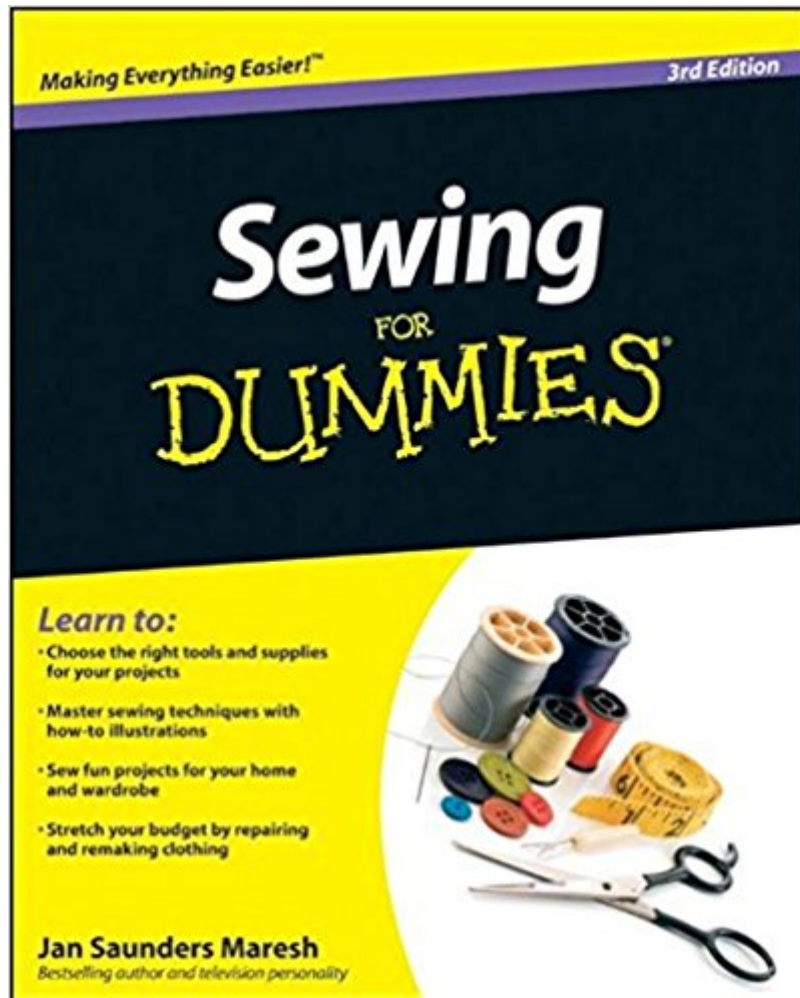




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Sewing For Dummies



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The most complete guide to sewing basics People are always looking for ways to cut expenses and be creative and stylish at the same time. Learning to sew is a great way to arm yourself with the skills to repair and create clothing and furnishings for yourself and your family for little to no cost. But learning how to sew and how to choose the tools and supplies to begin sewing can be confusing. Now, you can turn to this hands-on, friendly guide for the most up-to-date information, the best techniques, and fun projects for learning (or brushing up on) the art of sewing. Easy-to-follow instructions and step-by-step illustrations make it easier to learn Fresh new patterns, projects, stitches, and techniques for fashion and the home Budget-conscious tips for breathing new life into existing garments Complete with a section on common sewing mistakes and how to avoid them, *Sewing For Dummies*, 3rd edition gives you the confidence and know-how to sew like a pro.

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Your hands-on guide to sewing basics Learning to sew is a great way to arm yourself with the skills to create and repair clothing and furnishings for minimal cost. Turn to this hands-on guide for the best techniques and fun projects for learning (or brushing up on) the art of sewing. So, you want to sew • get the 411 on everything you need to know before you start sewing, from assembling your own sewing kit to selecting fabric, findings, and interfacings Stick a pin in it • learn how to thread hand and machine needles, tie knots, secure seams, hem items, and more Spruce up your style • master the art of fashion sewing, from working with zippers and buttons to setting in the perfect sleeve Put on your DIY cap • add new life to your living space with

home décor sewing projects, like dressing up your dining table with a reversible table runner or changing the look of your bedroom with a duvet cover and more. Give it a quick fix – • make alterations and repairs to garments already in your closet to extend the life of your wardrobe. Open the book and find: How to work with patterns. Instructions for hand and machine stitches. Directions for fixing sewing mistakes. Hemming how-tos. Fashion and home décor sewing projects. Guidance on working with closures, sleeves, and pockets. Advice on tackling trims and piping. Tips for mixing print fabrics. Ways to save money by doing repairs yourself. Learn to: Choose the right tools and supplies for your projects. Master sewing techniques with how-to illustrations. Sew fun projects for your home and wardrobe. Stretch your budget by repairing and remaking clothing.

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Well written and covers all the basics for the beginner sewer. Would have liked a few more illustrations but that is just a personal preference. Recommended if you are buying for a budding seamstress.

Sewing For Dummies is one of the best investments I have bought for my adventures in sewing. I almost didn't buy it because of some other comments I read on for this book. However, at my daughters insistence I purchased the book and am so glad I did. It is very informative and if you are working on a project, as I was at the time, and don't understand what the directions mean, just look the subject up in the index and you get meanings and or step-by-step instructions. A must have for beginners as well as those who have been sewing for a long time.

The book has helped me greatly already. I refer to it often, and like to see the visuals that are provided for some actual projects. It has helped me make a lot of people happy by receiving as gifts some of what I have learned to sew. I would recommend the book to any beginner.

If you are a true beginner this book is not for you. The layout is terrible, the book mentions industry

standards and technical terms long before it covers them. It jumps around a lot, more than any dummies book I've seen before and I have a soft spot for the series. The explanations are unclear and the pictures and diagrams are not very helpful. However if you're an intermediate seamstress or seamster and are already semi familiar with the subject this book still holds a lot of useful information.

I hadn't sewn for many years. I bought this book, hoping it would guide me and IT DID!! Very comprehensive, lots of tips and solid information and pretty easy to follow. I recommend it.

I do not consider myself a "dummy" but I have never done any real sewing until the past 7-8 months. I decided to take something new up to keep myself active after I retired, and sewing (more specifically, quilting) piqued my interest. The book explained a lot of concepts, which after some experimentation, I could understand and do reasonably well.

WARNING: When she says "Sewing For Dummies," she MEANS it! She is very thorough in her teaching and her examples and, as a beginner seamstress, I probably really really could use and need all of the information that she offers. She really intends for you to use this book as a reference point in all of your sewing projects. However, if you're super excited and just want to get your hands dirty with your first project, you can skip maybe the first 4 chapters and get to the nitty-gritty. Since I know virtually nothing about sewing, I read through the first 4 and it kinda dampened my excitement a little. So, my advice: jump around and read about what you're excited about first and then go back. It sounds convoluted but, don't worry! She pretty much references EVERYTHING!

Although I learned to sew in a home ec class in High School, I'd forgotten a lot in 40+/years later. This book takes me back. There isn't a question that went unanswered in this book. I highly recommend it for sewers of all types!

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