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Quilting for the Absolute Beginner

xxxxx proposes a radical, new space for artistic exploration, with essential contributions from a diverse range of artists, theorists, and scientists. Combining intense background material, code listings, screenshots, new translation, [the] xxxxx [reader] functions as both guide and manifesto for a thought movement which is radically opposed to entropic contemporary economies. xxxxx traces a clear line across eccentric and wide ranging texts under the rubric of life coding which can well be contrasted with the death drive of cynical economy with roots in rationalism and enlightenment thought. Such philosophy, world as machine, informs its own deadly flipside embedded within language and technology. xxxxx totally unpicks this hirosimic engraving, offering an dandyish alternative by way of deep examination of software and substance. Life coding is primarily active, subsuming deprecated psychogeography in favour of acute wonderland technology, wary of any assumed transparency. Texts such as Endonomadology, a text from celebrated biochemist and chaos theory pioneer Otto E. Roessler, who features heavily throughout this intense volume, make plain the sadistic nature and active legacy of rationalist thought. At the same time, through the science of endophysics, a physics from the inside elaborated here, a delicate theory of the world as interface is proposed. xxxxx is very much concerned with the joyful elaboration of a new real; software-led propositions which are active and constructive in eviscerating contemporary economic culture. xxxxx embeds Perl Routines to Manipulate London, by way of software artist and Mongrel Graham Harwood, a Universal Dovetailer in the Lisp language from AI researcher Bruno Marchal rewriting the universe as code, and self explanatory Pornographic Coding from plagiarist and author Stewart Home and code art guru Florian Cramer. Software is treated as magical, electromystical, contrasting with the tedious GUI desktop applications and user-led drudgery expressed within a vast ghost-authored literature which merely serves to rehearse again and again the demands of industry and economy. Key texts, which well explain the magic and sheer art of programming for the absolute beginner are published here. Software subjugation is made plain within the very title of media theorist Friedrich Kittler's essay Protected Mode, published in this volume. Media, technology and destruction are further elaborated across this work in texts such as War.pl, Media and Drugs in Pynchon's Second World War, again from Kittler, and Simon Ford's elegant take on J.G Ballard's crashed cars exhibition of 1970, A Psychopathic Hymn. Software and its expansion stand in obvious relation to language. Attacking transparency means examining the prison cell or virus of language; life coding as William Burrough's cutup. And perhaps the most substantial and thorough-going examination is put forward by daring Vienna actionist Oswald Wiener in his Notes on the Concept of the Bio-adapter which has been thankfully unearthed here. Equally, Olga Goriunova's extensive examination of a new Russian literary trend, the online male literature of udaff.com provides both a reexamination of culture and language, and an example of the diversity of xxxxx; a diversity well

reflected in background texts ranging across subjects such as Leibniz' monadology, the ur-crash of supreme flaneur Thomas de Quincey and several rewritings of the forensic model of Jack the Ripper thanks to Stewart Home and Martin Howse. xxxxx liberates software from the machinic, and questions the transparency of language, proposing a new world view, a sheer electromysticism which is well explained with reference to the works of Thomas Pynchon in Friedrich Kittler's essay, translated for the first time into English, which closes xxxxx. Further contributors include Hal Abelson, Leif Elggren, Jonathan Kemp, Aymeric Mansoux, and socialfiction.org.

First Time Cake Decorating

Learn to Love Sewing, Stitch by Stitch So, you love all that gorgeous designer fabric and you really want to make something with it. Or maybe you've taught yourself a little sewing know-how but have become frustrated. Whatever your background, Stitch by Stitch guides you through everything you need to know to start sewing and make it to the varsity level. Inside Stitch by Stitch, you'll learn essential sewing skills--everything from basic stitching and backtacking to creating gathers, making darts and using multi-sized patterns--while completing appealing projects. In the book's unique format, skills and projects build upon each other so that you get instant gratification and motivation to progress. Stitch by Stitch, learn to love sewing with: A guide to the machine, notions and fabric. Get to know your sewing machine and learn about all the essential materials and tools you need to get started. 11 modern, stylish projects. A variety of projects--like a simple tote, a piped throw pillow, a hipster belt, a sweet A-line skirt and a cap-sleeved blouse--will build your sewing skills while giving you great pieces to show off. Clear and comprehensive step-by-step photo instruction. No vague illustrations that keep you guessing. Bonus CD. Includes PDF patterns for apparel projects (in sizes 4-14), stitch practice guides, sample applique designs and more. Whether you're a sewing novice or returning sewist, Stitch by Stitch will give you the confidence and skills to keep motivated, get great results and finally learn to love the process.

