

Serger Basics

THE user-friendly reference essential for any current or prospective serger owner! Practical, easy solutions for any problem with any serger, no matter what the brand, model, or vintage. Expert-savvy, timesaving tips on serger threading, needles, threads, feet, upkeep, and much more. Comprehensive strategies that help answer "Which serger should I buy?"

This pattern book features step-by-step instructions on fitting and sewing pants for women of all body types using the twin techniques of tissue fitting and fabric fitting. Important sewing choices are highlighted, including choosing fabrics, selecting appropriate alteration tools, and finding styles that are most flattering. The fit-as-you-sew process of making pants is illustrated with progressive photographs and step-by-step illustrations. A variety of styles are covered, including nonroll, expandable, and contour waistbands; side seam and patched pockets; and easy hems and cuffs. This updated second edition features refinements to the fitting and sewing information and has added instructions on the fitting and sewing of jeans and no-side-seam pants.

The author of *Sew Fast, Sew Easy* explains how to create one's own designer fashions with her easy-to-use sewing guide and five simple patterns, accompanied by step-by-step instructions, detailed guidelines on how to use a sewing machine or serger, and handy tips on fabric, commercial patterns, embellishments, and accessories. Original. 20,000 first printing. For those who have mastered the basics and want a challenge, *Serger Secrets* provides instructions for adding more than 50 techniques to the sewers arsenal. Complete with troubleshooting tips and dozens of inspiring photographs of completed garments, *Serger*

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Secrets is guaranteed to bring out the creativity in any designer.

This reference revolutionizes serger sewing with creative approaches, by combining decorative threads with contemporary construction methods. The guidelines are clear and innovative. Cheerful, adorable crafts that kids will love! Childhood is supposed to be magical. Instead of generic bedding, add some whimsy to children's bedrooms with fanciful quilts and huggable pals that looks like they jumped right off the fabric. From playful puppies to retro robots, this fanciful collection from author Antonie Alexander offers easy-to-follow directions for making one-of-a-kind creations! Inside you'll find:

- 10 themed quilts with more than a dozen matching stuffed toys
- Basic quilting, piecing, applique and finishing instructions
- A digital link to download quilt templates and full-size soft toy patterns in a ready-to-print PDF

A COOKBOOK FOR YOUR CLOSET Personal style expert Jessica Quirk approaches getting dressed just as you would plan the perfect meal: With a smartly stocked pantry and a few gorgeous "spotlight ingredients," inspiration comes easily. In *What I Wore*, named after her enormously popular blog, Jessica shares recipes for creating a stellar wardrobe to get you through spring, summer, fall, and winter. From delicates (bras, slips, lingerie) to the basics every woman should have (black pants, white shirts, knee-high leather boots) to the dramatic touches that set just the right tone (scarves, jewelry, handbags), she shows you how to take your look from ordinary to outstanding without breaking the bank. Inside you'll discover how to

- remix the clothing you already have for dozens of fresh, pulled-together looks
- become a smarter shopper and always get the most bang for your buck
- create wow-worthy ensembles for special occasions, weekends, and the office
- supplement basics and investment pieces with fun and inexpensive accessories

Plus you'll learn tailoring tricks, handy hints, and

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packing tips to ensure that you always leave the house looking your best. Loaded with hundreds of vibrant, original illustrations and unique suggestions for combining colors, patterns, and textures, *What I Wore* will help you feel stylish and confident, each and every day.

Focusing on beginning serger users, this dynamic guide offers instructions for learning about sewing sergers. Beginning with explanations on stitches, tension settings, the importance of thread, and the ease of serger hems, seams, corners, and curves, this fun pattern book contains more than 50 easy-to-make projects. Chapters cover a wide range of projects, including clothes for babies and adults, decorations for around the house, and unique gift ideas.

A basic text for beginner sewers, this book features step-by-step instructions that take the reader start-to-finish through over 100 sewing applications.

Scared of the serger? Don't be! From the best-selling *A Field Guide* series, this visual guide will help you get to know your serger from the inside out. Learn how to thread an overlocking sewing machine and achieve beautiful results with both basic and specialty stitches. Enhance your expertise working with an array of fabrics, from knits and wovens to sheers, and troubleshoot stitch issues with detailed how-tos. Bring ten fashion and home decor projects to life, from easy T-shirts and leggings to a market tote and elegant table decor. Whether you are breaking your serger out of the box, or looking to sharpen your skills, this comprehensive guide has everything you need to confidently create with your serger.

Provides information on getting the best use out of a serger, including how to set up the machine, how to edge fabrics quickly, and other techniques such as roll hemming and

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flatlocking.

