

## Basic Black 26 Edgy Essentials For The Modern Wardrobe

Make six classic garments and create a stylish multi-layered wardrobe from scratch. Full-size patterns are provided for a neat vest with a boxer back detail, an elegant bias-cut long-sleeved dress, a simple long gathered skirt with a drawstring waist, a batwing wrap top, an oversized drop-shoulder jacket and a pair of classic wide leg trousers. By choosing seasonal cloth, the versatility of these projects can be enjoyed from the first hint of spring to the end of winter. The aim of this book is to move beyond simplicity and dare the maker to develop new skills. With variations for tops, dresses, shorts and a coat, our precise step-by-step instructions and inspiring photography will enable you sew with confidence. The reward will be an all season, multi-layer wardrobe by your own hand. We hope you, the reader, are ready for this set of challenges and willing to pace yourselves through the more complicated garments. Full-size patterns for all six garments are included, ready to be traced off and put to good use immediately. Make fashion work.

This sewing book shows you how to create your own feminine wardrobe, full of super-cute dresses and tops. The clothing features wonderful, exaggerated bows and elegant frills to give you a uniquely feminine look. There are three themed chapters—town, party, and resort—containing stylish clothes to take you effortlessly from the city to the beach. The visual, step-by-step instructions are easy to follow, and will enable you to make any of the 21 projects with ease. A paper pattern is included in the back of the book.

When Lotta Jansdotter steps out in one of her signature outfits, fans always ask, "Did you make that yourself?" Often the answer is, "Yes, and so can you!" With that in mind, the style icon created Lotta Jansdotter Everyday Style, a pattern book/inspiration guide anchored by five easy, versatile sewing patterns--skirt, dress, blouse, pants/shorts, and jacket/coat--and highlighted with quick DIY accessories, including hats, bags, scarves, and jewelry. Photographed over the course of a year in her life in New York, Tennessee, India, and Sweden and organized by season, Jansdotter shares her sources of inspiration and how she and her friends mix and match her key pieces while working, playing, resting, and traveling. Lotta Jansdotter Everyday Style brings Jansdotter's infectious and sought-after sense of style to new followers and longtime devotees alike.

The Maker's Atelier is for women of any age or shape who want to dress well but cannot always find what they want in stores. Frances Toibin's self-proclaimed mission is to help fashion-conscious women create their own beautiful clothes to wear with style. It is founded on the belief that the simplest shapes in the finest fabrics make the most successful clothes. In The Essential Collection, designer Frances has taken the key shapes from some of the most enduring fashion trends, such as the pencil skirt and the boxy shirt, and refined them into clear dressmaking patterns with easy-to-follow instructions. Frances has sources the perfect fabrics to suit each garments and shows four alternative looks for each pattern to provide further technical know-how as well as style ideas to enable the home dressmaker to make their own capsule collection of garments unique to them. For example, the pencil skirt is shown in navy gabardine to suit an elegant working wardrobe, but alternatively this skirt takes on an edgier look when made up in metallic stretch fabric with a raw hem. With dressmaking patterns supplied in the pack alongside the book, and given in sizes 4 to 16, The Capsule Collection makes it possible for all women - whether dressmaking novices or accomplished seamstresses - to own an enviable selection of timeless and adaptable staple garments. Fresh from Bunka, the Japanese publisher of Pattern Magic and Drape Drape, comes this stylish book for home sewers. Sweet Dress Book comes with six patterns you can use to make 23 different stylish outfits. An entire wardrobe in one little book! From these simple patterns,

Yoshiko Tsukiori has created a collection of beautiful garments that you can easily make yourself, including blouses, camisoles, shifts, kimonos, coats, dresses, pants, and playsuits. These easy-to-follow patterns present a variety of designs and techniques that you can choose to incorporate, such as French sleeves, darts, straight-cut designs, and raglan sleeves, along with stylish detailing such as shirring and ruffles.

Japanese craft books are loved the world over for their beautiful and practical design, unique aesthetic, and their clear, meticulous and educational instruction. Translated into English for the first time, Stylish Dress Book contains 26 projects for beautiful dresses and blouses. Elegant and loose-fitting, the pieces in this book are designed to be worn in any season and are suitable for women of all ages. The easy-to-follow instructions are accompanied by detailed diagrams and gorgeous full-colour photographs. The full-sized pattern sheets have been adapted for Western sizing and run from AU 6 - 16. **IMPORTANT CORRECTION:** Correction: The sleeve pattern piece for Dress Y, pictured p. 34, How to Make p. 82, is missing from the pattern sheet. Click the link in the left side navigation pane to download the Y Sleeve pattern piece.

