucks, pleats, hems, darts, edges, pockets, buttonholes, zips - whatever you want to sew find out how.*

*Packed with key skills and friendly know-how, this essential guide is ideal for anyone taking their first steps into dressmaking The latest title in Debbie Shore's Sewing Room Secrets series, this essential guide is packed with key skills and friendly know-how and is ideal for anyone taking their first steps into dressmaking. It covers the important basics such as: how to read any pattern; how to adapt and adjust a pattern; how to choose, mark and cut fabric; how to add zips, pockets, collars and buttons; how to adapt old, misshapen or over-sized garments, and how to do some basic mending - all shown step by step. This book is a toolkit designed to equip you with all the dressmaking skills you need; it contains 10 inventive projects for you to try your hand at using your pre-loved clothes, and gives you all the knowledge you need to make your own clothes from scratch using the pattern of your choice.*

*Dressmaking to Flatter Your Shape*

*Slammerkin*

*Authentic Victorian Dressmaking Techniques*

*Couture Sewing Techniques*

*The Sewing Machine Accessory Bible*

*You Can't Kill Murder*

Torn between her dreams and the truth, she was faced with an impossible choice . . . Tess, an aspiring seamstress, is stunned at her luck when the famous designer Lady Lucile Duff Gordon hires her to be a personal maid on the Titanic's doomed voyage. When disaster strikes, Tess is one of the last people allowed on a lifeboat - her employer also survives. On dry land, savage rumours begin to circulate: did Lady Duff Gordon save herself at the expense of others? Tess's dream of becoming a skilled dressmaker is within her grasp but now she is faced with a terrible choice. Suddenly she finds herself torn between loyalty to the fiery woman who could help her realise her ambitions and the devastating truth that her mentor may not be all she seems. Authentic and honest, The Dressmaker is a compelling and vivid story that will have you holding your breath until the last page. \*Shortlisted for the Goodreads Historical Novel Award\*

A Fine Balance, Rohinton Mistry ' s stunning internationally acclaimed bestseller, is set in mid-1970s India. It tells the story of four unlikely people whose lives come together during a time of political turmoil soon after the government declares a “ State of Internal Emergency. ” Through days of bleakness and hope, their circumstances – and their fates – become inextricably linked in ways no one could have foreseen. Mistry ' s prose is alive with enduring images and a cast of unforgettable characters. Written with compassion, humour, and insight, A Fine Balance is a vivid, richly textured, and powerful novel written by one of the most gifted writers of our time.

Some come to escape the city life. Others come to escape their past. Sometimes there's no escaping it. The Northern Catskill Mountains have always held a certain mystique and draw for those who just want to leave it all behind. Those who call the Catskills home have grown accustomed to the peace and serenity. But every few decades the outside world finds its way in, with violent consequences. Chance encounters, family secrets, destructive relationships and the forces of nature all combine for an explosive ending that could only happen in The Catskills.

Before appearing on the BBC's The Great British Sewing Bee, Chinelo Bally had never used a sewing pattern. She wowed the judges with her ability to create stylish, fitted garments using a freehand cutting method that was taught to her by an aunt. In Freehand Fashion, Chinelo lets us in to the secret of how she does it. Using a series of basic garment blocks, she explains how this innovative technique can be used to create a whole wardrobe of fashionable clothes that will fit every shape and size - with no patterns required. Based on a traditional Nigerian technique, Chinelo has developed her own freehand cutting method. The emphasis is on the individual s own body measurements, and getting the perfect fit. This is a surprisingly simple technique that anyone can learn. No fancy equipment is needed - just a sewing machine, measuring tape, chalk and of course a good pair of scissors. Using step-by-step illustrations, the book shows how to draft, cut and construct the five basic blocks that are used - either singly or in combination - to make every item of clothing in the wardrobe. Once you have your basic blocks, you are ready to tackle the projects - practical garments that are fashionable, modern, stylish and versatile. There are tops, skirts, day dresses and eveningwear. This is an exciting sewing technique that will be brand new to most people, even experienced dressmakers. There really are no limits - and the beauty of this technique is that it can be applied to any body shape.

An Illustrated Guide to Techniques and Materials

The Medieval Tailor's Assistant

Ultimate Sewing Bible

Classic Patterns and Essential Techniques for a Range of Beautiful Garments

The Great British Sewing Bee: The Techniques

A Complete Reference with Step-By-Step Techniques

Now a major motion picture starring Kate Winslet Tilly Dunnage left her hometown of Dungatar in rural Australia under a black cloud of accusation. Years later Tilly, now a couturier for the Paris fashion houses, returns home to make amends with her mentally unstable mother. Mid-century Dungatar is a small town, and small towns have long memories. At first she wins over the suspicious locals with her extraordinary dressmaking skills. But when the eccentric townsfolk turn on Tilly for a second time, she decides to teach them a lesson and exact long-overdue revenge... Packed with memorable characters, acid humour and luscious clothes, The Dressmaker is an irresistible gothic tale of small-town revenge.

