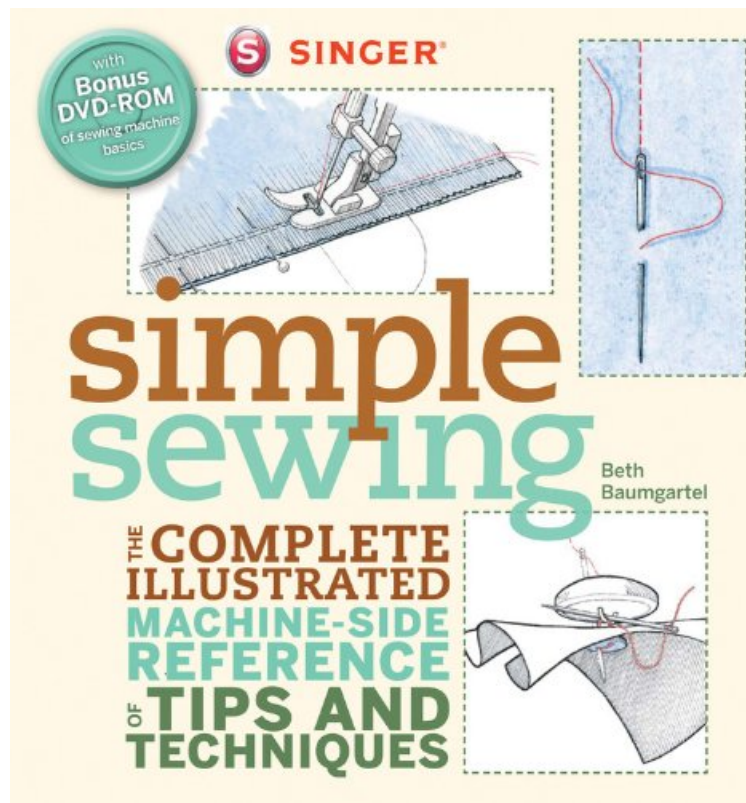


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basically learned through my grandmother and my mother but I never took a sewing class so there are many tricks I do not know. Besides, my first language is Spanish and I have been trying to learn the sewing terminology in English in order to understand instructions and patterns. I have to say this book is wonderful, it has pictures and a lot of good tricks that will make your sewing experience much easier. I feel I can definitely use it as a help guide for my sewing crafts/projects and it is very easy to understand even being English my second language. I highly recommend this book not just for beginners but for intermediate people as well, there are a lot of good ideas you can use and simple. It is definitely "a must have" if you want to get into sewing. I love "Singer" and I use a "Singer sewing machine" as well, they have been my favorite brand although I know nowadays there are so many other good brands I need to look into but this particular book is wonderful. 4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. If only! Design flaw makes this 4.5 a bare 2. Too bad... By Marie C. If you are a beginning seamstress, or are looking to expand your skills and understanding, the contents of this book are at least a "4", maybe even a "5". It is logically organized, the illustrations are clear, the instructions straightforward. I've been sewing more than 20 years, so I'm no newbie. But I'm self-taught and I want to expand my skills. I've given myself a new machine and am taking lessons. I bought this book to augment what I'm re-learning, and if it were only about the content, this would be a 4.5 star rating. Unfortunately, the book has a design flaw in its construction and layout that's a deal-breaker for me. 'Simple Sewing' is a LARGE, almost square book with a spiral binding encased in a hard cover. The pages are laid out so that the binding is at the top of the forward facing pages and the bottom of the back-facing pages. The book flips pages rather than turns them. Ideally, you could lay this book flat (which it is designed to do) and sew-sew-sew. But I could not find a way to make this work. If you angle the book to make it easier to see, it gets in the way of the machine's needle side. Placed on the other side, perpendicular to the machine it's hard to see the whole page. I placed it next to the machine at different angles, but could not get it to a position where I could comfortably see it and use it to sew. I tried to stand it up, but the rigidity of the hardcover made that impossible. It slid flat or the pages flopped up and slid forward or... well, it just wouldn't stay up in a way that pages were visible to be instructive. I'm disappointed, but in the execution, not the content. However, that construction makes it impossible for me to use it. You may just be able to finagle a placement or a prop that'll make it a '5' for you. Me? I'm already packing it up for return and headed to a brick-and-mortar store, where I'll audition the book before I buy next time. Finally, the DVD included with this book is the one Singer includes with some of its machines. It's a very, VERY basic DVD, and not a reason to choose this book over some of the others.

This comprehensive at your fingertips reference is an essential for any sewer's library. With more than 1,000 detailed illustrations and an instructional DVD from SINGER, this book covers all the basic sewing techniques for garment construction and home decor. An entire section on mending and repair helps sewers recycle and reuse their favorite items with quick and reliable fixes. This useful volume will help sewers of all levels find reliable shortcuts and better solutions to ensure success with all their sewing projects.

Baumgartel, Beth. *Singer Simple Sewing: The Complete Illustrated Machine-Side Reference of Tips and Techniques*. Creative Pub: Quayside. 2009. 288p. illus. index. ISBN 978-1-58923-474-1. \$24.99 with DVD-ROM. FIBER CRAFTS Baumgartel ("The Complete Book of Sewing") focuses on practical sewing in the latest volume in Creative's Singer-branded series of sewing books. Following a brief introduction to sewing machine parts and the basics of sewing, she provides numbered, step-by-step instructions for a variety of household projects. The approach is straightforward and clear, and even crafters inexperienced with sewing will have little difficulty following along. Copyright 2010 Reed Business Information. - Library Journal, April 15, 2010