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Half Yard Heaven: Easy Sewing Projects Using Left-over Pieces Of Fabric



Synopsis

Debbie Shore has a passion for sewing, and her fresh, contemporary designs coupled with simple, easy-to-follow instructions make this book a recipe for success. All of the projects use just half a yard (about half a metre) of fabric, making them ideal for using up scraps and oddments left over from other projects or sold off cheaply by your favorite fabric store. All you need is a sewing machine and a basic sewing kit, and in no time at all you'll be making one of the gorgeous projects in the book. There are 26 to choose from, including beautiful bags, aprons, a craft caddy for storing your making kit, padded coat hangers, a chicken doorstop, a handy wash bag, a notice board and numerous other gifts and accessories for you, your family and your home. The basic techniques you need to know are explained clearly at the beginning of the book, and every step-by-step project is accompanied by a fabulous photograph of the finished piece, which will not fail to delight and inspire you.

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Customer Reviews

This review is based on a REPRINT that is due for release in April 2014. This book encourages sewers to use their scraps and/or left over fabric. The introduction suggests the best fabrics to use. There's also a page titled "Useful things" that gives a general overview/definition of sewing

terms. There's also a couple of pages devoted to hand stitching in the "Before you start" section. The projects are practical. Some include: tote bag, slippers, tissue box cover pocket apron (I could see that being a favorite) :-), glasses case and many more. This book is not intended or designed to be a sewing bible or encyclopedia, but I believe it's a great start for novices and beginners that want to strengthen their skills. I highly recommend it!

I first became aware of Debbie Shore via YouTube videos searching for sewing projects. I was hooked from the first video. She's charming, the projects are interesting and vary in degree of difficulty so there's something for everyone. I never thought to check and see if she had books, but was so happy to find these. I ordered day before yesterday and two of them came today: Half Yard Heaven and Sew Bunting. Half Yard Heaven offers 26 projects with lots of photographs depicting step-by-step instructions. She gives measurements of fabrics needed, tools recommended, notions or embellishments suggested. The numerous photos are much appreciated! In this book she explains and shows in detail every step along the way to a finished project. There is a page of "useful things" and what they're used for - good explanations and tips. Yes, she does give dimensions and sizes and even instructions for how to make your own pattern for those items that can vary greatly like the size of your own feet or wooden hangers. Her projects are all designed with an excellent attention to detail, but totally do-able since she explains so well. I do suggest watching her videos if you haven't discovered them already it's like private sewing lessons because she's so thorough. Between the book and the videos, I feel like I'm taking classes and I love it!

This book is great for small projects that can be done for gifts etc. The instructions and pictures are very helpful in making these projects.

I only gave this a 3 star rating because the book was NOT helpful to me. I thought the ideas were basically childish and not helpful. I do have to say, however, that the projects she did go over were concise and easy to follow for a beginner.

This is a good book for easy first sewing projects to help you learn sewing techniques. It is nice that these projects take just a half yard of fabric,

This took longer than I expected to arrive but it did arrive the 14th earlier than I was told on information request. This is a delightful book. I have been watching Debbie Shore on YouTube for

some time and this is a great book for beginner or experienced sewer. I find that it is one of those Happy Happy kind of experiences just looking at the book. I can't wait to do some of the fun items in here. Will make great gifts for Christmas especially if your forgot someone or have an unexpected guest. It was worth the wait.

I have a lot of books, and I had hoped that this would have some useful patterns. There are no patterns in the book. The author unfortunately simply says, "cut a rectangle...etc." Her directions are sketchy also, for example, when an item has bias binding, there are no directions about how to make this. She does not use correct terminology, for example when referring to quilter's batting, she refers to this as "Wadding". AND some of her projects would cause you to burn your hands. For example, she has a pattern for hot mitts, with only one layer of "wadding" in between the layers of cloth. I can tell you, this is not enough for protecting your hands as oven Mitts. OUCH. If I had seen the book in a bookstore, I would have realized it was not what I wanted. I hoped to have some stylish items that mix and match fabrics in an interesting way. This is not that book.

I bought this book so I could make a cover for my sewing machine. It also provided me with a good tutorial on how to make and use bias tape. (I must have missed that lesson in my old home ec. class.....) It has a number of patterns and sewing hints that I am finding useful as I get back to sewing after too many years. Beyond the actual project ideas, this book is a good way to jump start your imagination and use the lessons to branch out into new, original projects with materials from your remnant stash.

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