Explains which sewing-machine accessories to use when , with the aim of saving time, creating beautiful embellishments, working with difficult-to-handle fabrics and much more. Original.

In this compelling, emotionally engaging novel set in 1880, a half-Chinese girl and her white father try to make a home in Dakota Territory, in the face of racism and resistance.

Vintage guide offered turn-of-the-century seamstresses clear instructions for altering patterns and creating shirt-blouses, skirts, wedding gowns, coats, maternity wear, children's clothing, and other apparel.

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The Paris Dressmaker

Make Your Own Patterns

A Fine Balance

Demystifying Dressmaking

Complete Dressmaking Skills

*Metric Pattern Cutting for Women's Wear provides a straightforward introduction to the principles of form pattern cutting for garments to fit the body shape, and flat pattern cutting for casual garments and jersey wear. This sixth edition remains true to the original concept: it offers a range of good basic blocks, an introduction to the basic principles of pattern cutting and examples of their application into garments. Fully revised and updated to include a brand new and improved layout, up-to-date skirt and trouser blocks that reflect the changes in body sizing, along with updates to the computer-aided design section and certain blocks, illustrations and diagrams. This best-selling textbook still remains the essential purchase for students and beginners looking to understand pattern cutting and building confidence to develop their own pattern cutting style.*

*Now in PDF. Dressmaking gives you all the tools you need to make, alter and customise your own clothes, from choosing the right fabrics to key techniques such as hemming and hand stitching. Create a complete wardrobe with 12 basic scaleable patterns and step-by-step instructions for classic items such as pencil skirts, dresses and jackets plus how to customise them to make them your own so you can make 30 garments in total.*

*Dressmaking is packed with essential advice, inspiration and the patterns you need to create beautiful clothes making this superb value and the dressmaking bible no seamstress can be without.*

*Offers advice and techniques for women with full figures to modify store-bought dress patterns to create custom garments that fit and flatter their individual bodies.*

*The BBC primetime series The Great British Sewing Bee, is back. Starting with the basics, from how to use a sewing machine and understand paper patterns, to knowing your fabrics and how to achieve that perfect finish – this is a go-to guide that you will keep referring back to. With a section that demystifies the fitting process, and with expert sewing tips on making alterations, you'll be able to choose from a variety of projects that will ease you into the world of sewing. For burgeoning sewers, this technique-focused book reveals the joys of sewing and the tools and skills required to progress. Interspersed with essential tips, from advice on finishing – tacking, hand stitching, hemming and more – to guidance on adding decorative finishes including piping, exposed zips, appliqué and more, this book is an indispensable reference that will encourage you to take the leap and start creating long-lasting projects to cherish.*

*The Dressmaker*

*Reader's Digest Complete Guide to Sewing*

*An Indispensable Compendium of Technical Know-How and Troubleshooting Tips*

*Get the Most Out of Your Machine---From Using Basic Feet to Mastering Specialty Feet*

*The Sewing Bible*

*The Complete Step-by-Step Guide*

**Presents techniques to speed up sewing time, improve skills, and complete projects with a professional finish.**

***A Sewing Course in a Book If you have just decided that you want to learn how to sew, this book has been designed for you. Learning to sew can be simultaneously frustrating and rewarding, so you want a book that will start slowly, build your confidence and help you avoid common problems. Designed as a thorough sewing course, How To Start Sewing will walk you through the entire sewing process, from your first hand sewing stitches to your first complete garment. You don't even need to have a sewing machine to start learning. Just like having a sewing teacher in your own home or studio, let us show you how to choose and use your first sewing machine, troubleshoot your way through common sewing issues and build your sewing confidence. Go easy on your budget by buying new equipment and materials only as you need it, then put your new supplies and skills to use in hands-on exercises. Don't let the large size of this book intimidate you; everything is explained in straightforward language with practical examples. No prior experience required. The Perfect Reference Book For the more experienced sewer, How To Start Sewing is designed as the perfect reference book. Forget trawling multiple books and videos to decipher sewing instructions, sometimes you just want a book on your studio shelf that you know you can trust. Use our Table of Contents and Index to get right to the technique that you need. We have focused on the most versatile techniques and explained them step by step with detailed drawings. Use our troubleshooting guides to master your sewing machine, improve your stitch quality and solve recurring construction issues to raise your sewing skills to the next level. Practical Sewing Exercises with Patterns to Match It can be frustrating trying to learn how to sew a detail when your pattern doesn't match the instructions. To solve this common problem we have included a whole library of small sewing patterns. Trace off the patterns, cut them out in fabric and follow the step-by-step exercises to sew seams, darts, pockets, zippers, vents, and plackets. This process will help you to create a reference folder full of your favourite techniques. Next time you forget how to sew the lining for an invisible zipper, or how to adjust the tension on your overlocker, you will have your reference sample there to remind you. And next time you want to swap or modify a detail on a sewing pattern, you will have the pattern library to use as a handy reference. Professional Techniques for Superior Results Whether you are studying fashion design, have your own label or sew for yourself at home, we know that you want to master techniques that are of a professional standard. We have specially selected the details that are the most versatile in womenswear and menswear collections so that you can mix and match them endlessly across your own garment patterns. Or apply the details in this book to your favourite commercial sewing pattern. We will only teach you the details and methods that are used to create high-end ready-to-wear garments. With practice, you will be able to consistently create garments of a superior quality.***

