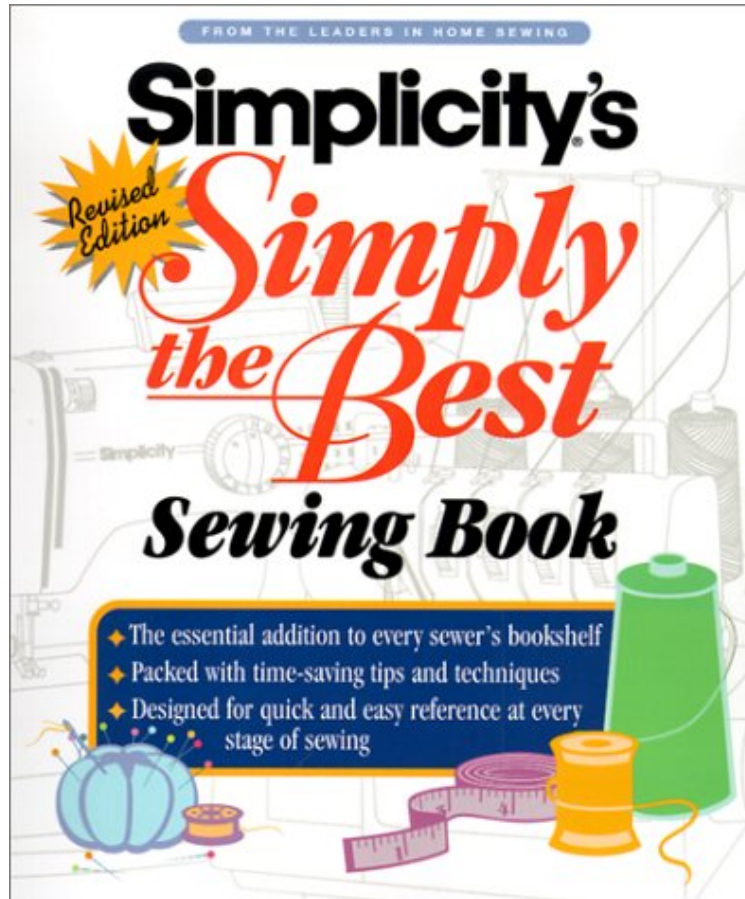


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section headings in mauve. It is not enough of a contrast to stand out and makes it harder to scan for what you're looking for than if it were all in black, as the mauve is hard to see in the headings. On top of that, at one point they start talking about sergers, and then after that, every technique has a sewing machine and a serger part, which I found hard to follow. Maybe I'm just exhausted but I would have liked the book to only be on sewing machines, if I had a serger I would prefer the book to just be on serging methods. It would not be a problem if each segment started on a new page, or were actually side by side, but I found its format distracting. If I had bought it in person I would've seen that it was serger and conventional side by side and saved myself the trouble, but I bought it on . This book would've benefited a LOT from a definition section that included simple word only descriptions. I bought some lovely polyester, and I was looking to see what they said about sewing it. There is a section on sewing microfibers, and I had to Google to see if polyester was a microfiber, because I wasn't sure and it didn't list any examples or direct me to that page in the index under polyester. Yup! it is. I should be able to reference microfiber, nap, staystitching and may other terms. Another example (long and boring) is under staystitching instead of describing it first, it starts going on on about how fabrics that require special handling on a conventional machines are easy to sew on a serger. Stretchy sweater knits, stretch terry cloth...blah blah blah another 25 words...One of the reasons that sewers avoid this is because they tend to stretch out of shape during handling and sewing. Staystitching is the time honored way to prevent fabric distortion" ALL that before they tell me how to staystitch, and they never define the word. This is a horrible way to write a book in my opinion. Tell me the definition of the technique, tell me how to do it, then wax poetic about whatever you want, but this way gives me a headache before I've gotten to figure out what it is I'm supposed to be doing. On top of that if I went by what I read in it, I would think I could only even USE staystitching with a serger. BAH! I am not saying this book doesn't have a place on my shelf. I think it has some handy tips, but I was disappointed overall and won't be of much use until I have more experience under my belt. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good adjunct to sewing with patterns By Travelme! This book is really only for people who are sewing from a pattern and want more information on what they're doing or a better way of doing it, and don't or can't look it up on the Internet. It isn't for people who want to alter patterns or make their own - for instance it explains darts and how to do them but doesn't have any details on moving them. I found this book has a lot of good information, including a lot of serger details which means I will have to learn more about my serger! Top marks for explaining back darts in a jacket or dress - I haven't found any pattern making books yet that do that! Spiral binding is, as everyone else has mentioned, a very handy format. I found the pictures clear and easy to follow. One negative is that I think more editing is needed - the layout is bunched up, some section headings are a little hard to make out and the chapter headings in the header could have included the overall heading rather than the name of the book. Also some of the pictures are not in sync with the text or not included where they would help explain an item - for example a seam pocket picture shows above information on patch pockets, and there's no overall patch pocket example picture. There's also some items that just say 'follow your pattern instructions' which can be frustrating as we wouldn't be reading this book if pattern instructions were that comprehensive! For example there's no description of putting in a standard zipper - it just says follow the pattern instructions and adds some hints - and then they include step-by-step details for invisible zippers. Strange. Shirring is only included as a serger item too. So not the complete bible but overall a good book for referring to while sewing from a pattern. And the shoulder pad section is a great rewind to the 80s!

This is the classic essential reference for all home sewers. With hundreds of time- and money-saving projects, this is the most comprehensive source for sewing information for both new and experienced sewers. New sewing techniques and time-saving ideas have been introduced, and the projects reflect current fashion trends with many children's clothing ideas included.