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If you've ever watched Project Runway and wished you were a contestant, or you're simply ready to take your sewing to a new level, Design-It-Yourself Clothes teaches you the fundamentals of modern patternmaking so that you, too, can create your own inspired clothing. Until now, the aspiring DIY fashionista has been hard-pressed to find self-teaching tools other than dry textbooks or books with outdated looks. Finally, in Design-It-Yourself Clothes, former Urban Outfitters designer Cal Patch brings her youthful aesthetic to a how-to book. If you want to wear something you can't find on store racks and make clothes that express your individual style, or if you've reached a sewing plateau and want to add pattern drafting to your repertoire, Design-It-Yourself Clothes is the book you have been waiting for. In five key projects (each with four variations)-a perfect-fitting dress, T-shirt, button-down

shirt, A-line skirt, and pants-Patch shares the art of patternmaking. At its core, it's much simpler than you think. Patch covers everything an intermediate sewer needs to know in order to become a fabulous fashion designer, from designing the patterns, taking your own measurements, and choosing fabrics to actually sewing the clothing. You will also learn how to stylize patterns by using darts, waistbands, patch pockets, and ruffles. Patch offers tips, explanations, options, and exercises throughout that will make the design process that much easier. But besides showing you how to create clothing from scratch, she also teaches you how to rub off patterns from existing clothing-so if you have a pair of pants that you love but are worn out, or you have your eye on a piece in the store with a prohibitive price tag, you can figure out how to get the looks you want by using your own two hands. 'The Art of Couture Sewing' is a practical guide to the fine con-

struction practices used in couture workrooms. Beginning with a brief history of couture, the book will provide fully-illustrated instructions on constructing a couture dress from start to finish.

Design and sew your own fabulously stylish skirts. In this fun guide, Nicole Smith shows you how to draft a pattern for a custom fit and shape it into one of four basic silhouettes: wrap, straight, flared, and high-waisted. Each skirt can then be easily redesigned into seven distinct looks — one for each day of the week. Suitable for beginners and expert sewers alike, *Skirt-a-Day Sewing* will inspire you to express your unique personal style as you stitch up great new pieces for your wardrobe.

Learn how to fit clothes and alter sewing patterns. Sew clothes you love that fit.

****Includes simple and accessible instructions for how to cut your own patterns**** Following on from her successful first book, *Sew Over It Vintage* is a brand new collection of fabulous projects from sewing expert Lisa Comfort. Inspired by Lisa's love of vintage style and fashion, the stylish projects each have a vintage twist but still retain the modern style, allowing these pieces to work with and complement the rest of your wardrobe and your home. Featuring 25 projects, ranging from jewellery, hats, tops, dresses and bags, to cushions, lampshades, placemats, lanterns and a luxury chair pouffe, there are ideas for those who want to quickly create an accessory on a lazy afternoon as well as suggestions for those that want to invest their time in a large and impressive project. Every project has a clearly labeled skill level as well as step-by-step photography, ensuring the directions couldn't be any easier to follow. And with instructions on how to draft your

very own bodice block, all the clothing can be made to fit your body shape perfectly. There is no better way to inject some classic vintage style into your everyday life.

Imagine it. Make it! You don't need to be a designer or pattern maker to create and sew the dress of your dreams. Let Liesl Gibson, founder and designer of Oliver + S sewing patterns, show you how to alter the elements of a pattern to make exactly the dress you imagine. *Oliver + S Building Block Dress: A Sewing Pattern Alteration Guide* shows you how to customize all the elements of a basic dress pattern. With the included Building Block Dress pattern and Liesl Gibson's detailed pattern alteration instructions, you'll learn how to create almost any dress you can imagine. Let Liesl show you how to change sleeves, silhouettes, pockets, necklines, hems, closures, and linings. By combining the elements presented in the book, you'll be able to make thousands of unique dresses. The only limit is your imagination! Use the skills you learn in this book to customize other patterns as well. With these techniques, you'll look at sewing patterns as just the starting point for your creative expression.