Learning how to sew has never been simpler! Like having a personal instructor at your side, this beginner's guide teaches you to sew stitches both by hand and with a machine. Filled with detailed descriptions of materials and tools, the easy step-by-step instructions for all the basic sewing techniques will have you creating projects like aprons, pillows, and even pants and shorts in no time. These simple projects will introduce essential sewing skills like hems, seams, balancing tension, and how to use a pattern: Rectangular table cloth Knife-edge pillows Zipper closures Baby blanket Elastic-waist skirts Elastic-waist pants T-shirts Apron with pockets Unlined jackets With *First Time Sewing*, you will soon be stitching amazing gifts and projects with confidence.

Elevate your sewing with a bagmaker's secret—cork fabric, a leather-like, upscale version of the cork you used to know! Learn how easy it is to work with cork from Jessica Kapitanski, the innovative designer behind *Sallie Tomato* patterns. Using only your regular sewing tools, you'll learn how to sew seventeen cork projects with clean lines and clever details. Have fun adding cork fabric to elegant purses, boxy pouches, gorgeous accessories, and home decor. Available in a rainbow of colors, cork is eco-friendly, maintenance-free, pliable, and hypoallergenic, making it an irresistible choice for all sorts of handmade gifts.

Master the magic of the serger with this detailed guidebook and DVD workshop. Both the book and DVD are filled to the brim with serger sewing techniques, and expert instructor Pamela Leggett presents all you need to know about operating your machine and using it for so much more than cleaning up raw edges. Get to know your serger inside and out. Popular instructor Pamela Leggett explains how a serger works and walks readers through the serging process.

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Equal parts detailed reference and DVD workshop, readers will find a wealth of serger sewing techniques that are helpful and produce amazing results: --Spool-threading secrets (this alone is worth the price!) --Adjusting tension and controlling fabric feed --How to sew basic stitches in a speedy fashion Take advantage of all the multitasking capabilities a serger can offer.

Readers will find they can sew better and faster with these techniques, and will love learning how to:

- use flatlock stitching to secure heavy fabrics
- embellish any fabric with decorative stitching
- make tiny rolled hems on lightweight material
- create heirloom-quality pintucks and ruffles

Do more and do it confidently. Serger Techniques answers all your serger questions, and makes using the serger less daunting and lots more fun. This DVD/ book workshop will help stitchers of every skill level build confidence and do more with the serger than they ever thought possible.

Use your serger to its full potential! The serger is the most versatile tool a sewist can use, capable of hemming, seaming, decorative finishes and more. Too often, sergers are used for finishing edges and nothing more, simply because "it's too complicated to change the settings." Author Gail Yellen is here to demystify the serger and help you get the most out of your machine! By familiarizing yourself with the various components and how they affect the stitch, you'll tackle new stitches and techniques with a new enthusiasm. Features:

- Handy Operator Tips explain common handling errors and how to avoid them
- Accessory Foot Appendix details the different serger feet available and when to use them
- 5 simple projects put your new serging knowledge into practice
- Coverstitch overview complete with decorative and construction techniques
- Quick Reference Guide lets you quickly find the machine settings for popular stitches

Advice on threading, tension, differential feed, and needles relevant to all

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models; tips for using decorative threads that result in masterful finishes, cover stitch and more--it's all here in *Serger Essentials!*

“There's nothing better than an author who's made all the mistakes herself, has taught hundreds of others, and writes with humor. Chris James fills the bill. This beautiful book talks about knits, rolled hems, and flatlocking. At the end is a trouble-shooting guide....The close-up color photos make her text even more understandable....highly recommended.”—*The Creative Machine*. “The most comprehensive reference on serging to date.”—*Craft & Needlework Age*. Beginning sergers will benefit from this introductory guide to the serger machine and basic serging techniques. Information on the function of a serger and instructions on machine maintenance are provided along with step-by-step guidelines on sewing straight lines and curves, turning corners, and creating professional-looking seams. Additional details on stitch types, flatlocking, fabric tension, decorative techniques, and making fast fashion adornments such as collars, gathers, and hems are also included, and exciting projects like the serged napkin, swimsuit, and sweater will help augment the skills of the novice serger.

Offers step-by-step instructions for completing twenty-four projects that use a serger, and explains how to properly thread a serger as well as the device's main functions and stitches.

Expert crafter, Lisa Comfort shares the secrets of her sewing passion. She guides you through all the basics of sewing by hand and machine, as well as providing you with the skills you need to follow her simple but stylish projects.

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A complete guide to serger sewing basics.