Sew chic and original skirts with this stylish DIY sewing book. Stylish Skirts allows you to create simple yet stylish skirts that look and feel great—at a fraction of the cost of store-bought fashion. With this sewing book, there's no end to the kinds of skirts you can create to match your body shape, your taste in fabrics and colors, and your mood (not to mention your favorite tops, shoes and accessories)! The instructions and diagrams are a snap to follow and provide a huge variety of styles—from ultra-feminine to artfully disheveled. All 23 skirt designs in this book look great in different fabrics, colors, prints and textures, so the options are truly endless. The enclosed DIY sewing instructions make cutting and sewing these skirts a breeze. Sewing projects include: White Twill A-line Skirt Russel Lace Gored Skirt Striped Skirt with Box Pleats Russel Lace Gored Skirt Skirt with Shirred Yoke and Lace Belt And many more...

SYCHIL is a creative journal focused on creativity within our lives. It is primarily a craft publication with high style, and a unique perspective on wardrobe basics. It includes instructions to make items; profile stories on personalities who are entrepreneurs, artists, designers, makers, craftspeople and more. Focused on their creative perspective on what they do. Published 12 x a year. Editor Tina Glvens

This DIY sewing book presents a fabulous new collection of lightweight wraps that are easy to sew and look fantastic! Stylish Wraps Sewing Book provides five free full-sized patterns that can be used to create 22 timeless wraps to keep the chill off—and look great in the process. All the sewing designs can be made in a few hours for a fraction of what you would pay in a store. And it is easy to mix and match different fabrics and styles to suit your wardrobe and mood. Here are just a few of the pieces you can make with this book: casual-to-dressy hooded cape flowing draped jacket or vest loose-and-light linen or wool coat simple, feminine, lightweight poncho ruffled bolero or classic blazer quilted coat or vest faux fur collar or stole and much more! The versatility of the sewing patterns makes it easy to adapt any of the designs to suit your unique style. The patterns are easily adjusted for size, and the soft, loose lines work for any figure. Whether your tastes run to ultra-feminine or ultra-classic, this exceptional home-sewing book has something for you!

Sew stylish clothes for your children with this enjoyable sewing book. Today's DIY sewing generation loves to outfit their kids in stylish homemade clothes, and kids love clothes that feel good. Designer Ruriko Yamada draws from her own

experiences as a mom to create designs and sewing patterns that are fun to wear, easy to make and infused with covetable Japanese style. A wide range of sewing designs are covered from —tops and shorts for boys and girls, girls' dresses, and unisex pieces. Happy Homemade: Sew Chic Kids features easy-to-follow diagrams, Japanese sewing patterns in English, and simple instructions on how to make twenty super-comfy pieces for both boys and girls. Sewing patterns include: Pin-Tucked Blouse Dress with Flared Sleeves Knee-Length Shorts Tiered Skirt Boy's Stand-Up Collar Shirt Pull-Over Parka Yamada provides four sizes of westernized patterns, each of which can easily be adjusted to fit children from three to nine years old. Simple lines give kids room to move, and the classic styles look good on any frame. Sewing for children has never been easier. With Happy Homemade, you'll whip up a fantastic, money-saving wardrobe in practically no time at all!

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Sew cute and original clothes for your little angel with this easy-to-follow DIY sewing book. Yoshiko Tsukiori's Japanese sewing books provide elegant casual designs for women and children and have made her one of the most popular names in the Japanese sew-it-yourself craze. In Sewing for Your Girls, Tsukiori has done it again, creating eight adorable and endlessly versatile new patterns for clothes that will delight every mother's budget—and suit every little girl's personal style and body type. Tsukiori provides easy-to-follow instructions (in English) and shares the basic techniques for creating all the classic elements of little girls' clothes. Today's emerging legions of DIY mothers will discover how to make: A round collared shirt or tunic A classic smocked sundress Overalls with plenty of pocket room Draw-string pants that fit beautifully A shawl-collared dress or top A gathered neckline shirt, tunic, or dress A pretty dress with shoulder ruffles A raglan top or dress Add ruffles or bows, add tiers or pockets, add sleeves or go sleeveless—each of these garments can be embellished in endless variations to create literally hundreds of different styles. Tsukiori also guides readers on how to select carefree, pretty, and inexpensive fabrics that girls will love to wear every day! Imagination and creativity are the keys to dressing girls stylishly on a budget, and Sewing for Your Girls makes it easy to mix and match the basic components so that each piece is as unique as it is beautiful.

