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### **Gertie Sews Jiffy Dresses** Interweave

No one interested in the history of dress, from art historians to stage designers, from museum curators to teachers of fashion and costume, can function effectively without Janet Arnold's Patterns of Fashion series, published by Macmillan since 1964. Since her untimely death in 1998, admirers of her work have been waiting, with increasing impatience, for the promised volume devoted to the linen clothes of the Elizabethan and early Stuart periods, a companion to her previous volume on tailored clothes of the same era. Planned and partly prepared by Janet herself, and completed by Jenny Tiramani, Janet's last pupil, no other book exists that is dedicated to the linen clothes that covered the body from the skin outwards. It contains full colour portraits and photographs of details of garments in the explanatory section as well as patterns for 86 items of linen clothing which range from men's shirts and women's smocks, from superb ruffs and collars to boot hose and children's stomachers. Beautifully produced, it is an invaluable guide to both the history and the recreation of these wonderful garments.

### **Shape Shape** Interweave Press

Ahead of the Curve is the first sewing book to empower curvy and plus size women to feel body confident by sewing a wardrobe that fits. Don't change your body to fit your clothes - change your clothes to fit your body! Ahead of the Curve includes 5 basic garment patterns (UK sizes 16-36/US size 12-32/EUR sizes 44-64), which includes a pair of trousers, a t-shirt, a sleeveless top and two dress designs. Jenny takes you through a series of "Fit Clinics" - tutorials and case studies demystifying the fitting process - showing you how to adjust these patterns to master the perfect fit for your body shape. Once you have got to grips with this, you can go on to customize your closet and create an unlimited array of fantastic clothes that celebrate your body. If you're curvy or plus size, trying to find clothes that fit and reflect your personal style can be incredibly difficult and frustrating. Plus size women feel constantly excluded and like they can't express their personality through clothes. This book finally changes that.

### Love at First Stitch Random House

Unsure how to sew the new knits so they'll look great and fit better than ready-to-wear? Knits for Real People helps readers sort out the differences in fabric types and explains the fitting and sewing techniques for each. Photographs of knit fashions

from McCall's, Vogue, and Butterick pattern companies provide inspiration throughout the book and illustrate the many types of knits. The many techniques explained include: layout, cutting, and marking; seaming techniques using sewing machines and sergers, including the use of the differential feed feature; creative embellishments, including piping, flounces, "peepers," and decorative serging; neckline and edge finishes, including bands, collars, and bindings; sleeves, hems and closures; and fitting techniques for tops, pants, and activewear. Knit fabrics are very popular in fabric stores and this book helps people take advantage by teaching how to fit patterns for this versatile material.

#### Sew Over It Potter Craft

Kathleen Cheetham presents her original garment patterns and detailed sewing instruction so plus-size women can create a closetful of flattering shapes and silhouettes. By working with the 4 enclosed patterns, step-by-step construction, and fitting instruction, readers can create a wardrobe of versatile and stylish garments—which can be adapted for office wear, casual wear, or evening wear, just by varying the colors, fabrics, and finishing details. The four enclosed patterns are for pants, a blouse, skirt, and jacket—to create 20 unique garments. Each garment is shown in petite to full sizes, from size 14 to 24. The author also includes her patented Perfect Fit guide for each garment style, based on grading rules she has developed herself for her own line of commercial patterns. Author also provides a gallery of 51 outfits for a wardrobe made with the four patterns.

#### **Singer Perfect Plus** Creative Publishing Int'l

25 easy-to-make and wear dresses! Start sewing simple and adorable dresses that you'll love to wear. You don't need complicated patterns to make these 25 easy, loose, and effortlessly stylish garments. Each of these dresses is designed from basic, simple shapes that require no difficult or advanced tailoring, and will be flattering on everyone. You just need the basic template for each dress, and then you can adjust the width using an included formula, and length by simply raising or dropping the hemline. These easy-to-sew and easy-to-fit cute dresses will quickly become staples in your wardrobe.

#### **Sew Many Dresses, Sew Little Time** Kyle Books

Scandinavian fashion has long been admired for its stylish, clean-lined, interesting cuts and aesthetic. Breaking the Pattern is the first authentic dressmaking book that showcases the beauty and uniqueness of Scandinavian style. Complete with stunning photography, clear illustrations and instructions this book will show you how to create a coherent capsule wardrobe – complete with a collection of 10 garments that are easy to make, wear, and combine with each other. From the Finnish sewing duo behind the dressmaking fashion label Named, Laura and Saara offer up an enticing selection of tops, dresses, skirt and trousers for the modern seamstress. You will build your skills as you work through the book and with plenty of variations suggested for each garment, there's lots of room for you to add your own personal touches and quirks to each design. Taking you beyond the patterns featured in this book, Breaking the Pattern will inspire you to not only build on your sewing repertoire but to grow in confidence with your own sewing. Patterns come in a range of sizes from US sizes 4 to 16, with concise information of measuring yourself and finding the perfect fit. Full size pattern sheets are included in this neat package, perfect for the contemporary dressmaker.

#### *Sweet Dress Book* Interweave

Fresh from Bunka, the Japanese publisher of Pattern Magic and Drape Drape, comes this stylish book for home sewers. Sweet Dress Book comes with six patterns you can use to make 23 different stylish outfits. An entire wardrobe in one little book!

From these simple patterns, Yoshiko Tsukiori has created a collection of beautiful garments that you can easily make yourself, including blouses, camisoles, shifts, kimonos, coats, dresses, pants, and playsuits. These easy-to-follow patterns present a variety of designs and techniques that you can choose to incorporate, such as French sleeves, darts, straight-cut designs, and raglan sleeves, along with stylish detailing such as shirring and ruffles.