Sewing School ®

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.

First Time Sewing with a Serger

"First published in 2007 in the United Kingdom by Carroll & Brown Publishers Limited"--Page facing title page.

First Time Quilting

Learning to make and decorate cakes that are as beautiful as they are delicious can be a challenge, but with the expert guidance of renowned confectionery artist Autumn Carpenter in First Time Cake Decorating, your goal is within reach. Like having your very own cake decorating instructor at your side, First Time Cake Decorating guides you expertly through the process, from baking and prepping your first cake through a range of decorating techniques, from essential piping techniques for creating borders, writing, and flowers to working with gum paste and fondant to make stunning daisies, roses, lilies, and more. There ' s a first time for everything. Enjoy the journey and achieve success with First

Time Cake Decorating!

How to Use Your Sewing Machine

Singer: The Complete Photo Guide to Sewing, 3rd Edition is the essential one-stop reference every sewer needs. Step-by-step instructions and hundreds of photos and diagrams make it easy to understand sewing fundamentals and more advanced techniques for fashion and home décor projects. Discover the mysteries of your sewing machine! Learn ways to get the most out of your machine and attachments, the best tools to use, and how to sew with a variety of fabrics. Then dive into sewing techniques for beautiful garments and stunning home décor designs: Learn how to make and finish seams; lay out, cut and mark patterns; sew bias strips; and make pillows, cushions, and piping. Get tips and techniques for serger sewing, and discover how to create serger seams and finishes. Tackle first-time sewing projects with confidence, and refresh your memory on favorite techniques. Boost your wardrobe by altering store-bought patterns for a perfect custom fit. Refresh your tabletop with gorgeous tablecloths, placemats, and napkins, and create impressive bed and bath accessories. Achieve professional results effortlessly! Ready to build your sewing skills? You ' ll learn how to: Operate your sewing machine or serger like a pro Customize clothing with buttons, pockets, collars, and more Make buttonholes with ease Create seam finishes, make closures, and attach zippers Sew your own activewear Make slipcovers, pillowcases, and duvet covers Packed with so much information, this valuable resource offers a lifetime of sewing success for all skill levels. Start your sewing journey today and see what amazing things you can create! The Complete Photo Guide series includes all the instruction you need to pursue your creative passion. With hundreds of clear photos, detailed step-by-step directions, handy tips and inspirational ideas, it ' s easy and fun to try new projects and techniques and take your skills to the next level.

Knitty Gritty

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.

How to Start Sewing

Introduction to sewing machines with easy to follow illustrations, fun and simple projects, and a variety of skills.

First Time Embroidery and Cross Stitch

In First Time Garment Fitting, sewing and design expert Sarah Veblen takes you by the hand and teaches you everything you need to know to adapt patterns so you can sew garments that fit just right. With detailed descriptions of essential tools and techniques, the easy step-by-step instructions will have you altering patterns and sewing tops, pants, and skirts that fit you to a T in no time. The projects introduce key skills you ' ll use again and again for all your garment sewing. With First Time Garment

Fitting, you ' ll soon be sewing amazing clothing with confidence.