A piercingly raw debut story collection from a young writer with an explosive voice; a treacherously surreal, and, at times, heartbreakingly satirical look at what it's like to be young and black in America.

A nationally acclaimed sewing expert provides simple, step-by-step directions and more than 1,000 illustrations for making clothes for work, home, and play — everything from stylish skirts, dresses, and jackets to children's clothing. Fresh from Japan, the much-anticipated collection of Nani Iro sewing patterns is finally available in English! Beloved by art fans and textile enthusiasts around the world, Nani Iro fabric has developed a cult following since the brand's

inception by artist Naomi Ito in 2002. With their simple, yet artful design, the 18 garment patterns in this book showcase fluid movement and beautiful drape for signature Nani Iro style. You'll find instructions for stitching up a wardrobe of comfortable, flowy pieces that you'll look forward to wearing again and again, including The Basic Blouse, The Cocoon Dress, and The Everyday Jumpsuit. Inside, you'll find outfit inspiration for mixing and matching me-made pieces to create artistically layered outfits. Plus, take a behind-the-scenes look at the brand's studio in Osaka for glimpse at the studio team's favorite ways to style their Nani Iro pieces.

Easy-to-sew wardrobe basics to wear throughout the year, no matter the season! Discover easy-to-wear and easy-to-make clothing and accessories for all seasons in *Simply Sewn*. The 31 versatile, contemporary clothing designs in this book include dresses, shirts, pants, and jackets that are comfortable and appropriate for all figures. Uncomplicated accessories--including scarfs, wraps and bags--add even more options to the collection. The simple, modern style found throughout allows for easy combinations to create a stylish everyday wardrobe. Basic sewing techniques and simple sewing patterns make this perfect for sewists of all levels. *Simply Sewn* offers many ideas for wearing the garments year round: a summery sleeveless dress is transformed into a winter look when it is layered with a turtleneck or cozy shrug. Checked capris work into fall when topped with a warm vest. Numerous step-by-step photos and illustrations aid making the sewing process simple and full-size pattern inserts range in sizes from small to extra-large. Find a variety of pattern options and versatility in the garments you sew with *Simply Sewn*. You'll fill your wardrobe in no time with these easy to make and wear garments.

25 fabulous, wearable garments from only 8 simple patterns! Make a closetful of comfortable and easy go-to garments without needing tons of patterns. You need just the eight included basic templates which show you how to fold and cut for each of the 25 unique designs. The patterns are easy and adaptable with no-fuss sizing, so it's simple to sew clothes that are perfect for you. If you're a beginner sewer you'll love the basic shapes and stylish results. Once you've mastered the patterns you can get creative and make each piece your own by using a variety of fabrics, or by adding fashionable embellishments like a print lining or contrast-stitching. Fill your wardrobe in no time with these easy to make and wear garments.

*Stylish Dress Book* features a selection of beautiful clothes that you can wear every day. Using simple shapes and individual details, this book shows you how to craft a stylish collection of garments to your own taste. For anyone who knows the frustration of going to the mall and finding racks of identikit clothes in cheap fabrics, this book offers a fabulous homemade alternative. As every sewist knows, DIY fashion is the best way to be stylish. What makes these Japanese sewing books different from other guides on the market is the simplicity of the projects. The instructions come through a series of simple, step-by-step diagrams, so the sequence of construction is easy to follow. The book also includes four actual-size patterns. Choose from 26 different garments and then set to work to make your own unique outfit.

Radical Sewing is a guide for learning how to make your own clothes. Kate introduces you to the basics and best practices of garment sewing for yourself at home, as well as advice and info on things you wouldn't even know to ask about sewing. Topics include hand sewing, picking out a sewing machine, adding pockets to anything, sewing a button so it stays on, altering your clothes to fit your unique body, and so much more! Regardless of your sewing experience, gender, or body type, this illustrated guide will empower you to make your wardrobe your own. With loads of encouragement to try things out, all you'll need to do is experiment and break the rules to create the clothes and outfits that you want to wear.

