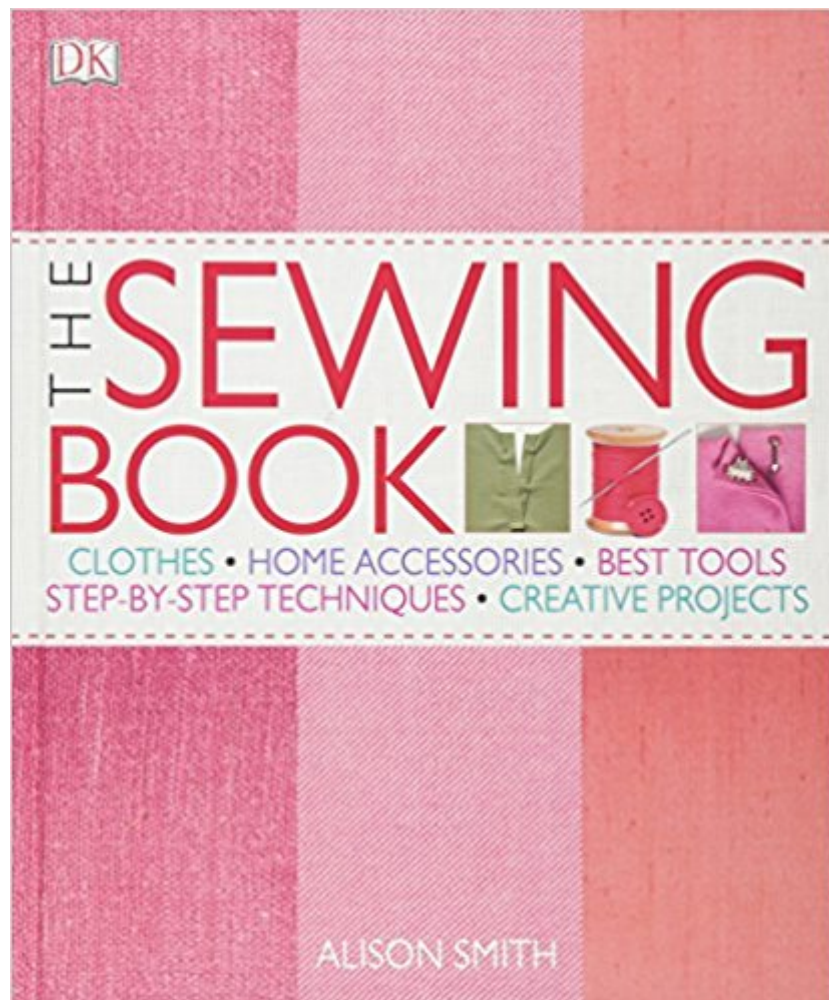




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The Sewing Book: An Encyclopedic Resource Of Step-by-Step Techniques



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I've given this to my library. I'm in the minority, but here's why I didn't learn much from this book in case it helps...I feel like they went so far in an effort to make this about visual learning that there's not enough accompanying text left to give you a full understanding of a technique or make you feel like you're ready to proceed. The clearest parts are in the beginning, large photos of buttons and scissors that don't need a lot of explanation, but once you've passed the very first stage of sewing, you won't need to reference that. The sections I would have turned to time and again -- like making pattern alterations -- are so terse as to be barely an introduction. You get the basic steps in the fewest words possible with no alternate methods, extra tips, or common mistakes to watch out for. Although I was initially drawn to the clean look, I spent too much time going online to find more details. And when I did, the sites would often cover what was in this book and then some. The photos were also an issue for me. They didn't choose fabrics that had a clear right and wrong side. There's generally a text reference to which side you're working on, but it would have been better for me, and in keeping with the visual learning style, if the photos had made that obvious. I went on to get the out of print *'The Encyclopedia of Sewing'* by Adele Margolis (which is sometimes available cheaply), and what a world of difference it made. Take for example Understitching. *'The Sewing Book'* has a photo and the following: "Understitching is used to secure a seam that is on the edge of a piece of fabric. It helps to stop the seam from rolling to the right side. First make the seam, then layer, turn, and press onto the right side. Open the seam again and push the seam allowance over the layered seam allowance. Sew the seam allowances down." Compare that to *'The Encyclopedia*