New Complete Guide to Sewing

You've always wanted to try quilting, and now it's easier than ever! In *A Beginner's Guide to Quilting*, longtime quilter and bestselling author Christine Mann makes it easy to master the beginning principles of quilting with 6 easy starter projects: placemats, table runners, and 4 full-size quilts. Packed with full-color photographs and tons of creative inspiration, every detail of the book from the step-by-step photographed instructions to the lay-flat spiral binding is designed specifically with the beginning quilter in mind. Readers will also find a brief history of quilting and helpful guides on cutting and coordinating colors, plus delightful extras like templates and quick-reference guides in the back pocket of the book. Even better, each book comes with a pack of 4 quilt labels so you can proudly stitch your very own labels onto your first creations!

Pat Sloan's Teach Me to Make My First Quilt

Presents simple instructions and illustrations to help beginners learn to knit, with patterns for sixteen easy projects.

My First Book of Sewing

A Sewing Course in a Book If you have just decided that you want to learn how to sew, this book has been designed for you. Learning to sew can be simultaneously frustrating and rewarding, so you want a book that will start slowly, build your confidence and help you avoid common problems. Designed as a thorough sewing course, *How To Start Sewing* will walk you through the entire sewing process, from your first hand sewing stitches to your first complete garment. You don't even need to have a sewing machine to start learning. Just like having a sewing teacher in your own home or studio, let us show you how to choose and use your first sewing machine, troubleshoot your way through common sewing issues and build your sewing confidence. Go easy on your budget by buying new equipment and materials only as you need it, then put your new supplies and skills to use in hands-on exercises. Don't let the large size of this book intimidate you; everything is explained in straightforward language with practical examples. No prior experience required. *The Perfect Reference Book* For the more experienced sewer, *How To Start Sewing* is designed as the perfect reference book. Forget trawling multiple books and videos to decipher sewing instructions, sometimes you just want a book on your studio shelf that you know you can trust. Use our Table of Contents and Index to get right to the technique that you need. We have focused on the most versatile techniques and explained them step by step with detailed drawings. Use our troubleshooting guides to master your sewing machine, improve your stitch quality and solve recurring construction issues to raise your sewing skills to the next level. *Practical Sewing Exercises with Patterns to Match* It can be frustrating trying to learn how to sew a detail when your pattern doesn't match the instructions. To solve this common problem we have included a whole library of small sewing patterns. Trace off the patterns, cut them out in fabric and follow the step-by-step exercises to sew seams, darts, pockets, zippers, vents, and plackets. This process will help you to create a reference folder full of your favourite techniques. Next time you forget how to sew the lining for an invisible zipper, or how to adjust the tension on your overlocker, you will have your reference sample there to remind you. And next time you want to swap or modify a detail on a sewing pattern, you will have the pattern library to use as a handy reference. *Professional Techniques for Superior Results* Whether you are studying fashion design, have your own label or sew for yourself at home, we know that you want to master techniques that are of a professional standard. We have specially selected the details that are the most versatile in womenswear and menswear collections so that you can mix and match them endlessly across your own garment

patterns. Or apply the details in this book to your favourite commercial sewing pattern. We will only teach you the details and methods that are used to create high-end ready-to-wear garments. With practice, you will be able to consistently create garments of a superior quality. Designed for Different Types of Sewers If you are a perfectionist, this book will suit your pragmatic desire to know everything about the how and why of sewing and will help you build your skills and knowledge in a specific order. Learn to analyse garments and diagnose construction problems like a professional and fine-tune your techniques. Or if you prefer to make mistakes first, and then ask questions later then we are here for you too. Just use our troubleshooting guides to tell you why you keep breaking needles and tangling your thread so you can quickly solve your issues and plough through your first projects. The sooner you start making mistakes, the sooner we can help you fix them.

Acrylics for the Absolute Beginner

Presents step-by-step instructions for a variety of knitting projects, including scarves, sweaters, hats, and cardigans, along with information on materials and stitches.

Embroidery for the Absolute Beginner

The Absolute Beginners Guide: Stitching Beaded Jewelry is the introduction to bead stitching. This book helps beginners to have a successful start in stitching by answering questions like “ What are the must-have supplies and tools? ” and “ How do I set up my workspace? ” The projects introduce basic stitches starting with the easiest, such as cross-weave and right-angle weave, and moving into other more challenging techniques. Your confidence and skill set will grow as you work through the book, one project at a time.