From graphic designer-turned-fashion designer Natsuno Hiraiwa comes Shape Shape, an ingenious collection of signature vests, collars, blouses, tops, skirts, and shrugs that can all be worn in a variety of ways and that are created for sewists of all skill levels. Designs feature draping and fastening fabric cut from single flat cloth, artfully twisting fabric, and folding fabric in origami-like fashion. You'll find unique construction guidance, one-of-a-kind garments that are fit for all ages, as well as a pattern insert. Shape Shape offers everything you need to sew minimally constructed designs with maximum visual impact.

If you've ever made your own clothes, you know how empowering it can be. That awesome skirt in a fabric you adore. The blouse that fits perfectly. The one-of-a-kind dress you just knew would look cuter with a few extra details at the neck and hem. All made by you. Creating fashionable, custom-fitted clothing is often much easier than you think, and in their first book, BurdaStyle—the largest community of aspiring fashion designers and style-savvy sewers—will show you how. Packed with easy-to-follow tutorials, five adaptable sewing patterns for a skirt, blouse, dress, coat, and bag, and fifteen step-by-step sewing projects, this book gives you the basic building blocks to begin sewing and the tools you need to move beyond the basics to designing and customizing your own wardrobe. If you've never threaded a needle before, you'll find essential information on setting up a studio, using your sewing machine and other tools, working with patterns, and getting the perfect fit. For experienced sewers, the book offers tips and tricks for mastering techniques, as well as tons of design inspiration from seventy-eight BurdaStyle members from all over the world. With its unique blend of fashion, creativity, and expert know-how, The BurdaStyle Sewing Handbook is the ultimate guide to sewing with style.

Casual Sweet Clothes offers you gorgeous tops, dresses, jackets, and skirts with a designer edge. Simple step-by-step instructions and diagrams guide you through the process of sewing each garment, and the full-size patterns included at the back of the book guarantee perfectly fitting results every time. The 18 simple but stylish casual pieces in this book make the foundation of a handmade wardrobe that will last for years.

Sew stylish separates featuring swinging silhouettes that flatter every body type. The tunics, vests, dresses, jackets, and skirts are both easy and comfortable to wear, and with one-size-fits-all construction they are easily made up and adaptable to make a look that suits you. Included are concise instructions for getting the fit right, and choosing fabrics, plus all the dressmaking basics every sewer needs to know to make up the projects in the book. Additionally, there are a variety of ideas for making the clothes your own, including how to alter the fit to suit your shape or style, or personalize your pieces with pockets, pleats, and drawstrings. -

Each piece has been designed with flowing, elegant lines that skim the body, to create a bold, dramatic and very flattering silhouette. - These beautiful clothes are as easy to make as they are to wear - just print out the pattern in your size from the CD, and follow the straightforward step-by-step instructions in the book. - Illustrated guides explain all the sewing skills you need to construct each garment and give it the perfect finishing touch.

Stylish Dress Book features an A to Z of cool tops and tunic dresses that you can wear anywhere. Using simple shapes and individual details, the book shows you how to craft a stylish collection of garments to your own taste. For anyone who knows the frustration of going to the mall and finding racks of identikit clothes in cheap fabrics, this book will offer a fabulous home made alternative. As every sewist knows, DIY fashion is the only way to be stylish.

Objects sewn with all-natural fabrics have an unmistakable look and feel that makes them stand out from the "ordinary." Natural fabrics are more interesting, almost always more comfortable, and they lend themselves wonderfully to all sorts of homemade projects. The simple sewing projects in this book offer home accessories made from linen, wool, and cotton. From aprons to blankets and lunch bags, each project will add a little bit of warmth and comfort to any home. Through clear instruction and easy-to-follow diagrams, all of these projects are perfect for the novice sewer; yet the sophisticated charmand utile nature of each item will also appeal to the more experienced seamster. Projects include: Linen: Sarong Apron, Handkerchief, Slouch Bag, Hand Towel, Wastebasket Cover, Duvet Cover, Pillow Case, Kitchen Cloth, Fruit Bag, Apron Wool: Muffler, Socks, Room Shoes, Blanket, Bottle Cover, Lap Blanket, Messenger's Bag Cotton: Jumper, Wall Pocket, Bath Mat, Small Bag, Sweets Mat, Lingerie Case, Lunch Bag, Parent and Child's Bag

Showcases patterns, photos and instructions for 20 colorful and playful designs for children's wear, with each project customizable from age 2 to 10.

