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The Art of Couture

Embroidery The Secrets of Runway Design

Jessica Pile & Robert Ossant

With a focus on the most influential designers and couture and catwalk pieces from the last four decades, *The Art of Couture Embroidery* unravels the intricate relationship between high fashion garment construction and the embroidery that makes it sing. This beautifully presented book looks at the finest embroidery used in high fashion revealing the inside story of each leading designer, the history of the design house and the untold stories of their most groundbreaking collections. In each chapter, dedicated to a different leading designer or design house, the authors consider a single outstanding and iconic embroidered garment, showing you how to apply the same techniques in your own designs.



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Ultimate Guide to Designing Clothing Patterns

Suzy Furrer

This book is an illustrative master class in the art of garment pattern making for aspiring fashion designers, fashion design students and sewing and fabric enthusiasts. Suzy Furrer has distilled her 35+ years of fashion pattern experience into this definitive resource for expert pattern making instruction and meticulously explains the elements of the pattern making process. Each element is fully explored with diagrams and illustrations. The author begins with an introduction to pattern making – explaining what is required for building a proper patternmaking tool kit and terminology used throughout the book – before guiding the pattern maker through the 11 instructional chapters.



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Beyond Crazy Quilts

Piecing, Patchwork & Embroidery for Unique Designs Christen Brown

Explore a unique collection of six block patterns featured in 12 creative projects that combine artwork with hand embroidery and embellishment stitches. This guide offers detailed instructions for pieced and crumpled patterns for strip, wedge and crazy designs, including customized sashing, borders and finishing techniques. • Discover 155+ embroidery stitches and create 12 stunning projects, including wall hangings, table runners and pillows, using traditional techniques, silk ribbon embroidery, beaded stitches and more! • Easy-to-follow patterns, piecing techniques and embroidery tips for adding crazy flair to your embroidery and quilting projects • Explore endless creative possibilities with the first book dedicated to mastering beaded embroidery seams.



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Textiles x Art How Textiles are Shaping Contemporary Art

Ramona Barry & Beck Jobson

Textile art has surged into the spotlight, shedding its long-standing association with domesticity and craft to take centre stage in galleries, biennials and critical discourse. The authors explore the way artists across the globe are embracing traditional techniques like weaving, embroidery, quilting and dyeing, while pushing them into bold new territory. Far from decorative or nostalgic, these works speak to urgent contemporary themes: identity, gender, migration and environment. This global survey of 44 artists reveals the shifting boundaries between craft and fine art, and the expressive power of cloth in the hands of today's most boundary-pushing creatives.



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Embroidery & Cross Stitch

The Stitched Landscape

An Embroidery Field Guide to the Textures, Colors and Lines of the Natural World Anna Hultin

Observe and embroider the natural world with this inspiring guide to nature journaling with a needle and thread. Transform your appreciation of nature into unique works of art by stitching embroidered landscapes! Anna Hultin's step-by-step projects blend traditional embroidery skills with experimental techniques that draw inspiration from the lines, patterns and textures of the natural world. Learn how to embroider flowers, plants and trees using a few basic stitches, discover new techniques for a variety of non-traditional materials and methods like painting on fabric with watercolours, collaging with fabrics to create depth and stitching with raw wool and learn how to compose these elements into an original scene based on your own nature observations.

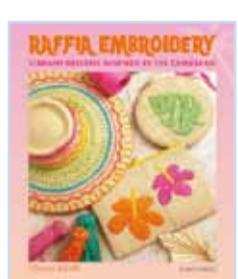


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Raffia Embroidery Vibrant Designs

Inspired by the Caribbean Tihara Smith

Mouth-wateringly colourful and gorgeously tactile, Tihara's striking raffia embroidery designs are inspired by her Caribbean heritage and will bring a burst of sunshine into your home. Using raffia ribbon and natural raffia fabric, the author takes you through her unique process to create bold and beautiful embroideries that are perfect beginner-friendly projects. • All the tools and materials are clearly set out so you know exactly where to begin. • The simple stitches are explained step by step, along with practical know-how for working with raffia ribbon and raffia fabric, making this suitable for crafters of all abilities. • Full-size templates are included, so you can get started straight away. • Choose from 10 stunning projects, ranging from colourful hoop embroideries and striking wall hangings, to making your own simple bag, zipped pouch and cushion, all embroidered with vibrant designs including flowers, foliage and wildlife.