A Beginner's Guide to Quilting

Provides general instructions for fitting, constructing, tailoring, and finishing women's, men's, and children's clothing and for making curtains and bedcoverings.

School of Sewing

Sewing is the perfect hobby - it is relaxing, creative and extremely useful! But sewing machines can seem complicated. This book has everything you need to know to choose, use and look after your sewing machine with confidence. The first chapters will help you choose a machine, explaining which features to look out for. Once you've got your machine home, the step-by-step instructions will help you get to grips with everything. Learn how to set up your machine and its basic functions including: winding a bobbin, threading up and adjusting tension and stitch size. With plenty of information on basic dressmaking techniques, you will soon be tackling seams and hems, zips and buttonholes, gathers and pleats, binding and trimming. Feeling creative? Try out some decorative techniques - with machine embroidery, appliqué, patchwork and quilting. And if you get stuck, there is an invaluable troubleshooting section along with a jargon busting glossary. So whether you want to use your sewing machine to carry out simple repairs, customize and alter your vintage finds, create a whole new wardrobe from scratch, or make a stylish curtains and cushions for your home, be sure to have this manual by your side at all times!

Sewing For Dummies

Learning how to quilt has never been simpler! Enjoy this beginner's guide that takes you by the hand like

a personal instructor and teaches you how to quilt. With detailed descriptions of materials and tools, the easy step-by-step instructions for all the basic quilting techniques will have you creating projects like pillows, wall quilts, and even table runners in no time. Eleven simple projects will introduce you to skills like cutting pieces with a rotary cutter and mat, sewing blocks and quilt tops with precision, adding sashing and borders, basting the layers, hand and machine quilting, and binding; skills you will use often as you continue to learn. With First Time Quilting, soon you will be stitching amazing gifts and projects with confidence.

First Time Sewing

In the climate of “ make do and mend, ” sales of sewing machines have soared, but many are only accompanied by a difficult-to-understand technical manual. Here, Jane Bolsover provides a comprehensive guide for beginners. Starting with an essential overview of the sewing machine, learn how to thread it and wind bobbins, why tension is important, and which needles to choose. There's information on the basic sewing kit you will need, plus advice on which fabrics to choose and how to cut out. The chapters then build into a complete sewing course, and at the end of each chapter is a simple project to consolidate the skills you have just mastered. The projects include items for the home, including a cushion cover and a lampshade, stylish accessories, such as bags and scarves, plus great clothing basics, such as an A-line skirt and a simple shift dress. Also included at the back of the book are two full-size pull-out paper pattern sections.

A Beginner's Guide to Machine Sewing

This clear and easy-to-follow guide is the ideal tool for the complete beginner to sewing. It is packed with sewing expert Caroline Smith's helpful advice and exciting projects, and guides readers from the basic stitches right through to more complex techniques.

How to Use a Sewing Machine

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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School of Sewing allows you to follow in the footsteps of a group of beginners who shared one goal--to learn to use their sewing machines. This book is an engaging, detailed lesson plan designed to guide you along that same journey, whether you are learning alone or as a group. It begins with easy-to-follow instructions for how to use a sewing machine and advice on buying fabric and tools and then progresses through 12 projects--one three-hour lesson a month, perfect for friends to learn together.