Sew stylish DIY dresses with an elegant flair using this easy-to-follow sewing book. For parties, weddings, banquets—any occasion that calls for that special dress—this is the book that lets you DIY sew something stylish and elegant, for a lot less than you'd pay for ready-made.

These 26 dresses and separates range from short to long, from sweet to sophisticated, and from simple to dramatic to suit your mood, your style and the event. Beautiful photos feature garments sewn in a variety of elegant fabrics to inspire you to choose colors, prints and textures for a dress that is just right for you and for the moment. Sewing patterns include: Gathered-skirt dresses with lacy overlays Simple, elegant shifts and empire-waist styles An easy, flattering shirtwaist dress A pintucked smock style dress Shirt and blouse combos that allow you to mix and match Dresses sporting a few well-placed frills for a look that's both girly and subtle Little bolero jackets for when you want a little more coverage And more... Full-size sewing patterns are offered in six sizes and can be altered to suit most body shapes and personal measurements. The instructions and diagrams are easy to follow. Pick up the book and browse. They're some of the easiest, prettiest DIY sewing projects you'll ever make.

Cosplayers rejoice! The Hero's Closet is the ultimate DIY guide to creating unique and fantastical homemade costumes This essential handbook offers detailed, step-by-step instructions that cover the basics of sewing costumes (which often require skills not found in standard sewing guides) to help even the most novice sewists create the costumes of their dreams. A skilled crafter and avid cosplayer, Gillian Conahan walks readers through finding inspiration online and through their fandom; shares insight into translating character art into real-world garments; and offers advice on pattern selection, alterations, fabrics, and embellishment techniques. The Hero's Closet is the first how-to

handbook on the art of sewing for cosplay. A must-have guide for Comic Con and Halloween, it's essential for all ambitious fans with a DIY spirit who love the idea of cosplay, but need the inspiration and technical tips to make an awesome costume.

Before appearing on the BBC's *The Great British Sewing Bee*, Chinelo Bally had never used a sewing pattern. She wowed the judges with her ability to create stylish, fitted garments using a freehand cutting method that was taught to her by an aunt. In *Freehand Fashion*, Chinelo lets us in to the secret of how she does it. Using a series of basic garment blocks, she explains how this innovative technique can be used to create a whole wardrobe of fashionable clothes that will fit every shape and size - with no patterns required. Based on a traditional Nigerian technique, Chinelo has developed her own freehand cutting method. The emphasis is on the individual's own body measurements, and getting the perfect fit. This is a surprisingly simple technique that anyone can learn. No fancy equipment is needed - just a sewing machine, measuring tape, chalk and of course a good pair of scissors. Using step-by-step illustrations, the book shows how to draft, cut and construct the five basic blocks that are used - either singly or in combination - to make every item of clothing in the wardrobe. Once you have your basic blocks, you are ready to tackle the projects - practical garments that are fashionable, modern, stylish and versatile. There are tops, skirts, day dresses and eveningwear. This is an exciting sewing technique that will be brand new to most people, even experienced dressmakers. There really are no limits - and the beauty of this technique is that it can be applied to any body shape.

Sew your own stylish clothes with this fabulous sewing book. Are you a DIY sewer, with a passion for Japanese style? Look no further, *Happy Homemade: Sew Chic* is the Japanese Sewing book you've been waiting for—all new timeless and straightforward creations of Yoshiko Tsukiori, acclaimed Japanese fashion designer and author of *The Stylish Dress Book*, now available in English in the United States. *Happy Homemade: Sew Chic* features 20 flexible sewing patterns that boast authentic Japanese style created simply—by you. Sew-your-own pants, tops, dresses and skirts will add that sought-after Japanese flair to your wardrobe. Simple lines make these garments perfect for women of all ages and all sizes. This book includes a complete western-sized sewing pattern for each design that is easily adjusted to fit your body form. The understandable, concise diagrams and simple instructions allow you to create a unique style with ease and confidence. Sewing designs include: Tunic Dress with Lace Blouse with Front Tucks Box Tunic Straight-cut Tiered Skirt Straight-cut Sarouel Pants Smock Dress with Puff Sleeves And much more... Whether you're a sewing maven or an aspiring novice, *Happy Homemade: Sew Chic* is your ultimate guide to transforming fabric to fabulous!