25 easy-to-make and wear dresses! Start sewing simple and adorable dresses that you'll love to wear. You don't need complicated patterns to make these 25 easy, loose, and effortlessly stylish garments. Each of these dresses is designed from basic, simple shapes that require no difficult or advanced tailoring, and will be flattering on everyone. You just need the basic template for each dress, and then you can adjust the width using an included formula, and length by simply raising or dropping the hemline. These easy-to-sew and easy-to-fit cute dresses will quickly become staples in your wardrobe.

A collection of 16 women's garments to sew, all using 100% of the fabric with no waste.

Blending expert advice with inspiring designs, *Sew What! Skirts* will delight both novice and veteran sewers alike. This spiral-bound book lays flat for easy reference and features full-color photographs of 16 sample skirts, with illustrated step-by-step instructions for completing each one. Encouraging you to experiment with bold patterns and unique fabrics, Francesca DenHartog and Carole Ann Camp provide simple guidelines for translating body measurements into panel dimensions. Create a custom-tailored wardrobe that fits perfectly and showcases your unique and personal style.

Sew edgy, urban clothes with this stylish sewing book and add a touch of originality to your wardrobe. More and more women are opting to make their own clothes, but most of the books on the market emphasize girly, feminine designs. *She Wears the Pants* is the first Japanese sewing book (in English) to focus on the increasingly popular "borrowed-from-the-boys" look. Already one of the best-known and reviewed sewing books in Japan, this sporty addition to the sew-it-yourself craze is poised to take the American DIY sewing market by storm. Sometimes women are in the mood for clothes with strong, clean lines and casual sophistication—polish and simplicity without the frills. *She Wears the Pants* is the book for those times. A graduate of the Bunka Fashion Institute, Yuko Takada provides patterns and instructions for making twenty spare and streamlined wardrobe items, including: Versatile tops that can be either casual or dressy Jackets that are timeless and unique Dresses and skirts that are straight-line or draped

Three different pants lengths, from culottes to full-length trousers And much, much more! Patterns can be easily adjusted to suit any body size, and Takada shows readers how to select inexpensive, readily available fabrics and transform them into an elegant new wardrobe. Understated never looked so good!

Special clothes for special girls! Delight in the details of these 20+ girlish garment patterns from Lindsay Wilkes, creator of The Cottage Mama patterns and blog. Featuring a classic, vintage-inspired aesthetic, you'll love stitching up an entire girl's wardrobe that's more than just dresses. Mix and match pieces to discover new looks, make complete outfits, and create a year's worth of customized, personal garments for your own little gal. Inside you'll find: Step-by-step instructions to make more than 20 garments and accessories. Materials requirements, cutting instructions, and patterns for sizes 12 months to 10 years. Patterns for coats, dresses, knickers, frocks, tops, and more. A "Getting Started" section to help you choose and pair fabrics, select tools, and brush up on garment-sewing techniques. A CD containing print-at-home patterns and cutting layout diagrams. System requirements for CD: Adobe Acrobat Reader to view PDF documents CD-ROM drive Free hard-disk space to save files

The DIY Couture collection is 10 stylish, easy to make pieces of clothing that can be endlessly reinvented in different fabrics, textures and colours. Anyone who enjoys sewing and creating something unique will love using this book to make their own couture wardrobe. The book begins with a Useful Techniques section, followed by Collections: inspirational photographs of the pieces styled different ways. Next, each of the 10 garments, from a Goddess dress to a cool romper suit and hoody, is clearly explained,

including a spread showing all the variations (e.g. fastenings, necklines and hems) possible for each garment. Finally, clear step by step illustrations and photographs show you how each piece is made. With no complex sewing patterns, even beginners at sewing can make their own beautiful clothes. With simple, visual instructions and cool styling, DIY Couture will inspire people to join the handmade revolution. Where eco-fashion meets street style, this is the antithesis of fast-fashion. Absolutely no patterns required!

A celebrity dressmaker's guide for craft-capable fashionistas explains how to combine basic sewing skills with creative touches to create unique results, demonstrating how to transform classic 1950s-style cocktail dresses into flattering personalized garments. Original.