Sew Step by Step

Open this book as an absolute beginner, and come away as a proud portrait artist! Mark and Mary Willenbrink's Absolute Beginner books have helped thousands of novices tap into their inner artists. In this book, Mark and Mary help the beginning artist take on portraits, showing that absolutely anyone can draw faces. Their encouraging, easy-to-follow instruction style makes learning fun—you'll be amazed by how quickly you achieve impressive results. You may be a beginner now, but not for long! Drawing Portraits for the Absolute Beginner covers everything from warming up with sketches, and capturing facial expressions, to framing your finished work. Page by page, you'll build the skills and confidence you need to draw lifelike portraits of your friends and family. What's Inside: A simple two-stage approach to drawing portraits: sketch a likeness, then build up values to bring it to life Step-by-step instruction for drawing eyes, noses, mouths, hairstyles, hands, glasses and other tricky elements 13 complete demonstrations featuring a range of ages and ethnicities Tips for evoking more personality in your portraits by using props, costumes and accessories

The Absolute Beginners Guide: Stitching Beaded Jewelry

Sewing 101, now in paperback, is a complete entry-level sewing course taught through 20 step-by-step projects for garments and home décor. Have you always wanted to try sewing but aren't sure where to begin? Sewing 101 teaches you everything you need to know for successful machine sewing. Sewing Basics gives you a firm foundation for learning to sew, offering essential guidance for your sewing machine, fabrics, patterns, and supplies. The Projects are arranged progressively, from simple garments like T-shirts, skirts, and aprons, to more challenging home décor items such as a blankets, tablecloths, and Roman shades. Each project introduces and explores new sewing skills in depth. Variations will inspire you to create your own designs. Beginners will also find the accompanying online videos that present the techniques in action an invaluable resource. Written specifically for beginners, the books in the 101 series are complete illustrated guides to the basics of a craft that present projects supported with full-color, step-by-step instructions and photos to teach essential techniques.

Sewing for Beginners

Learning how to embroider and cross stitch has never been simpler! Like having a personal instructor at your side, this beginner's guide teaches everything you need to know about a variety of hand stitching techniques. Filled with detailed descriptions of materials and tools, the easy step-by-step instructions for classic embroidery, crewel, and cross-stitch will have you creating and embellishing projects like jewelry, journal covers, pillows, fashions, and more with confidence. With First Time Embroidery and Cross Stitch, you'll be personalizing your own amazing pieces with beautiful stitches in no time.

Stitch by Stitch

This book will teach you how to use your sewing machine to make a range of projects from simple cushions and bags to more sophisticated clothes, toys and quilts with the help of simple, step-by-step instructions.

Sew What! Skirts

A how-to manual for sewing beginners covers how to choose and use equipment and materials, laying out fabrics and patterns, and tricks and advice for cutting and sewing.

Drawing Portraits for the Absolute Beginner

Read Book First Time Sewing The Absolute Beginners Guide

Step-by-step instructions, accompanied by diagrams, explain the basics of both hand and machine sewing. Twenty-two appealing projects include appliques, pennants, cushion covers, tote bags, and other simple designs.

How to Crochet

Kids can sew too! This inspiring guide includes 21 fun sewing projects for children ages 5 and up. With easy-to-follow illustrated instructions and cut-out patterns, young crafters will quickly be sewing up colorful pillows, potholders, dolls, blankets, and more. These kid-tested projects require only minimal supervision and most can be made using simple hand stitches, so no sewing machine is required. With plenty of encouragement and helpful tips, Sewing School ® helps young sewers develop their skills while sparking a passion that will last a lifetime. Also available in this series: Sewing School ® 2, Sewing School ® Fashion Design, Sewing School ® Quilts, and Sewing School ® Box Set.

A Beginner's Guide to Making Skirts

The Sewing Book

In *First Time Sewing with a Serger*, sewing experts Becky Hanson and Beth Baumgartel take you by the hand and teach you everything you need to know to sew with a serger, or overlock machine—a versatile and speedy stitching tool. Start by learning how a serger works, the many styles available, and the roles of various parts and accessories. Get a detailed overview of the variety of functional and decorative stitches you can make, plus must-have threads, tools, and notions. Next, familiarize yourself with how to thread your serger, set the stitch size, and use it to start and end seams, sew curves and corners, and more. You'll use these essential skills to make the nine fun, easy garment and home decor projects—skills you'll turn to again and again to create your own professional-looking pieces!

Knitting for the Absolute Beginner

First published in the United Kingdom in 2007 by Carroll & Brown Publishers, Limited, under the title *Embroidery for beginners*.

