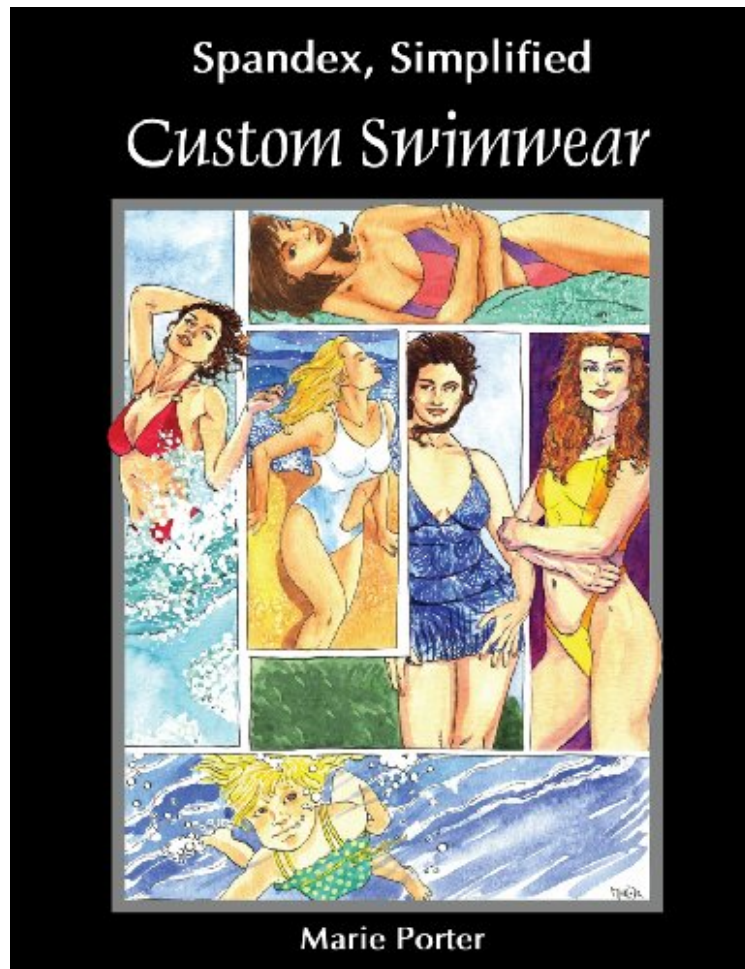


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Spandex simplified "Custom swimwear" Book for Christmas. Thinking I would learn so much more and some different techniques. That is not what happened, as I read through the pages then compared it with my other Spandex simplified book, I soon realized it was almost yes "Almost exactly the same book" Which is why I write this I review. I was So excited and pumped to learn some new things. As I now realize and understand Fitness and reg Bathing suits have the same sewing techniques they are just cut differently....So my mistake I guess in thinking these would be different in the first place. But I want everyone to know its kinda misleading in the fact they never mention that anywhere!! There practically the same book. I think the Custom Swimwear has a page on making ruffles and scrunch butt. Which could be useful to others, but was not for me. Other than the misleading titles its a good educational book but I now have two of the practically same book! Ugh

Custom Swimwear is the sixth title in Marie Porter's Spandex Simplified series, and is all about designing and creating flattering, comfortable, and durable swimwear. This sewing manual is written from the experience of not only a spandex designer, but a former "performance" athlete. Written in layman terms, Custom Swimwear features carefully explained, step-by-step instructions and more than 250 full colour photos and diagrams. Requiring only basic sewing knowledge to get started, beginner and advanced seamstresses alike can enjoy using this book... and produce spectacular results from it. Learn how to design swimsuits that flatter any body type and how to alter patterns for shape, size, and style. Learn the tips, tricks, and techniques to make many of the design elements that can be used to design and create almost any style of swimsuit imaginable! Please note: As spandex patterning and sewing techniques are largely the same across many styles of costuming, a large portion of each Sewing with Spandex title is the same/similar to the other Sewing with Spandex titles. We recommend consulting the Table of Contents for each book you're considering: Basic Principals of Swimwear Design - Figure Flaw Camouflage - Proper Fit - Designing for YOU - Functionality - Colour Theory - Unity - Selecting Fabrics Pattern Alterations - Measuring - Using a Pattern - Sizing a Pattern - Adding removing Length - Adjusting Curve of the Back - Adjusting the Butt Length - Altering Leg Openings - Adjusting the Skirt Line - Ruching - Base Pattern Alteration Final Notes Sewing Techniques - In the Beginning - Cutting the Fabric - Seams - Elastic Application - Thread Colour Selection - Colour Blocking - Applique - Lining - Piping - Making Straps - Making Strings - Closures - Contrasting Elastic Binding - Hems - Ruffles - "Scrunch Butt" Suit Assembly - Basic order of Operations - Skirted Suit - Basic String Bikini - Basic Strappy Bottom - Underwire Tops Style Techniques - Backs and Necklines - Skirted Designs - Monokinis Embellishments - Getting Started - Hand Painting - Foil Embossing - Crystals Accessories - Scrunchies - Sarong Skirts Proper Care of Swimwear Resources Note Pages

About the Author Marie Porter began sewing spandex costumes as a way to finance her figure skating training, starting at age 11. By the time she took an extended break from the fashion industry at the ripe old age of 25, she had created stretchy works of art for various entertainers, Olympic athletes, the Canadian national synchro swimteam, WWE wrestlers, and more. Marie wrote "Sewing for Skaters and Gymnasts and Dancers... Oh My!" at the age of 21 - the first sewing manual of its kind. Due to popular demand, it was followed by "The Skating Dress Style Book" a year later - focusing on pattern alteration techniques for style. She was soon touring North America, teaching people her techniques in seminars. 10 years later, those basic, black and white photocopied manuals - featuring hand drawn sketches - were combined, expanded on, and updated to become "Sewing for Skaters" - one of the first books in the Spandex Simplified series. Upgraded with more information, full colour photography, and digital sketches, the Spandex Simplified series is THE go-to resource for anyone looking to sew with spandex. Michael Porter (Who goes by "Porter") is a food and commercial photographer located in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Porter's work has appeared in local, national, and international magazines, in catalogs, corporate websites, and as well as in many online media outlets. He is responsible for the vast majority of photos on the Celebration Generation blog, as well as all of the photography in Celebration Generation books. In addition to being an awesome husband and photographer to Marie, Porter is Celebration Generation's "Chief Engineering Officer", responsible for all custom builds, equipment repairs, and warp engine emergencies. His most recent large scale project is rebuilding the Porter house kitchen after the tornado... using lumber milled from the 100+ year old black walnut tree that landed on the house! In his spare time, Porter is an avid homebrewer and is pursuing a degree in engineering.