***Designed for Different Types of Sewers If you are a perfectionist, this book will suit your pragmatic desire to know everything about the how and why of sewing and will help you build your skills and knowledge in a specific order. Learn to analyse garments and diagnose construction problems like a professional and fine-tune your techniques. Or if you prefer to make mistakes first, and then ask questions later then we are here for you too. Just use our troubleshooting guides to tell you why you keep breaking needles and tangling your thread so you can quickly solve your issues and plough through your first projects. The sooner you start making mistakes, the sooner we can help you fix them.***

***Tailor-make your wardrobe with this essential dressmaking e-guide. Discover everything you need to know to design, create, and customize your clothes. Guiding you through every stage of clothes-making in a clear, easy-to-understand way, The Dressmaking Book contains everything you need to make timeless wardrobe staples that can be easily adapted to suit your style. Choose the perfect fabrics for any project, try your hand at a range of machine-sewing techniques, and put your new-found knowledge to use with 13 downloadable patterns that can be adapted to create more than 30 stylish garments. With step-by-step guides and patterns to make classic dresses, skirts, tops, trousers, and jackets, alongside ideas for refreshing and reinventing your old clothes, The Dressmaking Book has everything you need to ditch fast fashion and create stunning, original clothes to suit your style.***

***Quilting is a hugely popular pastime, with many people all over the world producing beautiful quilts to be displayed as wall hangings for display, as well as to be used as bedcovers and throws. Now available in paperback, this best-selling title is THE essential guide to quilting. This book aims to cover all the basic techniques that are used in making a quilt, whatever kind you might wish to create. Learn about materials and equipment, and choosing the right sewing machine to work for you in chapter 1, then move onto fabrics and their characteristics in the following chapter. A section on colour and pattern will help you design your quilt, as you decide which of the quilt-making traditions you are most drawn to: wholecloth and strippy quilts, pieced quilts, appliquéd quilts, embellished quilts or folded quilts. With inspirational photographs of traditional and well-loved designs in each section, as well as specific techniques that apply to each quilt, you will be spoilt for choice. There is also a section on the care, cleaning and storage of quilts, as well as a glossary of quilt-making terms. This comprehensive guide also offers clear instructions and hundreds of illustrations and diagrams to show each stage of the quilting process. It'll be the one resource that you will turn to time and time again.***

***A Detailed Illustrated Approach to Sewing***

***Dressmaker's Handbook of Couture Sewing Techniques***

***Learn to sew the perfect wardrobe - no patterns required!***

***Dressmaking for Real Women***

***The Dressmaking Book***

***Essential Skills and Techniques for Beginners***

Based on true accounts of how Parisiennes resisted the Nazi occupation in World War II—from fashion houses to the city streets—comes a story of two courageous women who risked everything to fight an evil they couldn’t abide. Paris, 1939. Maison Chanel has closed, thrusting haute couture dressmaker Lila de Laurent out of the world of high fashion as Nazi soldiers invade the streets and the City of Lights slips into darkness. Lila’s life is now a series of rations, brutal restrictions, and carefully controlled propaganda while Paris is cut off from the rest of the world. Yet in hidden corners of the city, the faithful pledge to resist. Lila is drawn to La Resistance and is soon using her skills as a dressmaker to infiltrate the Nazi elite. She takes their measurements and designs masterpieces, all while collecting secrets in the glamorous Hôtel Ritz—the heart of the Nazis’ Parisian headquarters. But when dashing René Touliard suddenly reenters her world, Lila finds her heart tangled between determination to help save his Jewish family and bolstering the fight for liberation. Paris, 1943. Sandrine Paquet’s job is to catalog the priceless works of art bound for the Führer’s Berlin, masterpieces stolen from prominent Jewish families. But behind closed doors, she secretly forages for information from the underground resistance. Beneath her compliant façade lies a woman bent on uncovering the fate of her missing husband . . . but at what cost? As Hitler’s regime crumbles, Sandrine is drawn in deeper when she uncrates an exquisite blush Chanel gown concealing a cryptic message that may reveal the fate of a dressmaker who vanished from within the fashion elite. Told across the span of the Nazi occupation, The Paris Dressmaker highlights the brave women who used everything in their power to resist darkness and restore light to their world. Praise for The Paris Dressmaker: “Unimaginable heartache, unforgettable romance, and cheering defiance against the oppression the Nazis inflicted on Paris; readers will be swept away into a story where battle-scarred good at last rings victory over evil.” —J’nell Ciesielski, author of The Socialite “Stunning. With as much skill and care as the title’s namesake possesses, The Paris Dressmaker weaves together the stories of two heroines who boldly defy the darkness that descends on the City of Light.” —Jocelyn Green, Christy Award-winning author of Shadows of the White City “With real life historical details woven in with her fictional tale, the story popped off the page. Readers will be thinking of this book long after they’ve read the last word.” —Rachel Hauck, New York Times bestselling author Stand-alone World War II historical fiction Full-length novel, approximately 115,000 words Includes discussion questions for book clubs

