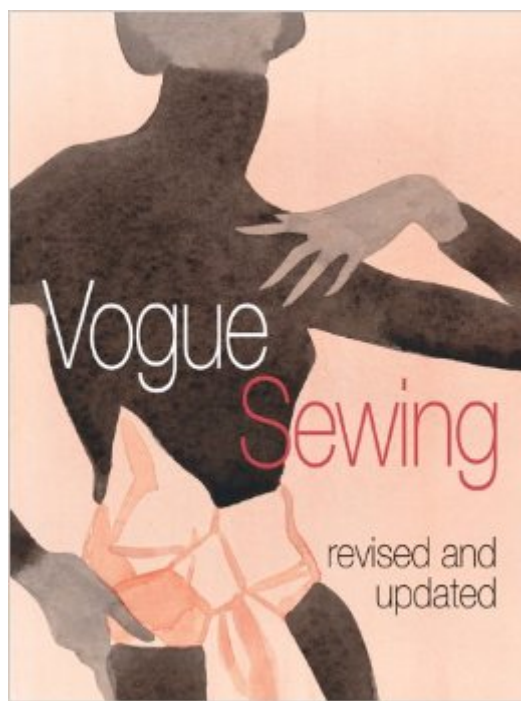


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Vogue Sewing, Revised And Updated



Synopsis

The bestselling guide to sewing gets a freshening up! And it's from Vogue®: the most respected name in needlework. A trusted classic since 1975, Vogue Sewing has remained a consistent bestseller and sewer's favorite. Now it's been fully revised and updated, with the latest information and all-new photographs and illustrations, introduction, and page layout. From choosing a machine to mastering couture techniques, it covers everything stitchers need to know to make professional and fashionable garments. It's certain to remain the premier sourcebook for sewers everywhere. This technique-rich Vogue manual contains comprehensive instructions for understanding pattern markings, selecting fabrics and notions, hand-stitching and mending, pressing, and measuring to fit. Everything's beautifully laid out, with charts and detailed explanations. And as it teaches, it also steers you to the right project for your sewing level, with a plethora of photos that showcase different options for both beginners and those more expert with a needle.

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IF, that is, you're looking for a book that goes into further detail than the standard beginner's sewing book. My mother, who taught Beginner's and Advanced sewing for decades (after earning a full scholarship to the Art Institute of Chicago straight out of high school for her sewing skills), told me that this was a book that she recommended to her advanced (high school) sewing classes, so it may not be the easiest book to just flip through and use off the cuff, but it definitely is an extensive

book that brings in not just the craft of sewing, but the actual art of it - something that I, as an artist and art teacher, find to be very important. And my mom just couldn't say enough about what an excellent sewing resource this book is. My first sewing book was *The Complete Book of Sewing* New Edition, which IS great for visual references on what the tasks you're undertaking should look like throughout the process, but I found it to be very bare bones when it came to answering my "okay, sooo, WHY am I doing this again, instead of doing that???" type questions. "Vogue Sewing" answers all of those questions for me, as well as offering very helpful hints on how to properly tailor a garment to your specific figural requirements, how to remove specific stains, why to use one fabric over another, what the differences are between a variety of fabrics.... and I got all of this from simply skimming through the book!

I bought this book based on many recommendations from various popular sewing blogs. This book covers quite a lot of ground on many aspects of home sewing, from determining your figure type and choosing your pattern size, to hand and machine sewing techniques, to basic pattern alterations for fit, to tips for working with difficult fabrics, and ends with a wide selection of tailoring and couture techniques and creative touches. It really is very comprehensive, and just jammed full of information. To fit all that information in this book, I feel like they had to sacrifice a little bit of clarity. For example, all the pattern alteration instructions are illustrated with a single line drawing that gives an overview of the changes being made, and the new lines being drawn on the pattern are highlighted in this really thick orange line that sometimes obscures other changes being made in the area. The multi-step instructions that have multiple illustrations are also formatted a bit strangely. Each step is a bullet point, and the accompanying illustrations are numbered, but the text never refers to the illustrations by number, and there is not always an illustration for each bullet point, so you just kinda have to figure out which goes with what. It's definitely not an impossible task, and I think you can get all the information presented if you're willing to sit there and digest it for a bit, but it's definitely not the most user-friendly presentation I've ever seen. Nonetheless, this book is definitely a good foundation volume for a home sewing library. I wouldn't say this is the only book you will ever need, but if it is the first sewing book you get, it will build a great foundation for your sewing skills, and take you quite far.

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