It's the only tunic pattern you'll ever need! A graded bodice pattern with alternate neck plackets, collars, and sleeves provides a variety of unique, ready-to-wear fashions. From everyday casual to preppy chic, boho, or glamorous, you'll find the look that's right for you. Well respected in the sewing industry for their pattern reviews and online garment challenges, Sarah Gunn and Julie Starr make the tunic accessible and exciting for those with basic sewing skills and beyond.

Sew edgy, urban clothes with this stylish sewing book and add a touch of originality to your wardrobe. More and more women are opting to make their own clothes, but most of the books on the market emphasize girly, feminine designs. *She Wears the Pants* is the first Japanese sewing book (in English) to focus on the increasingly popular "borrowed—from—the—boys" look. Already one of the best-known and reviewed sewing books in Japan, this sporty addition to the sew-it-yourself craze is poised to take the American DIY sewing market by storm.

Sometimes women are in the mood for clothes with strong, clean lines and casual sophistication—polish and simplicity without the frills. *She Wears the Pants* is the book for those times. A graduate of the Bunka Fashion Institute, Yuko Takada provides patterns and instructions for making twenty spare and streamlined wardrobe items, including: Versatile tops that can be either casual or dressy Jackets that are timeless

and unique Dresses and skirts that are straight-line or draped Three different pants lengths, from culottes to full-length trousers And much, much more! Patterns can be easily adjusted to suit any body size, and Takada shows readers how to select inexpensive, readily available fabrics and transform them into an elegant new wardrobe. Understated never looked so good!

Keep it simple and do it well. The Merchant & Mills Sewing Book contains fifteen step-by-step projects aimed at guiding you gently but firmly through the basics of sewing. Each project you make from this book will be stylish, but above all, useful. Part I of the book presents a fundamental overview on the art of sewing, the tools and materials you will need and homegrown tips on essential good practice. In Part II, seasoned dressmaker Carolyn Denham leads you step by step through fifteen achievable projects, each building on the skills gained as you progress through the book. First, equip your sewing room with practical items you never knew you needed, such as a Tailor's Ham, Sleeve Roll and an Ironing Board Cover (essential items for good pressing practice), a Hussif (the ever ready portable sewing kit) and a Maker's Apron (utilitarian chic for good workers). Then go on to use your new sewing skills to make cushions, throws and bags before progressing on to garments with the Tailored Shawl and Fisherman's Top, using the paper patterns provided in the back of the book. Make them all and you will be a very capable dressmaker with a raft of functional, beautiful, handmade goods.

Sew chic, dark-toned clothes with this stylish sewing book and add a touch of originality to your wardrobe. Basic Black is the English edition of a classic Japanese sewing book which provides sew-it-yourself Western-sized patterns for 26 basic garments, along with detailed, easy-to-follow diagrams and instructions. Author Sato Watanabe has published many books that are favorites among Japanese sewing fans. In this book she shows you how to make truly professional-quality pieces easily and inexpensively at home. DIY Sewing designs include: Lace Shirred Blouse Tiered Sleeveless Dress Zip-up Vest with High Neck Frilled Shirt in Charcoal Flannel Short Coat And many more... All of the styles and fashion are easily customized to create your own personal style, and there is truly something for everyone and every occasion in this book—from a smart two-texture combo dress to a relaxed, bohemian tunic—and everything in-between. All the styles are thoroughly modern and practical, ranging from softly feminine or straight-line simple to smartly-tailored or loosely-deconstructed. Simple lines make these garments perfect for women of all ages and all sizes. This book includes a complete western-sized sewing pattern for each design that is easily adjusted to fit your body form. The understated, graceful designs in this book are ones that you'll come back to again and again.