No More Fear of Serging! Are you a serger 'fraidy-cat? Is your brand-new serger still in its box because you can't figure out how to thread it? Do you panic when the threads loop crazily because you don't understand how the machine works? Even if you're a sewing whiz, you may feel uncomfortable with the serger. After all, it's an entirely different piece of equipment from your sewing machine. Yet you know it's worth mastering. The serger has made sewing more fun than ever for hundreds of thousands of home sewers. Tammy Young and Lori Bottom, two of America's top serger authorities, understand your fears and your needs. In ABCs of Serging, they have sorted out the most important facts, applied them to every serger brand and model, and organized them in t a logical, step-by-step format so that anyone can work through the book and learn to use the machine to its full potential. In addition, a National Serger Teachers Advisory Board of seven experts has added special tips to help you progress. Once you've mastered the basics, much more awaits. You'll be ready for the exciting world of serging: fast garment construction, advanced decorative techniques, home decorating projects, serger quilting, and heirloom serging. Tammy Young has co-authored seven other serging books to entice you. Learn your ABCs and you'll soon expand your entire serger vocabulary. "Successful Serging" is a practical, at-your-fingertips reference guide that contains

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hundreds of techniques and tips for getting the most out of your serger. Full of practical advice to help you master all the features and applications of your overlocker (serger) and coverlocker, you will learn how to handle your machine using its more complex features and will soon be finishing hems like a professional sewer. Hem and finish all your garments and accessories like a professional! This practical and comprehensive book helps you master all the functions and applications of your overlocker and coverlocker, from the simplest to the most complex. There are 50 beautifully photographed step-by-step lessons and 15 lovely projects to apply your knowledge and help you realize your sewing goals. You can make a dress, a T-shirt, a shoulder bag, a playsuit and more. There are 15 gorgeous projects to make including cushions, shoulder bags, soft toys and quilts. Full-size, fold-out patterns accompany the designs in addition to the 50 illustrated step-by-step lessons will guide you through all the skills you need to get started. This book includes full-size, fold-out patterns and is the essential guide for all aspiring seamstresses.

Sewing Activewear: How to make your own professional-looking athletic wear takes you through all the fundamentals and then move you to the next level. So that you will be fully equipped and empowered to create your own workout wardrobe-that is both functional and stylish.

This is the perfect book for anyone who wants to learn how to sew, or just needs a quick refresher course. Friendly and easy-to-follow directions will have you

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sewing with confidence, making repairs, and creating new garments from scratch. From cutting patterns and sewing seams to binding edges, gathering fabric and installing zippers, each new skill is accompanied by a quick practice exercise to try, allowing you to learn as you sew. Fifteen simple and straightforward projects are provided for sewing fun accessories from plushies and pincushions to placemats, hand towels, hats and more.

An all-level skill book to make sure you get the most out of your serging machine. Photographs and step-by-step instructions take you through the essential techniques, showing you how to set up your machine, how to adjust settings to get best results on a range of different fabrics, and how to edge your fabrics with perfect results.

Singer: The Complete Photo Guide to Sewing, 3rd Edition is the essential one-stop reference every sewer needs. Step-by-step instructions and hundreds of photos and diagrams make it easy to understand sewing fundamentals and more advanced techniques for fashion and home décor projects. Discover the mysteries of your sewing machine! Learn ways to get the most out of your machine and attachments, the best tools to use, and how to sew with a variety of fabrics. Then dive into sewing techniques for beautiful garments and stunning home décor designs: Learn how to make and finish seams; lay out, cut and mark

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patterns; sew bias strips; and make pillows, cushions, and piping. Get tips and techniques for serger sewing, and discover how to create serger seams and finishes. Tackle first-time sewing projects with confidence, and refresh your memory on favorite techniques. Boost your wardrobe by altering store-bought patterns for a perfect custom fit. Refresh your tabletop with gorgeous tablecloths, placemats, and napkins, and create impressive bed and bath accessories. Achieve professional results effortlessly! Ready to build your sewing skills? You'll learn how to: Operate your sewing machine or serger like a pro Customize clothing with buttons, pockets, collars, and more Make buttonholes with ease Create seam finishes, make closures, and attach zippers Sew your own activewear Make slipcovers, pillowcases, and duvet covers Packed with so much information, this valuable resource offers a lifetime of sewing success for all skill levels. Start your sewing journey today and see what amazing things you can create! The Complete Photo Guide series includes all the instruction you need to pursue your creative passion. With hundreds of clear photos, detailed step-by-step directions, handy tips and inspirational ideas, it's easy and fun to try new projects and techniques and take your skills to the next level. This is the most comprehensive and up to date book about sergers available covering all skill levels from basic to expert. Although advanced topics are