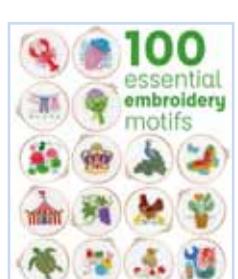
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100 Essential Embroidery Motifs

Susie Johns

Create beautiful motifs to embellish any project, big or small, with this directory of 100 embroidery designs. Grouped by theme, the designs in the book include the following:

- Animals (mammals, birds and insects)
- Plants (flowers, fruits and vegetables)
- The sea
- Home comforts
- Mythical creatures. Add the motifs to a patchwork quilt, gifts, framed pictures or greeting cards.

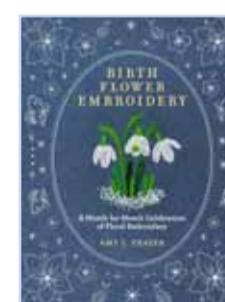


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Birth Flower Embroidery

A Month-by-Month Celebration of Floral Embroidery Amy Frazer

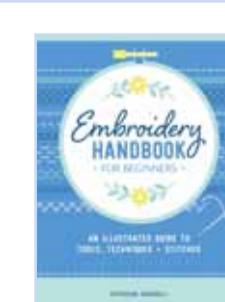
This beautifully curated collection offers in-the-hoop embroidery designs for each month's birth flowers to make meaningful and personalized projects for birthdays, anniversaries or other special occasions. Inside you'll discover: • 26 unique birth flower embroidery patterns • Detailed stitch techniques • Step-by-step instructions for all skill levels: Clear guidance for embroiderers of all experience levels, making it easy to create professional-quality projects. • Beautiful photos and illustrations: Full-colour images showcase the finished projects and provide inspiration for your next embroidery creation.



Embroidery Handbook for Beginners

An Illustrated Guide to Tools, Techniques and Stitches Catherine Guidicelli

Packed with essential techniques and more, this compact guide is the ideal introduction to embroidery. Whether you are just beginning or looking to refine your skills, this book provides everything needed to stitch with confidence. It starts with a detailed overview of selecting fabric and thread, preparing materials, transferring designs and mastering key techniques. At its core, the book offers clear instructions for 25 common stitches and their variations, each supported by easy-to-follow diagrams. For those ready to explore more creative stitching, it also covers advanced techniques like bead and sequin embroidery, tapestry, punch needle and more.

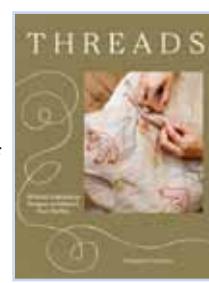


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Threads 20 Hand Embroidery Designs to Enhance Your Clothes

Madeleine Kelmsley

Threads is a comprehensive guide to transforming clothing through the timeless art of hand embroidery, infused with a contemporary flair. Madeleine Kelmsley shows readers how to draw inspiration from their surroundings and confidently personalise their clothing to reflect their style. Packed with stunning photography from the Cornish coastline, this book hopes to inspire the sustainable movement as it encourages readers to reimagine and rework their wardrobe to create clothing they will love for years to come. Inside, you'll find sections on sourcing inspiration, selecting good garments for embroidery and determining the best placement for your designs. Detailed, illustrated guides teach a variety of hand embroidery stitch techniques with 20 step-by-step projects to test out your new skills.



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Expressive Embroidery The Art of Colourful Stitching

Chloë Amy Avery

Expressive Embroidery is an exciting guide to new ways of stitching and creating bold, contemporary designs. It redefines embroidery by fusing traditional stitching with pop culture-inspired motifs and designs. With clear instruction and projects, it shows how freestyle embroidery can embrace the latest ideas in textures and finishes as well, and create new exciting work that you can't resist!