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A comprehensive guide to making period clothes for living history, re-enactment, plays and pageants.

A practical illustrated guide to techniques, tools and troubleshooting from a couture dressmaker. This book is a beautifully presented and comprehensive resource for dressmakers new to the craft and for those who want to take their skills further. It features scores of step-by-step sequences showing every kind of technique, from using and adapting paper patterns, to couture-inspired seaming techniques that will take garment-making skills to a new level. Some notable and practical features of the book are: all photos illustrate the sewer's perspective from above, whether hand sewing or using a machine fine details (such as a small notch) are shown in close-up photo call outs photo annotations point out important details lengthy descriptive captions leave no opportunity for confusion. The contents cover the full breadth of dressmaking. The following are just a few of them. Sewing Kit -- the tools and materials required, including a sewing machine, overlocker/serger, and how to choose and use them Preparation -- Natural and synthetic fabrics, how to choose fabrics, prepping and handling, pre-washing, types of thread, interfacings, understanding and sizing a pattern Cutting -- Laying out and pinning fabric and patterns, weighting, marking, and tacking Making - Pressing is not ironing, creating shape, open and closed seams, pockets, openings and closures, zippers, sleeves and cuffs, collars, yokes, waistbands, decorative features, sewing jersey Finishing -- Bound edges, facings, hems, and linings Resources -- Metric/imperial conversion, sewing machine needles sizes and uses, common seam allowances, and US, UK and European size conversions. Other valuable topics covered are the anatomy of a stitch, correcting thread tension, fixing stitches, working 4-thread jersey, what selvedge is and how grain lines work, how to measure yourself (and why), how to alter a pattern to fit, making a toile (a personalized, muslin, fitting dress). Dressmaking: The Indispensable Guide is an essential reference.

All the Essential Tips, Advice and Tricks You Need to Improve Your Sewing Skills, Whatever Your Level

The Sewing Book

How to Start Sewing

Complete Dressmaking

Revised Edition

A Complete Reference with Step-by-Step Techniques

Simple, elegant, and a little groovy, Love at First Stitch is all you need to start making the dresses of your dreams--with 7 complete full-size patterns. Fancy making your own clothes but have no idea where to start? Tired of overwhelming sewing manuals and frumpy projects? Love at First Stitch offers a refreshing approach to dressmaking for modern makers, taking you from the basics of threading your sewing machine through creating gorgeous garments that you’ll love to wear. Let Tilly Walnes inspire you with her jargon-busting tutorials, down-to-earth attitude, and adorable dressmaking style, showing you that making your own clothes is so much more enjoyable than buying them.
• Build your skills and confidence one project at a time: new techniques are introduced when you need them.
• Step-by-step photographs take the head-scratching out of sewing.
• Includes 7 full-scale, multisize patterns, ready to be traced and used again and again.
• Tilly’s hints and tips for making sewing part of your lifestyle, adding your own special touch to any sewing project, and even how to polish your signature style. Tilly Walnes demystifies dressmaking for the generations that have never been taught to sew. Written for novice stitchers by the author of the popular sewing blog Tilly and the Buttons, this book presents the sewing basics in an informal style, with Tilly's friendly and encouraging voice cheering the reader on throughout. Instead of overwhelming the novice dressmaker with theory, this book is about learning by doing. Each chapter presents practical tips and inspiration to guide you through creating a made-to-measure garment from one of the seven versatile and adaptable patterns included with the book, which can then be personalized to suit your individual style. Peppered throughout the book are Tilly's top sewing tips, including everything from what to look out for when buying--or borrowing--your first sewing machine, to how to behave in a fabric shop so that you appear like an expert, to techniques for pressing perfection.

The Catskills

Freehand Fashion