The distinctive style of the Regency period is a source of endless fascination for fashion academics and historians, living historians, re-enactors and costume designers for stage and screen. Author and fashion historian Cassidy Percoco has delved into little-known museum hoards to create a stunning collection of 26 garments, many with clear provenance tied to a specific location, which have never before been published and never – or very rarely – displayed. Most of the garments have an aspect in their construction that has not been previously documented, from a style of skirt trim to the method of gown closure. This practical guide begins with a general history of the early 19th-century women's dress. This is followed by 26 patterns of gowns, spencers, chemises, and corsets, each with an illustration of the finished piece and description of its construction. This must-have guide is an essential refer-

ence for anyone interested in the fashions or the history of the period, or for anyone wishing to recreate their own beautiful Regency clothing.

All the techniques, clear step-by-step artworks, and patterns you need to make 24 wonderful skirts INCLUDES THREE FULL SIZE PATTERN SHEETS FOR US DRESS SIZES 4 TO 22 Follow Wendy Ward's tutorials to make a wide range of stylish skirts. From 8 basic shapes—circle, A-line, stretch pencil, wrap, bubble, tailored pencil, front-opening, and culottes—you will learn the skills to make variations that have pockets, color blocking, gathers, ruching, darts, and much more. All the basic techniques you will need are also explained, so you'll feel confident with essentials like inserting zippers, attaching waistbands, gathering, pleats, making buttonholes, and adding linings. There are also handy hints and tips on how to take measurements and on choosing the right fabric. Skirts are the perfect first garment for beginner dressmakers, and there are some really simple designs here—the jersey pencil skirt is just two pieces of fabric with an elasticated waistband! So arm yourself with this book, some fabric, and Wendy's sewing wisdom, and you'll be on your way to updating your wardrobe with unique skirts that are a perfect fit.

Includes three ready-to-use patterns Reinvent Sewing for the Twenty-first Century! "Where did you get your skirt?" Ever want to create your own designer-look fashions? Develop unique accessories or home decor? Even if you've never held a needle or used a sewing machine, Sew Fast Sew Easy is all you need. With three simple patterns and easy-to-follow instructions, you can put your

own stamp on fashion and step out in style--yours! You'll learn: - Tips and techniques from a fashion industry insider - How to use your sewing machine to express your creativity - How to custom-fit commercial patterns for that sexy look - All about the latest fabrics and the best ways to use them Plus a glossary of sewing terms makes quick reference easy. So don't wait. Use the ideas and simple how-to instructions in this book, and everyone will want to know the secret source for your fabulous clothes and accessories!

Coco Chanel, Audrey Hepburn, Grace Kelly. . . . Each of these women had an influential take on the most classic wardrobe staple of all: the Little Black Dress. In this chic sewing book, patternmaker Dolin Bliss O'Shea pulls inspiration from famous LBDs throughout history—including Mary Quant's mod mini, a classic wrap dress worn by Liza Minelli, Princess Diana's smart A-line, and more—and offers patterns for reinterpreted versions that are perfectly stylish. Including 10 full dress patterns with sewing variations to make 20 garments in all, a primer on sewing techniques, vintage photographs of style icons, and full-color shots of the finished pieces, this book has everything fashionistas need to bring timeless style right into their closets.

An in-depth guide to sewing simple garments--with four full-size patterns and all the tricks of alteration and embellishment explained so that you can make a wardrobe all your own. Maybe you learned to sew in school and have a sewing machine, but it hasn't seen the outside of the closet since your last move. Or maybe you are completely new to the craft, with a lot of enthusiasm, but no idea how to thread your machine. No matter where

you're coming from in terms of experience, this sewing workbook offers four basic patterns--two tops, a skirt, and a pair of pants--that empower you to express your personal style and make clothes that are comfortable for your body type. After explaining the basic concepts of sewing and construction, 100 Acts of Sewing designer Sonya Philip then provides suggestions for mixing the basic patterns together to create new garment iterations as you gain confidence--structural adjustments such as full bust, no bust, long torso, big, small, etc., as well as a range of possible alterations and embellishments including sleeves, pockets, hems, and more! Going beyond simple pattern instructions, this book will make sewing garments accessible for every body type--each pattern comes in sizes ranging from XS to 5X. With inspiring essays on Sonya's sewing philosophy that speak to the slow and ethical fashion movement, this will be the go-to guide for all aspirational and seasoned sewists.