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On-the-Go Embroidery Cards Set I

60 Stitches for Left & Right Handers

Christen Brown

Stitch anywhere with card set! This portable set includes 60 essential stitches with instructions for right and left-handed stitchers, each on a handy card, thoughtfully colour-coded by stitch type for easy use. The box includes: • 60, 140 x 90mm cards • 3 thread organizers • 3 take-along card rings • Instruction booklet with visual index.



\$44.99 Boxed Set 250143

Garden Stitch Life 50 Embroidery Motifs and Projects to Grow Your Inspiration

Kazuko Aoki

This timeless classic is full of beautiful inspiration and ideas for stitching and enjoying the little things in life. This new edition of the book is designed specifically with makers in mind, featuring: • A lay flat binding which makes tracing the embroidery templates from the book a breeze • All embroidery templates are full size, so there's no need to enlarge anything • Larger templates are included on a separate pattern sheet • Projects include samplers, collages, patches, bags, table linens and more.

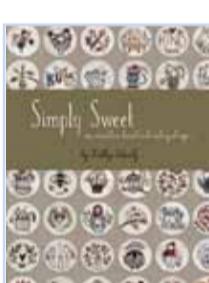


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Simply Sweet 64 Miniature Hand Embroidery Designs

Kathy Schmitz

This book offers 64 sweet little embroidery designs, one wall-hanging pattern and three pincushion patterns. Each design is about 38 – 44mm (1 1/2 – 1 3/4 inches). They all fit beautifully in a 50mm (2 inch) circle and most of the designs fit a 25 mm (1 inch) hexagon, too (25 mm / 1 inch side).

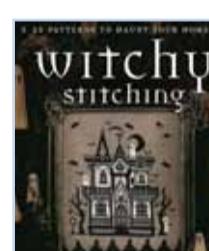


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Witchy Stitching 25 Patterns to Haunt Your Home

Meg Black

Discover the haunted side of stitching with Meg Black. Bewitch your home with cross stitch patterns inspired by gothic art, Halloween curiosities, haunted holidays and witchy oddities. Featuring 25 projects for all abilities, new and seasoned stitchers are welcome here. • Stitch your own spooky abode, or ghosts and ghouls to adorn your walls • Create a garden of carnivorous plants or a vintage Halloween carnival • Bring haunted twists to Halloween and your favourite holidays with a gingerdead house at Creepmas and skeleton bunnies for Easterween. Includes key material lists, easy-to-follow charts and all of Meg's stitching tricks.



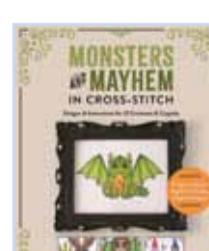
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Monsters and Mayhem in Cross-Stitch

Designs and Instructions for 25 Creatures and Cryptids

Nicole & April LaBranche

Featuring 25 captivating patterns for all skill levels, this collection invites crafters to enjoy hours of imaginative stitching. From legendary beasts like fire-breathing dragons and mischievous goblins to modern cryptids such as Big Foot and Mothman, these whimsical designs are sure to delight both avid stitchers and fans of fantasy. More than just a pattern book, each design comes complete with expert stitch guidance, a photo of the completed project and a brief history (or myth) about the creature, adding a creative storytelling element to every project. A must-have for anyone looking to bring mysterious myths, legends – and a little magic – to their stitching time!



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Fibre Arts

Art of Fabric Block Printing

An Illustrated Guide with 12 Playfully Modern Projects *Andria Green*

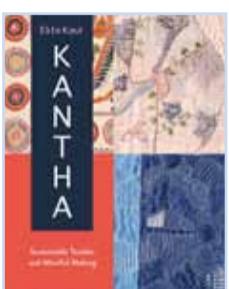
Learn the foundations of block printing! From designing repeat patterns and carving blocks to printing and layering inks, this is the perfect introduction to printing on fabric. • A complete visual guide to fabric block printing, from carving and inking to printing and layering, with 15+ templated designs ready to transfer and print • 12 step-by-step projects showcase the versatility of block-printing, including sewing projects and ready-to-wear printed garments • Perfect for sewists and quilters alike block printed fabrics can be used for everything from garments to home décor.



