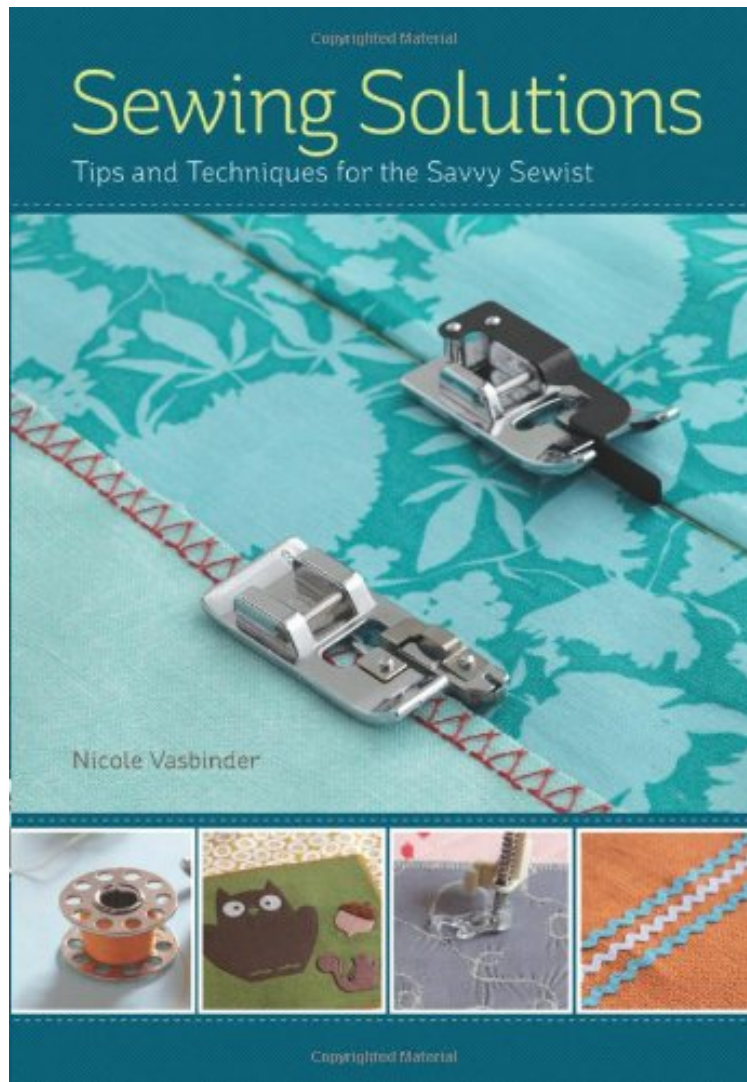


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**Nicole Vasbinder : Sewing Solutions: Tips and Advice for the Savvy Sewist** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Sewing Solutions: Tips and Advice for the Savvy Sewist:

22 of 22 people found the following review helpful. A Must-have sewing reference for novice and expert alike! By Dianna L. As an accomplished seamstress and someone who has previously worked at an independent fabric store for 6 years, I can enthusiastically recommend "Sewing Solutions" as a great sewing-room reference for ANYONE who takes up the needle and thread! Ms. Vasbinder's book has everything you might ever need to know in one place, and this book would have been a GOD-SEND when answering the questions of customers at the fabric store (which happened every shift that I worked). Lovely pictures and crystal-clear diagrams explain fabrics, tools, terms, and