Sewing 101

Make, mend, and customize your own wardrobe with this highly photographic beginner's guide to machine sewing. Discover how to read a pattern, use a sewing machine, and sew basic stitches, seams, and hems. Explore how to put those skills to use to create, personalize, upcycle, and repurpose clothes and soft furnishings. Fully illustrated and easy to use, *Sew Step by Step* covers all the essential skills and techniques for successful machine sewing.

Sew Me! Sewing Basics

-Friendly, easy-to-follow directions will help you sew with confidence, make repairs, and create new garments from scratch-Master essential sewing skills from cutting patterns & sewing seams to binding edges, gathering fabric, and installing zippers-Learn as you sew with each new skill presented alongside a quick practice exercise to try-Create fun accessories from plushies and pincushions to placemats, hats, scarves, & more! If you've never threaded a needle or touched a sewing machine before, learning to sew may seem daunting but it doesn't have to be! With AMIR GIOVANNI friendly and easy-to-follow

directions, you'll soon be sewing with confidence, making repairs, and creating new garments from scratch. This book is for anyone who wants to get started in the craft, or just needs a quick refresher course on sewing. From cutting patterns and sewing seams to binding edges, gathering fabric and installing zippers, each new skill is accompanied by a quick practice exercise to try, allowing you to learn as you sew. Simple and straightforward projects are provided for sewing fun accessories from plushies and pin cushions to placemats, hand towels, hats and more. Start enjoying a wonderful form of individual expression that will save you money and provide a terrific sense of accomplishment!

Sewing in a Straight Line

Create an entire world of sophisticated projects using one simple skill. Absolutely anyone can sew in a straight line. And with this one skill and some basic guidance, television host and crafty expert Brett Bara demonstrates how you can make custom home decor, stylish fashions, and one-of-a-kind gifts. *Sewing in a Straight Line* is a step-by-step guide to creating 28 deceptively simple projects that look like they came from a chic boutique—far more impressive than you would expect for such little effort! These easy-to-make items offer quick gratification that even the busiest among us will appreciate. From a flirty two-hour miniskirt to the cutest plush toys, many of the projects take only a spare afternoon. With Brett's eye for fresh, modern style and her encouraging advice, sewing couldn't be easier. So break out your needle and thread, fire up your machine, and get creative. A world of handmade possibilities is a few easy stitches away! From the Trade Paperback edition.

Sewing Machine Basics

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.

Singer: The Complete Photo Guide to Sewing, 3rd Edition

Book issued with 12 perforated pages of outline drawings.

Sewing for the Absolute Beginner

DIV Enjoy this beginner's guide that takes you by the hand like a personal instructor and teaches you how to sew. /div

First Time Garment Fitting

Did you ever think you could have fun reading a book about learning how to sew? Diana Hansen's *Sewing for Beginners* is not only a book of step-by-step explanations and pictures teaching you how to repair and care for your clothes without a sewing machine, but you'll also find it full of "mommishness," witty candor, and down-home practicality. Who says learning has to be dull?

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This is the perfect book for anyone who wants to learn how to sew, or just needs a quick refresher course. Friendly and easy-to-follow directions will have you sewing with confidence, making repairs, and creating new garments from scratch. From cutting patterns and sewing seams to binding edges, gathering fabric and installing zippers, each new skill is accompanied by a quick practice exercise to try, allowing you to learn as you sew. Fifteen simple and straightforward projects are provided for sewing fun accessories from plushies and pincushions to placemats, hand towels, hats and more.

Sewing for Beginners

Expert teacher and quilt designer Pat Sloan guides you through each and every step as you make your first quilt. Pat's easy-to-follow instructions and more than 140 clear how-to photos make it fun to start, stitch, and finish nine classic blocks and nine simple quilt projects--even if you're an absolute beginner. Learn the basics, from selecting notions and cutting fabric to machine sewing to quilting and binding, all from a skilled instructor with a warm, patient teaching style.

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