Presents a collection of thirty sewing projects that can be completed using simple techniques, sharing step-by-step instructions for such articles as a pleated clutch, a French-inspired day dress, and a portable kid-friendly checkers set.

Shares instructions for creating handmade clothing for boys from infancy through age eight, providing patterns that accommodate seasonal and activity needs.

A tween fashion designer's blog garners A-list attention in this chic start to a new middle grade series. Over the summer, fashion-loving Zoey Webber gets the best news ever: Her middle school is getting rid of uniforms! There's just one problem. Zoey has sketchbooks full of fashion designs, but nothing to wear! So

with a little help from her best friends Kate and Priti, she learns to make her own clothes. She even begins to post her fashion design sketches online in a blog. That's how the Sew Zoey blog begins, and soon it becomes much more. Zoey's quirky style makes her a bit of a misfit at middle school, but her Sew Zoey blog quickly gains a dedicated following. Real fashion designers start to read it! Yet even as her blog takes off, Zoey still has to deal with homework, crushes, and P.E. class. And when the principal asks her to design a dress for the school's fashion-show fund-raiser, Zoey can't wait to start sewing! But what will happen when her two worlds collide?

Make your own cute and fashionable clothes for girls with this easy-to-use sewing book. Author, Yuki Araki is one of the most recognized names in the growing sewing-for-children movement. The mother of two daughters, Araki has become a DIY sewing favorite because she knows what young girls want. They like to wear stylish clothes that also let them play with ease. Moms adore the relaxed aesthetic of Araki's simple mix-and-match play clothes and accessories, and young girls are happy wearing them because they're both cute and comfortable. Best suited for girls from two to five years old, the sewing patterns in this Japanese sewing book are simple, casual, and look good on any girl. Araki provides westernized patterns in four sizes, plus diagrams and instructions for twenty-two pieces. Simple lines give kids room to move, and the classic styles look good on any frame. Sewing designs include: Shoulder-tie camisole top and dress Classic smock shirt and dress Four variations of a basic elastic-waist skirt Shorts and easy-breezy kid-style leggings to pair with any top Button-front and pullover tops Adorable bucket hat Moms will love

dressing their girls in these economical and easy-to-make clothes. Nothing could be simpler—or sweeter!

Love at First Stitch gives you all the know-how you need to start making the dresses of your dreams. Written for novice stitchers, Tilly Walnes demystifies dressmaking for the generations that have never been taught to sew. This book presents the core sewing basics in an informal style, with Tilly's friendly and encouraging voice cheering the reader on throughout.

Casual Sweet Clothes offers you gorgeous tops, dresses, jackets, and skirts with a designer edge. Simple step-by-step instructions and diagrams guide you through the process of sewing each garment, and the full-size patterns included at the back of the book guarantee perfectly fitting results every time. The 18 simple but stylish casual pieces in this book make the foundation of a handmade wardrobe that will last for years.

With her "choose-your-own-adventure" approach to sewing, Tanya Whelan offers an invaluable collection of patterns that empowers sewers to become designers. The trick is a set of patterns for 6 skirts and 8 bodices that line up perfectly at the waist, plus an additional 4 sleeve styles and 4 necklines. Tanya gives readers clear instructions and easy-to-follow step-by-step diagrams that allow them to use the enclosed pattern pieces to create up to 219 fitted dresses, including simple strapless designs, sheaths, and halter gowns. The book covers basic dress construction and altering techniques for women of all shapes and sizes.

Presents six dressmaking patterns that can be used to create an entire wardrobe that has thirty-six different looks and a total of over two hundred garments and accessories.