sewing machine parts in the first half of the book ("Tools and Equipment"). The second half of the book ("Solutions and Tips") deals with technique, and is a solid primer (or reminder) for all of those things that you might need to do to finish a project, but might never have done before (or did a thousand years ago). Need to decipher a pattern envelope? Apply velcro? Sew on a button or snap? How about applying an invisible zipper after years of not knowing how? Maybe you've been tempted to make your own bias tape - Nicole shows you how, and with all of the current tools and tried-and-true methods. The book also gets extra points for being expertly organized and clearly written. The text is friendly and factual, which is just what is needed when you're having a sewing meltdown. Helpful cross-references also tie the valuable information in this book together. For example, the tutorial for installing an invisible zipper includes page numbers for other entries on zipper feet and suggested seam finishes you might need for this zipper technique - how wonderful! What if you're a long-time sewist and you think you might not need such a reference? You might be very pleasantly surprised. All of us experts need a boost or refresher from time to time, especially when it comes to fabrics, tools, or techniques that we don't use often. Handy features like a burn chart for determining textile fiber content make this book an excellent studio quick-reference for any level sewist, INCLUDING the pros! I know I will find this book invaluable on those late nights when I've lost my mind over an unfamiliar detail and I just need a bit of guidance to get back on track. Overall, I must recommend this beautiful and succinct power-house of a book for ANY sewing enthusiast. It would make a particularly good companion for beginners and intermediate sewists. I am pleased to recommend "Sewing Solutions", and I believe its information applies to ANYONE who takes the time to sew, be it only around Halloween, for occasional crafting or repairs, or as a pro every day of the week. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Essential Sewing Table Reference By Elaine AI pre-ordered this book and was very excited to receive my copy. I found it to be the perfect size to place in a book holder right next to my sewing machine table for reference! I have been sewing for many years and found much of it to be very good review and even found some of the tips to be a fresh perspective. I laughed out loud several times at some of the descriptions. This book has it all, humor, expert advice, and I love the cross-referencing. Especially helpful were the fitting sections and the sections about specific machine feet, basic machine threading and maintenance info. I'm going to recommend that all novice sewers put a copy at their fingertips whenever they sew; likewise I'm going to recommend experienced sewers keep a copy on hand for quick reference too! There's no substitute for good tools. I rank this book among the best tools I own. 10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Exactly what I needed! By ruthb-h As a novice self-taught sewist, this book is exactly what I needed! I was so pleased to see that it is very comprehensive and covers sewing topics that I didn't even know existed. The instructions are easy to follow and the photos and diagrams are beautifully done. I would definitely recommend this book to anyone, but especially to my fellow beginning sewists who are ready to take their skills to the next level.

Even the best sewists will encounter problems, snags, and little glitches in their work. Expert sewist and author Nicole Vasbinder's *Sewing Solutions* is an indispensable reference filled with invaluable advice you can trust. Organized by stages, you'll find: Detailed advice for the sewing process, including pros and cons, and basic considerations of working in each step. An easy-to-follow layout providing basic information as well as step-by-step techniques for making bias tape, sewing trims, buttonholes, zippers, hems, and more. Easy-to-navigate color-coded cross-references available for quick referencing. Troubleshooting tips that advise how to deal with every sewing situation. Whether choosing the right tools, reading patterns correctly, or everything in between, *Sewing Solutions* will prove to be an essential sewing companion.

From Booklist \*Starred\* This book is very helpful, even if all the sewing you do is limited to reattaching buttons. San Francisco sewing instructor Vasbinder knows exactly how to set novices at ease while also providing near professionals with a handy reference. After all, sewing machines are an investment, as are the time and care needed to produce good-looking clothing. Two sections and 10 chapters cover the must-know details. One section, Tools and Equipment, includes not only machine purchases but also notions, trims, marking and cutting, and other items. Section 2, Solutions and Tips, is all the rest: fabric, pattern, sewing embellishment, fitting, and finding solutions. The organization is superb: each topic is described in general, then followed up by information on where to get materials described, what every sewer should know, and varieties. Sidebars answer most common queries, such as how often to clean a machine or change a needle. The tips alone supply the kind of information most sewing books don't necessarily include about pincushions and why you need them, for example. Well thought out and executed for sewers and aspirational crafters. --Barbara Jacobs About the Author Nicole Vasbinder owns and operates StitchCraft and an independent accessory line Queen Puff Puff. She was a founding teacher of Stitch Lounge in San Francisco. She currently teaches at Stonemountain and Daughter Fabrics in Berkeley. Nicole attended the Academy of Art University and Otis College of Art Design and her designs have been featured in the Wall Street Journal, Adorn Magazine, JoAnn Magazine, Venus Zine and Craft. She lives in Petaluma, California.