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Customer Reviews

Guide to sewing

Old but still informative. While some products and tools have changed, the information in this book is solid. I have come back to sewing after a 25-year hiatus, and this book is refreshing my memory and adding lots of new knowledge as well. I don’t know why, but I never paid attention to basics like pin types or thread quality back then. Now, starting up again, I find I am full of questions and this book has the answers. I am so glad I bought it. The chapters are:Necessities of Sewing (Tools and supplies; Sewing machine, Sewing area)Patterns, Fabrics, & CuttingPortfolio of Fitting Methods (Basic pattern alteration; Shell and master pattern; Try-on fitting; Test garment)Construction Basics (Hand and machine stitches; Seams; Darts; Tucks; Pleats; Gathering; Shirring; Smocking; Ruffles)Necklines & CollarsWaistline Waistbands & BeltsSleeves & Sleeve FinishesMaking & Applying PocketsHems & Other Edge FinishesHandbook of Closures (Zippers; Buttonholes; Fasteners)Techniques of TailoringSewing for Men & ChildrenSewing for the Home (Slipcovers, Pillows, Bedspreads, Curtains & draperies)Sewing Projects

This book is a really good sewing reference guide. I think both beginner and advanced sewers will find this book useful. It is an older book which includes many helpful tips that are no longer included

in newer sewing books. Some of the basic sewing tips that are included in the book but left out of newer books are considered assumed knowledge however, the left out tips become unnecessary challenges and areas of frustration for beginner sewers. So, this book for me has been a great asset in continuing to improve my sewing skills and teach my daughter to sew without lengthy periods of frustration in working with different sewing techniques..

If you are in need of a good, easy to read & understand basics of sewing book this one is just what you should own. It covers just about every aspect of sewing, and is especially helpful if you are just starting out. The photos and visual guides are especially well done. I've been sewing for almost 50 years and I thought it would be a good idea to own a basic sewing handy-man type of book because there is always something that I just want to quickly check out to make sure I'm applying a lifetime of learning in the most efficient and even the most correct way. I'm glad I got around to buying this book... It was money well spent.

Exactly what I was looking for. I used to have it, way way back in the day, and somehow lost it, probably in a move or to a covetous friend. Anyway, I was going to purchase the updated version of it until I read the reviews- the new book has replaced a lot of important information with glossy pics and slimmed down tutorials, whereas the old school version has all the information you need to get started sewing and really learning the right way to do it to achieve professional looking results. I found it used for an excellent price and could not be happier. I do so love .

I bought this book about a year or 2 ago.I was just thinking of getting into sewing..I just got into sewing last year I read through the book but it was Greek to me.I started wating shows on YouTube about quilting and sewing and this nice quilting lady showed this book..Woe! I have this book.Reread it now trying out how to make a sofa ...lol I realism this is from earlier time but these facts still are relevant in our today's world...So please get this book it works..

I'm a guy and would rather work on my motorcycle than hem a pair of pants, but lately I've had to do some minor garment repairs and even help my girlfriend get some second-hand dance costumes she picked up "cheap" to fit her properly. Sounded simple until we had skirts and tops half torn apart with elastic showing and previously altered "issues" staring us in the face. A friend of mine is a professional seamstress and, seeing my frustration, recommended this book to me. She said it's a "must-buy" for anyone looking to sew, whether beginner or professional...and she's right! In fact, this

is still her #1 go-to resource after 30+ years in the business! I just picked this book up from and, already, it has been an absolute life saver. No better resource for clearly detailed diagrams and "how-to" descriptions for nearly every type of stitch, seam and garment modification you could possibly use in your lifetime! Even coming from a man, this book is highly recommended!

My sewing teacher called this a bible for people who sew. I couldn't agree more. Whether you are an advanced designer or a beginner like myself you need to have this book in your library. It not only teaches you everything about sewing but teaches you how to make your own patterns. If you only have 1 book in your library make sure this is it.

This is a great overall reference. The heavy attention spent on converting to metric is a big nostalgic to me but also funny, since here we are obviously not using metric. It really goes into all of the details or everything related to sewing. Very in depth.

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