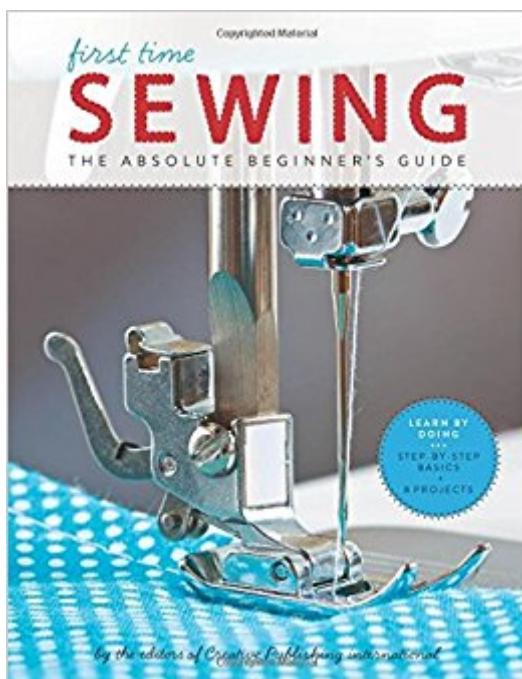


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# First Time Sewing: The Absolute Beginner's Guide: Learn By Doing - Step-by-Step Basics And Easy Projects



## Synopsis

Learning how to sew has never been simpler! Enjoy this beginner's guide that takes you by the hand like a personal instructor and teaches you how to sew using hand stiches as well as sewing machines. 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. Five simple projects will introduce sewing skills like hems, seams, balancing tension, and how to use a pattern; skills you will use often as you continue to learn. With First Time Sewing, soon you will be stitching amazing gifts and projects with confidence.

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## Customer Reviews

"By the time you reach the simple project section, which includes instructions for making a simple apron, baby blanket or T-shirt, you'll be confident in your new stitching skills." - Sew News

The Editors of Creative Publishing international have a long, successful history with sewing instruction books.

I figured sewing was a skill I should probably learn, and just purchased my first sewing machine. I bought several books to go along with my machine, as I wasn't sure where to begin. I paged through most of them and grew intimidated by the sometimes undefined words, or instructions

without enough images for me to grasp what needed to be done. This was the one book out of the four I purchased that I read from cover to cover immediately. This book is perfect for people like me, who have never sewn a stitch, or been around someone who has. I felt intimidated after unboxing my machine, but this book made me feel confident enough to begin my first project. In short, if you've never done a thing with sewing before and want to learn, this is the book you should start with. The images are clear, the directions are precise, and it goes into enough detail that I felt like I could progress without feeling frustrated.

This is a great step-by-step instruction book for the beginner. It lists and defines all sewing tools, describes the markings on a pattern, illustrates pattern layout, how to thread the machine, and simple instructions on sewing a first seam. It also discusses seam finishes, hand sewing stitches, and sewing on buttons. There are 8 projects at the end that include a pillow, blanket, apron, skirt, etc. I love all of the color photos!

I learned to sew from taking classes, after reading many different how-to books. If I had a friend that didn't want to spend the time or money on classes I would recommend this book. The tone is straightforward and easy to follow (not weird or hipster). The glossary is fairly complete. There is a photo for each step of every technique. Sometimes how-to books leave out photos of "easy" or "obvious" steps for space, but this one does not! And really, no step is "easy" or "obvious" to a beginner so this part of the book is quite valuable to a "true" beginner. If I had a more challenging sewing pattern that I wanted to sew, especially vintage patterns that sometimes didn't come with step-by-step instructions, I would definitely refer to the project instructions in this book (especially for a jacket) to assemble the pattern pieces. (I don't know if I would run to my sewing machine to sew up some of the projects in this book [elastic skirt] though).

This is a Great "step by step" guide for beginners but it is also has a lot of helpful hints for anyone that does sewing. I have been sewing for years but have had no formal training and found the book has a lot of very good tips.

Gave to a 1st time young seamstress. I believe I presented it to someone who may be a little to young to grasp all the concepts. Teaching a 2nd grader to sew. I think 4th-5th grade would be a little better for this book. Of course, I remember when I was in 2nd grade...no thoughts of sewing

whatsoever. So, what I did, I taught this young lady to handsew. A good basic stitch. Will bring this book back out a little later, as it has awesome basic technique.

I am an "absolute beginner", so I found this book to be right up my alley. It is very simple and very elementary, but that's why I love it. I was surprised to find that I'd retained quite a bit of knowledge from my 1987 middle-school sewing class as I read through this book. While this might be too much of hand-holding for those who used to sew and would like to take it up again, I find that it's perfect for my objective, which is to **UNDERSTAND** sewing in addition to being able to do it.

Very helpful

I have always wanted to learn to sew and could never quite figure it out on my own. This book is brilliant!! It defines all the sewing terms you need to know and starts you with the very basics. Who knew I had been sewing buttons on all wrong. I was thrilled to see the book shows how to use a pattern so once I get the basics down I will be able to sew anything. This book even helped me figure out my sewing machine! The projects are well thought out and the instructions are very clear. First Time Sewing is not just well written, it is well organized and the pictures are very helpful and lovely. I have done two projects from the book and they turned out great. This book would be a great gift for anyone young or old that wants to learn to sew. I cannot wait to try more of the projects. Next up for me is the basic elastic waist skirt. My summer wardrobe will rock- this book is worth every penny.

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