Foreword by Dawn O'Porter A capsule wardrobe is timeless, stylish and effortlessly chic. Composed of go-to pieces that can be dressed up or down, it is the perfect antidote to the overstuffed drawers and ill-fitting cheap outfits from the high street. In this practical but inspiring book, seamstress Arianna Cadwallader and designer Cathy McKinnon present sewing patterns and instructions for the five key pieces that will form the basis of your own capsule wardrobe: A great shift dress Well-fitting trousers A simple yet stylish skirt A light blouse A jersey vest Their focus is on quality and fit - all the patterns can be adapted to fit and suit you perfectly, whether you prefer long, short or cap sleeves, high or low waistbands, and slim, straight or wide legged trousers. You can then mix and match your garments to create a variety of looks and styles. Aimed at advanced beginners, the book guides you through how to measure yourself and all the techniques you will need. With a foreword by TV star Dawn O'Porter, this is the essential guide to creating your perfect wardrobe.

25 easy-to-make and wear dresses! Start sewing simple and adorable dresses that you'll love to wear. You don't need complicated patterns to make these 25 easy, loose, and effortlessly stylish garments. Each of these dresses is designed from basic, simple shapes that require no difficult or advanced tailoring, and will be flattering on everyone. You just need the basic template for each dress, and then you can adjust the width using an included formula, and length by simply raising or dropping the hemline. These easy-to-sew and easy-to-fit cute dresses will

quickly become staples in your wardrobe.

A super-stylish new handbook from Merchant & Mills containing all the answers to sewing's most frequently asked questions. Providing an overview on the art of sewing, this handy volume is packed with information on the tools and materials you will need, seasoned with homegrown tips on essential good practice. Topics given the full Merchant & Mills treatment range from the planning stages through to putting the finishing touches to your project. Measuring and marking, form (including darts and gathering), seams, ease, hems, interfacing and closures such as buttons and zips are all covered. There is expert advice on using and understanding patterns, performing basic alterations, and of course plenty of tips on making the most of any dressmaker's best friend – the iron. Successful sewing is very achievable: just make sure that you have this book to hand at all times, and bear in mind the Merchant & Mills motto: do it once, do it well.

Beyond the Black Door is a young adult dark fantasy about unlocking the mysteries around and within us—no matter the cost... Everyone has a soul. Some are beautiful gardens, others are frightening dungeons. Soulwalkers—like Kamai and her mother—can journey into other people's souls while they sleep. But no matter where Kamai visits, she sees the black door. It follows her into every soul, and her mother has told her to never, ever open it. When Kamai touches the door, it is warm and beating, like it has a pulse. When she puts her ear to it, she hears her own name whispered from the other side. And when tragedy strikes, Kamai does the unthinkable: she opens the door. A.M. Strickland's imaginative dark fantasy features court intrigue and romance, a main character coming to terms with her asexuality, and twists and turns as a seductive mystery unfolds that endangers not just Kamai's own soul, but the entire kingdom ... An Imprint Book "I couldn't put down this deliciously dark dream of a fantasy." —New York Times bestselling author Lisa Maxwell "A dark delight, gorgeously written and as twisty and enigmatic as a labyrinth at twilight. I wanted to stay lost in its pages forever, wandering ever deeper into the maze of Strickland's beguiling, intricately imagined world." —Margaret Rogerson, New York Times bestselling author of An Enchantment of Ravens

Make your own cute and fashionable clothes for girls with this easy-to-use sewing book. Author, Yuki Araki is one of the most recognized names in the growing sewing-for-children movement. The mother of two daughters, Araki has become a DIY sewing favorite because she knows what young girls want. They like to wear stylish clothes that also let them play with ease. Moms adore the relaxed aesthetic of Araki's simple mix-and-match play clothes and accessories, and young girls are happy wearing them because they're both cute and comfortable. Best suited for girls from two to five years old, the sewing patterns in this Japanese sewing book are simple, casual, and look good on any girl. Araki provides westernized patterns in four sizes, plus diagrams and instructions for twenty-two pieces. Simple lines give kids room to move, and the classic styles look good on any frame. Sewing designs include: Shoulder-tie camisole top and dress Classic smock shirt and dress Four variations of a basic elastic-waist skirt Shorts and easy-breezy kid-style leggings to pair with any top Button-front and pullover tops Adorable bucket hat Moms will love dressing their girls in these economical and easy-to-make clothes. Nothing could be simpler—or sweeter! Contains detailed instructions on making Japanese garments, from kimono to two-toe socks, using either traditional Japanese sewing methods or easier modern methods. The book includes patterns, fabric suggestions and sizing instructions.

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