Sew cute and original clothes for your little girl with this stylish sewing book. Popular Japanese author and designer Yoshiko Tsukiori brings unique new designs and style to the do-it-yourself sewist that make it easy to create the kind of clothes little girls adore. Japanese Sewing book *Girls Style Book* (in English) offers 24 full-sized patterns in five sizes for some of the cutest dresses, tops, outfits and accessories for girls from ages 4-10. Already loved by aficionados of Japanese fashion, this book has something for every girl's taste: relaxed, comfortable clothes that are as fun to wear as they are to look at. Projects include a wide variety of DIY-sewing dresses, tops and pants. Balloon-skirted dress with matching mini-bag Classic pinafore jumper with matching bolero jacket Pretty A-line tunic with matching pants Straight and simple sundress Summery camisole top with matching pants and hat The patterns can be adjusted to suit your little girl's shape and size. Clear, concise diagrams and instructions make these children's clothes so easy to sew, the hardest part will be deciding what to make first! There's nothing quite like dressing your little girl in clothes she adores—made with love, made by you.

Reproduction of the 1929 book - *The Sew-It Book - Things to make with needle & thread and odds & ends*. This beautiful vintage feel book features 17 projects including a child's apron, smock, sun bonnet, rag doll and Kimono-type jacket. Techniques include sewing, embroidery, doll dress pattern making and tie-dyeing are explained in detail. The 47-page hardback book with an embossed cover is a keepsake treasure with darling graphics that will charm sewers and quilters, young and old! Perfect book to teach children to sew. Great Grandparent gift.

Every vintage-obsessed sewist dreams of having a closet full of gorgeous dresses. The follow-up to the popular *Gertie's New Book for Better Sewing* and *Gertie Sews Vintage Casual*, *Gertie's Ultimate Dress Book* is packed with all the information and patterns you could ever need to create a wardrobe filled with stunning vintage frocks. The book begins with all the essential techniques for dressmaking and includes instructions and patterns for 23 dresses for a variety of occasions. Elements of each pattern can be mixed and matched, allowing readers to customize the bodice, skirt, sleeves, pockets, and details of each dress for a truly unique creation.

The *Wild Things Funky Little Dresses* clothing range brings exciting and mythical clothing to your child's wardrobe; now you can make your own everyday play clothes to bring to life. *WILD THINGS: FUNKY LITTLE CLOTHES TO SEW* will inspire makers of all abilities to create something exciting for their children that they will really want to wear. Drawing on simple shape and whimsical imagery, the step-by-step projects include dresses, hats, jackets and dungarees, as well as some simple accessories and keepsake gifts with a little heart and soul. With themes from enchanted woodland to summer essentials for beginners, and outfits including a baby mouse dress, Red Riding Hood Cape and Mr Wolf jacket, this book adds a spark of adventure to everyday clothes.

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.

Sew cute and original clothes for your little angel with this easy-to-follow DIY sewing book. Yoshiko Tsukiori's Japanese sewing books provide elegant casual designs for women and children and have made her one of the most popular names in the Japanese sew-it-yourself craze. In *Sewing for Your Girls*, Tsukiori has done it again, creating eight adorable and endlessly versatile new patterns for clothes that will delight every mother's budget—and suit every little girl's personal style and body type. Tsukiori provides easy-to-follow instructions (in English) and shares the basic techniques for creating all the classic elements of little girls' clothes. Today's emerging legions of DIY mothers will discover how to make: A round collared shirt or tunic A classic smocked sundress Overalls with plenty of pocket room Draw-string pants that fit beautifully A shawl-collared dress or top A gathered neckline shirt, tunic, or dress A pretty dress with shoulder ruffles A raglan top or dress Add ruffles or bows, add tiers or pockets, add sleeves or go sleeveless—each of these garments can be embellished in endless variations to create literally hundreds of different styles. Tsukiori also guides readers on how to select carefree, pretty, and inexpensive fabrics that girls will love to wear every day!

Imagination and creativity are the keys to dressing girls stylishly on a budget, and *Sewing for Your Girls* makes it easy to mix and match the basic components so that each piece is as unique as it is beautiful.

