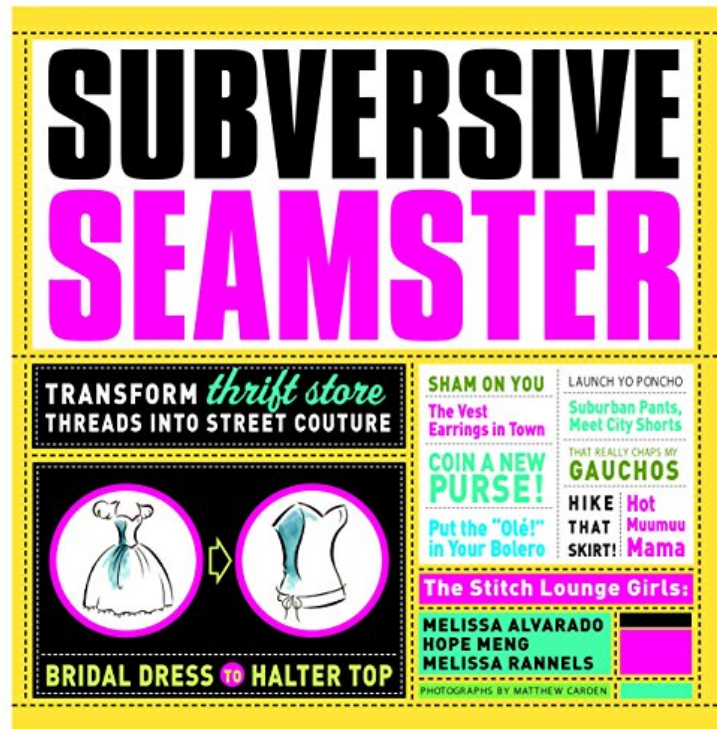


# Subversive Seamster: Transform Thrift Store Threads into Street Couture

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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. good for beginner sewers with no illusions of creating stylish clothing By pigamoore The only reason I am giving this book even one star is because of the idea in the beginning on how to make your own dress form. Other than that, this book is without a doubt the worst book on how to create fashionable clothing. I don't know anyone that would wear the outdated and simply ugly ideas this book has put forth. There are several skirts made out of Mens shirts that definitely look like they took a mans shirt, cut off the top, put elastic in and voila you have a skirt (or a really ugly shirt around your waist) I was looking for a book to show me what this title said it would show, not how to turn already ugly things into even uglier things. sorry, but this book really missed the mark 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. cycling the clothing and home through sewing By Linda Lanese Have you ever asked someone where did you get that skirt, blouse, jacket etc.? If you like the unusual and the dramatic pieces to wear or to decorate your home with, then this is the book for you. The author begins with the basics for those of us who see a sewing machine and turn away because of their lack of knowledge.

The author also shows how to hand so when necessary. Learning to create an adorable skirt from a pair of old blue jeans is referred to as up cycling and this is caught on all around the world. How would you like to learn how to revamp a T-shirt that you are really tired of wearing and would like to give it an updated look? Recycling the close we already own is a great way to save money and to save our environment. Many people go to resale shops looking for clothing to restyle and end up turning the garment into a wonderful wearable addition to their wardrobe that they adore. Perhaps you seen a T-shirt or a blouse in a fashion magazine and you fell in love with the and although you can afford the price tag hanging from the garments, check out which you have in your closet and see if you cannot replicate this looks with something you already own. You will be surprised at how many things you can up style and tell everyone I made it myself. This book does not suggest that you go out and spend hundreds of dollars on fabric to make a new outfit, what they do suggest is restyling that classic white blouse with pin tucking down the front of it for a fresh new look. Look around for a sewing machine that suits your purposes if you are a beginner and find the best bargain for a machine and let's get sewing. Turn your thrift stores threads into street Chic.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Up-cyclers manual!By Margaret SampsonThis book is filled with excellent ideas that are do-able! Nothing is too hard for the beginner seamstress and there are tips for sewing through out the book. I have not as yet tried any of the ideas in the book, but I am so excited to get started. My first project will definately be the sweatshirt skirt for the office this winter! Inspired me to look at clothing at the thrift store twice ;)

It's time to get subversive, again! The downtown divas of "Sew Subversive" are back with another happy helping of straightlaced sewing advice for stylish results every time. Transform tacky bridesmaid gowns and pleated pants into picture-perfect tops, skirts and accessories. The two Melissas and a Hope deliver 30 great projects that are achievable for even the new sewer. "Subversive Seamster" is your secret roadmap to the jewels of thrifting and the ins and outs of refashioning. This book has shortcuts, tips, and secrets to the wide world of inexpensive, individualized fashion. Our clothes make a statement about who we are. What better way to say, "I am an individual!" than to wear one-of-a-kind items made out of other one-of-a-kind items? We derive the most fashionable satisfaction knowing that we are reusing and recycling what already exists in this material world--and looking darn good doing it!

About the AuthorMelissa Alvarado, Hope Meng, and Melissa Roeters are self-taught sewers and the co-owners of Stitch Lounge, a drop-in urban sewing lounge located in San Francisco. Kitted out with 5 sewing machines, 2 sergers, a cutting table, and other sewing related equipment, Stitch Lounge offers a wide range of sewing classes, from Sewing Machine Basics to Re: Fashion Class ("Take that baggy sweater that's been sitting in your closet unworn for 3 years and give it new life! Alter the neckline, or change the fit or even cut off the arms to make legwarmers!") to a weekend long workshop on Independent Designers and the Fashion Marketplace taught by local designers. In addition to classes, Stitch Lounge lets sewers buy time on the machines and bringing in your own machine is heartily encouraged. Please check out their website at [www.stitchlounge.com](http://www.stitchlounge.com).