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covered the book is easy to navigate and understand. Many people find threading a serger to be difficult, so an entire chapter is dedicated to threading and basic use. The book goes on to cover advanced topics such as troubleshooting, adjustment, maintenance & repair. Covered in-depth are adjusting tension, stitches, decorative stitches, needles, feet, thread and more. From home sergers to industrial overlock machines and coverstitch machines many of the latest machines are featured with insights on features, capabilities and best use for each model or class of machine. Buying a serger can be frustrating and time consuming because of the overwhelming number of features and types of machines that are available. The buying recommendations will help you cut through the confusion and figure out what features you really need. Most people have a love/hate relationship with their serger. Everything is great when the machine is working good but most people hate them when frustrating problems arise. This book will empower you to eliminate the hate part of the relationship and put you in control of the machine. In depth sections on adjusting tension and troubleshooting will help you handle most problems (and know which problems not to tackle). Above all sergers are creative tools. If you know and understand the tools you can use them efficiently and effectively. For sewing machines check out our top selling companion book "The Sewing Machine

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Master Guide" and for sewing machine basics "The Sewing Machine Quick Guide." The Serger and Overlock Master Guide was written as both an eBook and print book using optimized reflowable formatting for a perfect presentation on small or large devices. Everything from a basic eBook reader or Kindle to a large screen PC or Mac is supported. Why the low price? Electronic publishing and print-on-demand is used with distribution to more than 80 countries worldwide. The pricing reflects this new technology and distribution model.

Take the Mystery Out of Your Serger Explore the creative options with Georgie Melot's tried-and-true methods. Learn the ins, outs, overs and unders of your serger! Ready, Set, Serge is a fun, informative book that rewards you with success every time. Georgie's encouraging, learn-by-doing approach guides you through the basics so you'll be creating simple but attractive projects in no time. Gift bags, book covers, pot holders, bath mitts and other attractive pieces can be made from fabric scraps and fat quarters, or from ready-made items such as bath towels. In Ready, Set, Serge you'll find: A thorough tour of the serger, from how to thread the needles and loopers to identifying specialty feet A guide to serger stitches and what each is used for 16 projects in both "basic" and "stepped-up" versions so you can learn general skills, then add more advanced techniques Clear steps accompanied by photos, project templates and diagrams Friendly

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expert advice from a professional serger and instructor Once you see how easy it is, you may find it hard to stop. Are you ready? If so, then get set to serge! Thirty-eight step-by-step lessons and simple projects demonstrate serging techniques, including fabric embellishment, floating flatlocking, heirloom serging, and double-bound seams and edges

Ideal for both beginners and advanced sewers, this book includes templates of sewing tables and cabinets, floor plans, and organizing tools.

Serger Sewing BasicsAnnie's Wholesale

In *First Time Sewing with a Serger*, sewing experts Becky Hanson and Beth Baumgartel take you by the hand and teach you everything you need to know to sew with a serger, or overlock machine—a versatile and speedy stitching tool. Start by learning how a serger works, the many styles available, and the roles of various parts and accessories. Get a detailed overview of the variety of functional and decorative stitches you can make, plus must-have threads, tools, and notions. Next, familiarize yourself with how to thread your serger, set the stitch size, and use it to start and end seams, sew curves and corners, and more. You'll use these essential skills to make the nine fun, easy garment and home decor projects--skills you'll turn to again and again to create your own professional-looking pieces!

Loaded with tips and hints for sewing success, this book demystifies the anatomy, setup, and use of a serger. Whether a neophyte to sewing or someone with years of experience, crafters can learn multiple stitches and decorative techniques from this comprehensive guide. By

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mastering stitches such as overlock, flatlock, rolled edge, and cover stitch; techniques such as quilting and heirloom; and the finer points of garment construction, sewers can quickly and efficiently delve into new creative sewing territory. Detailed instructions and step-by-step photos and illustrations accompany 13 delightful home decor projects for the kitchen, living room, and bedroom.

Successful Sewing is a write-in text designed for use by beginning and experienced sewing students. A step-by-step, easy-to-follow format allows students to work at their own pace as they experience the fun, excitement, and creativity of sewing. The text teaches construction skills and includes imaginative ideas for making sewing fun and profitable. A new lesson on quilting is included in this edition so students can expand their sewing techniques to enjoy this popular hobby.

Add dimension and luminosity to your quilts with gorgeous gemstone piecing! Learn the basics of abstraction and color theory as you piece stunning works of art with gem quilt expert MJ Kinman. After years of perfecting her technique, Kinman explains freezer paper piecing in brilliant detail with jewel quilting ideas to help you express your own creativity. Get helpful advice on fabric selection and quilting patterns to illuminate each cut. A sample gem quilt pattern helps you practice as you follow along step by step. Then find your own muse and bring any gemstone to life in exquisite detail. Just as gems can sparkle and glow in a million different ways, you'll be inspired by the author's work and a gallery of student quilts to help you let go of perfection and embrace the chaos of color and light.

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