\$44.99 Paperback 255 x 205mm 128pp 250142

Kantha: Sustainable Textiles and Mindful Making *Ekta Kaul*

In this richly illustrated book, textile artist Ekta Kaul explores the history of the kantha tradition and finds objects of extraordinary beauty. She goes on to look at how the kantha spirit is inspiring artists today and discusses creative techniques to help you develop your own interpretations, alongside a dictionary of fundamental kantha stitches with supporting images and instructions. Steeped in the ethos of sustainability, emotional repair and mindful making, kantha will lead you to uncover a slower and more thoughtful approach to stitching.



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Daydream Journals Memories, Ideas & Inspiration in Stitch, Cloth & Thread *Tilly Rose*

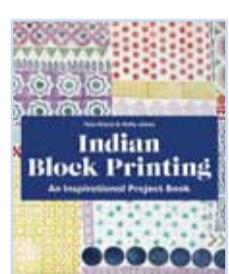
Tilly Rose shows you how to create stunning fabric and paper journals filled with inspiration to spark your creativity. There are eight beautiful designs to choose from, incorporating a range of exciting techniques that include layering and collage, hand embroidery, transferring your own designs to cloth, stamping, appliqué, embellishing, patchwork and free motion machine embroidery. All of the techniques are explained with clear instructions and step-by-step photographs, so even those who are just setting out on their creative journey will find inspiration and all the know-how they need.



\$39.99 Paperback 260 x 205mm 128pp 210308

Indian Block Printing An Inspirational Project Book *Tess Grace & Holly Jones*

Block printing, where carved wooden blocks are used to hand print patterns onto fabric and paper, has been a thriving craft in India since at least the twelfth century. Today, the industry is dominated by the workshops around Jaipur and the projects in this book are filled with tried-and-tested tips to help you produce vibrant contemporary designs inspired by the city. From simple motifs to intricate designs and from tablecloths and tote bags to air-dry clay and gift wrapping this is a comprehensive guide both for beginners and experienced crafters looking to refine their work. Colourful photographic sections are woven into the text, providing details of the authors' visits to block carvers, printers and dyers in the Jaipuri villages of Sanganer and Bagru, and how these influences are applied back in their own UK studio. They share with you how Indian block printing is more than just an art form it's a conscious and creative way of living.



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The Untamed Thread

Slow Stitch to Soothe the Soul & Ignite Creativity *Fleur Woods*

Taking cues from the natural world, we wander through the author's contemporary fibre art practice to encourage and support you to find your own creative path. Her practice is as untamed as the New Zealand landscape that inspires her, free of rules, guided by intuition and joy in the process. Explore colour, texture, flora, textiles and stitch alongside the magic moments, happy accidents, perfect coincidences and ridiculous randomness of the creative process. Chapters include Fleur Woods' inspiring backstory, through to inspiration she takes from nature to create her art, to more practical chapters showcasing her favourite stitches, steps on fabric dyeing, and advice on threads, needles and fabrics to use. Embracing the slow, contemplative nature of stitch you can reconnect your creative spirit to reimagine embroidery as a contemporary tool for mark making.

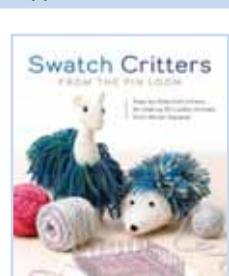


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Swatch Critters from the Pin Loom

Step-by-Step Instructions for Making 30 Cuddly Animals from Woven Squares *Deb Essen*

Learn how to transform woven squares into a charming collection of stuffed animals with this fun and accessible project book. Using basic fibre art skills and a handy pin loom, makers will learn how to combine simple woven squares to create 30 adorable critters, from dogs and cats to dinosaurs and hedgehogs. With step-by-step instructions and tips on colour changing, weaving patterns and mastering twill techniques, this guide unlocks the creative potential of pin loom weaving, letting artisans turn their leftover swatches into delightful, cuddly companions. Whether seasoned fibre artists or beginning weavers, this book makes it easy to bring woven squares to life in a fun and creative way possible.