Sheets of patterns are in an envelope inside the front cover, each sheet is doubled sided.

Sew stylish DIY dresses with an elegant flair using this easy-to-follow sewing book. For parties, weddings, banquets—any occasion that calls for that special dress—this is the book that lets you DIY sew something stylish and elegant, for a lot less than you'd pay for ready-made. These 26 dresses and separates range from short to long, from sweet to sophisticated, and from simple to dramatic to suit your mood, your style and the event. Beautiful photos feature garments sewn in a variety of elegant fabrics to inspire you to choose colors, prints and textures for a dress that is just right for you and for the moment. Sewing patterns include: Gathered-skirt dresses with lacy overlays Simple, elegant shifts and empire-waist styles An easy, flattering shirtwaist dress A pin-tucked smock style dress Shirt and blouse combos that allow you to mix and match Dresses sporting a few well-placed frills for a look that's both girly and subtle Little bolero jackets for when you want a little more coverage And more... Full-size sewing patterns are offered in six sizes and can be altered to suit most body shapes and personal measurements. The instructions and diagrams are easy to follow. Pick up the book and browse. They're some of the easiest, prettiest DIY sewing projects you'll ever make.

From the founder of the Built by Wendy clothing line comes the

reference every 20- and 30-something with a sewing machine has been waiting for. The sewing handbook contains 25 fully customizable variations of her favorite dress silhouettes, along with three full-sized patterns from her own line.

8 Patterns, 18 Variations, 1 Stunning New Wardrobe Stitch your way to a stylish new wardrobe with this collection of beautiful, modern patterns. Whether you are a seasoned seamstress looking for fresh projects or just beginning your sewing journey, you'll learn something new from prolific designer Kennis Wong's expert advice and accessible pearls of sewing wisdom. In *Sew Beautiful*, elegance and simplicity go hand in hand as Kennis guides you through 8 different patterns, each a closet staple you'll be proud to wear. Well known for helping her readers find their most flattering fit, Kennis carefully designed each pattern for sizes 00 through 20, guaranteeing a finished garment that suits your taste, style and body type. And with 18 variations spread across these designs, there are so many options to mix and match! Slip into the luxurious Castlepoint Faux-Wrap Skirt on a breezy summer day, or bundle up in the cozy Taktsang Dolman Sleeve Wrap for a cool autumn night. Going to a fancy event but can't find anything to wear? Wow everyone when you tell them your Palermo Tiered Dress is 100 percent handmade. With *Sew Beautiful* in your crafting corner, a vibrant custom wardrobe is at your fingertips.

In the '50s and '60s, Simplicity released their popular line of Jiffy sewing patterns, which had minimal pattern pieces and simple

constructions, yet were chic enough for fashion-conscious customers. This approach appeals now more than ever as stylish women are continuously looking for ways to fit their love of sewing into busy lives filled with family, work, school, and countless other obligations. *Gertie Sews Jiffy Dresses* is Gretchen Hirsch's modern reinvention of this simple idea, focusing on easily mastered sewing skills, minimal pattern pieces, and fabulous designs. And the best part? Readers will end up with a sparkling wardrobe of easy-to-wear, fun-to-style dresses that will fill busy modern lives with retro charm.

Revitalise your wardrobe with this capsule collection from sewing expert Rachel from the House of Pinheiro. The collection includes the perfect separates to take you through the working week to the weekend. Rachel includes a main pattern for every day of week and then offers variations for how to dress it up for a meeting or down for the weekend. There will also be advice on how to change the look of the pieces through fabric choices and styling tips, as well as a techniques section featuring Rachel's tips on how to get the best fit for your body type. Garments include on trend staples such as a jumpsuit, kimono dress and a trench coat. Rachel reinvents these basics to create an exciting collection of 7 patterns, which can be used to create numerous different outfits. "In *Oliver + S Little Things to Sew*, you'll find whimsical yet practical accessories for children, such as a hat, scarf, vest, tutu, art smock, backpack, messenger bag, and quilt- all designed with the same style and attention to detail for which *Oliver + S's* individual patterns are renowned..." From jacket flap.