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The Sewing Machine Classroom: Learn The Ins & Outs Of Your Machine



Synopsis

Make the Most of Your Sewing Machine! Join author Charlene Phillips as you learn all about your new best friend--your sewing machine! From fabric to feet to finished product, you'll be guided through techniques for mastering your machine and using it to perform basic to advanced stitching tasks. Whether you've been sewing for years or just gotten the itch, you'll find invaluable information inside for using your sewing machine to its maximum potential. Learn how to: Troubleshoot machine problems like skipped stitches, needle breaks and tension troubles Perform basic maintenance on your machine to keep it running smoothly Choose fabrics, threads and other materials that will keep your machine running at full capacity and result in quality projects Recognize and utilize the best sewing machine feet to achieve the desired results Refine everyday tasks from installing zippers to sewing buttonholes and constructing perfect hems Create beautiful embellishments like scallops, ruches, smocking, pin tucks, cutwork, puffing and entredeux to enhance any sewn project or garment An indispensable reference book to keep next to your machine, inside you'll find quick answers to all your sewing problems. Take control of your sewing machine and achieve wonderful results every time!

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I've collected dozens...alright, a couple hundred... sewing books of various topics, and thought I'd run across just about anything that could be said about a sewing machine or how to do various sewing tasks in a more efficient way. This book kept my attention all the way through, as there are plenty of tips I'd not heard about, spread all the way through it! It's presented in a very clear fashion,

along with exceptional photographs, so that a newbie can understand it. It also keeps more experienced sewers engaged. I'd recommend this book for everyone's collection, no matter their skill level, and it'd make a super gift for anyone in your life who likes to sew. This same author has a new book on sergers that I see will be out next month, and I can't wait! Just bought a new serger recently and it makes me feel like a total novice. I'm sure if that book is anywhere near the same quality of Charlene Phillips last two books, it'll never leave my sewing table. I still have her first book on presser feet within reach of my sewing machine for when I can't quite remember how to set up one for a task. Whenever there's a foot I don't recognize, it's so easy to grab her book and refresh my memory. I'd also recommend that book, because I've never met anyone who really knows what all their presser feet can accomplish, and they do make sewing so much easier.

This book is totally awesome. It walks you through the ins and out of the what's what in the beginner's world of sewing machines. But don't let that stop the more advanced sewing person. If you have had questions about needle to thread or needle to fabric this book will help you thru those questions. How about that tension question or how to sew on a fringe or maybe what foot to use then this is the book. I am very pleased with what the book shows and how it explains it. If you should purchase this book I would hope that you would find it as helpful as I have.

From what I've read so far, this is an extremely thorough book, for both the beginner sewers and even reinforcing information for experienced sewers. For the book, it deserves a higher rating than what I gave but I purchased the Kindle version of this book and I gave it a 3 star rating due to it's formatting on the Kindle app for iPad and PC. When you read this book using an app, it does NOT show the corresponding page numbers to the printed book, but instead it shows the location number. So the 160 pages for the printed book ends up being 3474 pages in the Kindle app. There is no way to find the actual book page when you're reading in the Kindle app for iPad or PC so when the author of the book tells you to refer back to a page # for more details, well good luck trying to figure where that is when reading the Kindle book through an app. Don't waste your time/energy and pay the few extra bucks to buy the printed book if you're going to be using the iPad/iPhone/Mac/PC Kindle apps.

I learned a lot by browsing through this book and I've been sewing for years. I gave it to my granddaughter who is just getting started on her "life of crime" with fabric, design and sewing and she loves it. Clearly written, beautifully illustrated, The Sewing Machine Classroom goes well

beyond teaching you about your machine. It covers everything sewing including thread, needles, fabric and techniques. I loved it and so did Miranda!

This is a fantastic book for beginning sewers & a good refresher for others. The author goes through basic concepts & explains threads, fabrics, types of machine feet, when to use interfacing , & on & on. I LOVE this book. It is worth every penny & I know I will refer to it alot in the future.

This book is well written and includes lots of photos to help remind me of the tools my sewing machine has and how to use them. I am an occasional sewer and tend to want to rush when I do sew. This book is a great resource for me.

I've been sewing since I was a child, both garments and quilts and still there are so many things Ms Phillips has taught me. I've been reading it cover to cover and I expect to keep it for a reference as long as I own a machine.

This amazing book managed to teach even me how to sew. I've used the info here to do an upholstered bench and some pillows.

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