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Kawaii Needle Felting

Felt 20 Good Luck Charms from Around the World *Hélène Zaïchik*

With accessible step-by-step instructions and the minimum of tools and experience, you will be able to make 20 cute kawaii-style lucky charms inspired by cultures from around the world. The straightforward instructions ensure that even those new to the art of needle felting can easily follow along, fostering a sense of accomplishment and creative satisfaction. The book not only serves as a practical manual but also as a cultural journey, showcasing the diversity of lucky symbols from different corners of the world.

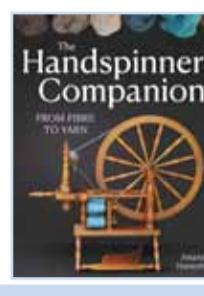


\$39.99 Paperback 250 x 205mm 128pp 250039

The Handspinner's Companion

From Fibre to Yarn *Amanda Hannaford*

This practical book explains the full process of handspinning, from choosing a fleece through to plying your own handspun yarn. Packed with advice and with over 400 photographs, it includes multiple step-by-step sequences to help the complete beginner become an accomplished spinner.



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Sewing

The Handsewn Wardrobe

A Complete Guide to Making Your Own Clothes from Patternmaking to the Finishing *Louisa Owen Sonstroem*

Featuring step-by-step, illustrated instructions, this hand-sewing course-in-a-book shows you how to create nine wardrobe staples, including a t-shirt, button-up and jeans, using simple hand-sewing and hand-stitching techniques. Sewists of all experience levels will learn how to: • Draft pattern to fit custom measurements • Select and cut fabric • Construct each garment without using a sewing machine.



\$59.99 Hardback 260 x 210mm 344pp 250263

Creative Zigzag Rope Sewing Projects

16 Projects and a Dozen Techniques for Making Bowls, Totes and More *Denise Haar*

Denise Haar puts together 18 distinct projects – unique bowls, baskets, a wine caddy, placemat and even handbags – to bring your sewing to the next level. There are great sewing ideas for confident beginners, including basic stitch techniques to kick off your new hobby followed by advanced shaping techniques to help you craft baskets and bowls for use around the home. You can craft gifts for friends, change the look of your home decor, and develop an artistry with sewing you've never experienced before.



\$39.99 Paperback 280 x 215mm 160pp 250238

Essential Bag Making Reference

Tool Piecing, Patchwork & Embroidery for Unique Designs *Jessica Barrera*

This compact reference contains encyclopaedic instructions on choosing and working with bag-making fabrics, hardware and zippers. Explore dozens of bag shapes, from duffels to clutches, slings to backpacks, and so much more! • Learn everything you need to know to craft one-of-a-kind bags, from choosing the right materials to installing notions and making structured accessories • Dive deep into unique fabrics like cork, vinyl and Kraft-tex, and get expert insights on hardware, closures, straps and more – your quick encyclopedia for bag-making success.



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Sewing Machines Made Simple

The Beginner's Guide to Getting Started *Jessica Shaw*

Perfect for beginners, this book will walk you through all the basics. You'll learn about the anatomy of your machine, which settings do what, choosing and changing needles and so much more. You'll find: • A sewer's shopping list with detailed information on the bits and bobs you need – and those you don't • 6 guides that reveal everything you need to know about thread, bobbins, stitch types, presser feet, zippers and fabric • Step-by-step exercises that will build your confidence in using your machine • 5 beginner-friendly projects to apply your newfound skills.



\$47.99 Hardback 240 x 190mm 192pp 250562

How to Keep Your Clothes

Forever Simple Planet-Friendly

Projects to Love Your Wardrobe Back to Life *Leah Giblin*

Learn practical ways to apply this 'dress-up box' philosophy to your own life, so you can buy fewer new clothes, take better care of your old ones, and give well-loved pieces a new lease on life. The author's clear step-by-step projects will help you to fall (back) in love with the clothes you already own, and arm you with the necessary knowledge to make truly sustainable and ethical choices that are not just good for your wallet but the planet too.