of Sewing', which has five line drawings and the following for Understitching:"A line of machine or hand stitching that permanently positions the seam allowance of a garment section and its facing. There are several ways this may be done. After the layers have been stitched and pressed open, the seam allowances trimmed clipped, notched and graded, turn the facing to the underside. Press the edges with the seam rolled to the underside. If steam pressing as in tailoring, allow the garment to dry thoroughly before handling. In Dressmaking -- Open out the facing with the seam allowance directly under it. Stitch the seam allowances to the facing close to the seam by machine (fig. a) or, in delicate fabrics, by tiny hand stitches (b). In Tailoring -- Edge-baste firmly to hold the pressed seam in position (fig. a). Use either method below. Both are acceptable.¹ As an enclosed seam: lift the facing gently and fasten the wider seam allowance to the tape or interfacing with either permanent basting or catch stitching (b). This will automatically enclose the narrower seam allowance.² From the outside: hold the seam allowance in place with pickstitches (see Pickstitch) placed 1/8" from the edge of an undersurface. Work along the underside of the collar and lapel to the break of the collar. Work along the facing edge to the hem (c)."

I am a beginner at sewing. I haven't had the opportunity to take a class yet and I've only owned my sewing machine for a little less than a month. This book basically has a picture along with instructions for every step to explain what you need to do. I'm a visual learner so this book is definitely the one for me. I'm especially happy that it teaches many different stitching techniques which is what I was hoping it would have. I haven't read the whole thing yet but so far it is very satisfactory for a beginner like myself.

I think this has to be the absolute best book I have ever seen on sewing techniques. If you're new to sewing, I highly recommend this book. It is loaded with sewing techniques and photographs showing how to do them. I love, love, love this book!!!

I'm a beginning tailor with nobody to mentor me, so I bought this book to add to my knowledge. The section on where and how to measure for sizing was extremely useful, as was the section on alterations, but I wish there were some tips on combining the alterations correctly; my bust size is an I which is far beyond any pattern I've seen (even plus size patterns) so I need to lower the bustline, add fabric, and alter darts. In some pictures it's difficult to pick out which side of the fabric is being worked on, which is my biggest problem with the book. That being said, it's not a huge issue and a quick test with some scrap fabric usually clears up any lingering doubts. I'm sure I'll use the

mending section extensively to keep my new clothes in top shape. I love the projects at the back and I'm planning to modify the book cover to make my Kindle case look like a cloth-bound book, and eventually try that lovely kimono design *wistful sigh*. I recommend this book as a learning tool for the advanced beginner up, and as a reference for anyone!

Very nice book with simple and easy pictures to look at. Gave to my daughter who just got her first sewing machine. I think this will give her the confidence to sew without me there. Good for beginner and advanced.

A very comprehensive guide to help the beginner get started and understand what they need to know. I would recommend this book to anyone wanting to learn to sew. It certainly explains how to get started and then begin to actually sew some projects. That being said, I would also suggest that the reader understand how to use a sewing machine and be familiar with its use in sewing. There are so many machines that it would be almost impossible to describe them all. The beginning person must decide that for themselves. Start small and simple to move on to some of the more complex.

I have sewn by the seat of my pants for years; however, I have wanted to get serious about sewing recently. If you are interested in a complete sewing guide, this is the book for you. Please note this book leans to clothing rather than crafts.

I am very new to sewing and need to learn a lot! I have not read this book all the way through yet but the things I have looked at and the way it explains everything makes it look so easy. I am excited about learning everything it has to offer before purchasing more advanced books. The pages are color and printed on thick paper so I am thinking it will last a very long time and maybe even help my daughter learn sometime in the future if she is interested as well.

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