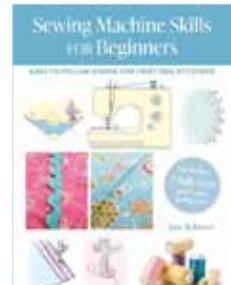


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Sewing Machine Skills for Beginners

Easy-to-Follow Guides for First-Time Stitchers *Jane Bolsover*

Many sewing machines only come with a difficult-to-understand technical manual. Here, Jane Bolsover makes up for that with a comprehensive guide for beginner stitchers on how to use a sewing machine. You will learn how to thread your machine and wind bobbins, discover why tension is important, master which needles and fabrics to choose, and learn how to cut out material. Then follow a complete sewing course, with a simple project at the end of each chapter to consolidate the skills you have just mastered. The projects include items for the home, stylish accessories and great clothing basics. The book also includes two full-size pull-out paper pattern sheets with seven patterns, so you can master working with professional templates and get stitching right away.



\$44.99 Paperback 275 x 210mm 160pp 250550

The Art of Repair

Mindful Mending: How to Stitch Old Things to New Life *Molly Martin*

In *The Art of Repair*, Molly Martin explores the humble origins of repair and how the act of mending a cherished item carefully by hand offers not just a practical solution but nourishment for the soul. Using her own beautiful illustrations, she guides us through the basics of the craft – from piecing and patching to the ancient Japanese art of Sashiko. This book will stay with you long after you put down your needle and thread. It offers an antidote to our increasingly disposable lifestyle, encouraging us to reconnect not just with the everyday objects in our environment but also with ourselves.



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Draping

The Complete Course *Karolyn Kissel*

Covering beginner draping to more advanced techniques, Karolyn Kissel provides a complete course. Projects include dresses, skirts, trousers and jackets, highlighting key fashion garments from the runway to the red carpet and iconic costumes from films such as Breakfast at Tiffany's and In the Mood for Love. Starting with the basics of preparing the dress form and fabric, the book advances through pinning, trimming and clipping, and creating shape using darts and tucks, to adding volume using pleats and gathers, and handling complex curves. Advanced skills include how to use support elements such as shoulder pads, under layers and petticoats, and how to handle bias draping. Each exercise and project throughout the book is explained with step-by-step photographs and line drawings that bring to life the art of creating fashion in three dimensions.



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Visible Creative Mending for Knitwear

Flora Collingwood-Norris

Choose to never throw away a holey sweater again! Whether you want to learn how to darn from scratch or to refine skills you already have, this book offers a fresh and sustainable approach to style. Blending practicality with creativity, the author shows, step by step with written instructions and accompanying photos, how to repair holes and ragged edges, add pattern and create something new and beautiful from garments you thought you'd never wear again. Always reassuring, and using projects selected from her own portfolio and wardrobe, she illustrates how to approach the tiniest hole to extensive damage, and everything in between. No matter your skill level, by following Flora's instructions and suggestions, you'll revive your knits, give them a new look and wear them with pride.



\$74.99 Hardback 240 x 200mm 144pp 220339

Sew Beautiful

Make Stylish Handmade Clothing with Simple Stitch-and-Wear Patterns *Kennis Wong*

Opening with a chapter completely devoted to the fundamentals of sewing, *Sew Beautiful* makes sure to start you off with all the information you'll need to get stitching in easy-to-learn, accessible pearls of wisdom. Once you've learned how to take your measurements, select the perfect fabric and all the different ways to sew a seam or hem a garment, you'll be ready to take on any of the designs her book has to offer. And with patterns designed for sizes 00 through 20, this book is filled with projects that are sure to flatter any body type. For the craft-lover who has always wanted to make their own clothes, this is your guide to a closet full of elegant staples you'll be proud to wear.



\$44.99 Paperback 265 x 240mm 152pp 200555

How to Dress Vintage

Recreate the Most Iconic Looks of the 20th Century *Gabi Jones*

Learn how to dress the way they did from the Edwardian 1900s to the grunge Y2K era, and everything in between. The author shares her best tips for how to find older clothes, how to make new clothes look vintage and notes on the shapes and silhouettes of every decade. You'll learn about the cultural influences and historical context that ground each era and each decade features photographs and illustrations, so you can easily find colour palettes, fashion motifs and even historically inspired lookbooks at a glance. At the end of each chapter, you'll find outfit ideas that range from subtle inspiration to period-accurate perfection, so you can decide just how old-school you want to look.



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