#### *Pattern Fitting With Confidence* Laurence King Publishing

*Gertie Sews Jiffy Dresses* is Gretchen Hirsch's modern reinvention of a simple idea, focusing on easily mastered sewing skills, minimal pattern pieces, and fabulous designs. "Gretchen 'Gertie' Hirsch is a passionate home seamstress, a sought-after sewing teacher, and the creator of one of the web's most popular sewing blogs." —Creativebug In the '50s and '60s, Simplicity released their popular line of Jiffy sewing patterns, which had minimal pattern pieces and simple constructions, yet were chic enough for fashion-conscious customers. This approach appeals now more than ever to stylish women who are continuously looking for ways to fit their love of sewing into busy lives packed with family, work, school, and countless other obligations. With the lessons offered here, you can make a Popover Dress, Chemise Dress, Swirl Dress, Boatneck Dress, and Patio Dress. Everything you need is included: pattern maps, finished garment measurements, and more. And the best part? Readers will end up with a sparkling wardrobe of easy-to-wear, fun-to-style dresses that will fill busy modern lives with retro charm. Chapters include: Supplies and Tools Fabrics Getting Ready to Sew Dress Construction: The Basics Dress Construction: Essential Skills Trims and Flourishes Fitting Hirsch writes in her introduction, "So why did I write this book? Because I want to show that it's possible to cultivate real sewing skills without spending days or even weeks on a project. Sewing more projects means more practice!" The vintage aesthetic of these projects will appeal to beginner and expert crafters alike. They stand on their own as great examples of retro fashion. They aren't just simple sewing projects. So, don't wait. Start sewing! Includes color photographs and illustrations Also available: *Gertie Sews Vintage Casual* *Gertie's Ultimate Dress Book* *Gertie's New Book for Better Sewing* *Gertie's New Fashion Sketchbook*

#### **Sew Beautiful** Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

Make six classic garments and create a stylish multi-layered wardrobe from scratch. Full-size patterns are provided for a neat vest with a boxer back detail, an elegant bias-cut long-sleeved dress, a simple long gathered skirt with a drawstring waist, a batwing wrap top, an oversized drop-shoulder jacket and a pair of classic wide leg trousers. By choosing seasonal cloth, the versatility of these projects can be enjoyed from the first hint of spring to the end of winter. The aim of this book is to move beyond simplicity and dare the maker to develop new skills. With variations for tops, dresses, shorts and a coat, our precise step-by-step instructions and inspiring photography will enable you sew with confidence. The reward will be an all season, multi-layer wardrobe by your own hand. We hope you, the reader, are ready for this set of challenges and willing to pace yourselves through the more complicated garments. Full-size patterns for all six garments are included, ready to be traced off and put to good use immediately. Make fashion work.

#### Sewing for Plus Sizes Pavilion

You can create a designer wardrobe for just pennies when you let Ann Person teach you the tips and tricks of sewing with knit fabrics. Learn to make tops, sweaters, cardigans, pants, and skirts with a conventional sewing machine and modern serging techniques. Includes 100s of illustrations and diagrams. Almost all knit fabrics are covered.

[Sewing Your Perfect Capsule Wardrobe](#) MacMillan

Provides instructions for sewing twenty-one wardrobe essentials, including dresses, blouses, skirts, and jackets.

**House of Pinheiro's Work to Weekend Wardrobe** Taunton Stylish Dress Book features a selection of beautiful clothes that you can wear every day. Using simple shapes and individual details, this book shows you how to craft a stylish collection of garments to your own taste. For anyone who knows the frustration of going to the mall and finding racks of identikit clothes in cheap fabrics, this book offers a fabulous homemade alternative. As every sewist knows, DIY fashion is the best way to be stylish. What makes these Japanese sewing books different from other guides on the market is the simplicity of the projects. The instructions come through a series of simple, step-by-step diagrams, so the sequence of construction is easy to follow. The book also includes four actual-size patterns. Choose from 26 different garments and then set to work to make your own unique outfit.

[Building the Pattern](#) Page Street Publishing

"20 crocheted garments and accessories for plus-size women. Easy to use with lay-flat wire-o binding, stitch detail photos, project specs at a glance. Includes crochet basics section with step-by-step photos"--Provided by publisher.

[Stylish Dress Book](#) David and Charles

Imagine it. Make it! You don't need to be a designer or pattern maker to create and sew the dress of your dreams. Let Liesl Gibson, founder and designer of Oliver + S sewing patterns, show you how to alter the elements of a pattern to make exactly the dress you imagine. *Oliver + S Building Block Dress: A Sewing Pattern Alteration Guide* shows you how to customize all the elements of a basic dress pattern. With the included Building Block Dress pattern and Liesl Gibson's detailed pattern alteration instructions, you'll learn how to create almost any dress you can imagine. Let Liesl show you how to change sleeves, silhouettes, pockets, necklines, hems, closures, and linings. By combining the elements presented in the book, you'll be able to make thousands of unique dresses. The only limit is your imagination! Use the skills you learn in this book to customize other patterns as well. With these techniques, you'll look at sewing patterns as just the starting point for your creative expression.

[BurdaStyle Modern Sewing - Wardrobe Essentials](#) Fons & Porter Books

The latest book from the pattern cutting series from the Bunka Fashion College in Japan, school of Yohji Yamamoto. Includes 17

fashionable and achievable designs, with easy-to-follow step-by-step instructions and diagrams that guide the reader through the draping process. With a folded pattern at the back, this book provides inspiring ideas and highly practical techniques for anyone wanting to learn about draping.

[The Colette Sewing Handbook](#) Laurence King Publishing

Includes text from the previously published title, *Fit for real people*.

**I Am Cute Dresses** Quadrille Publishing

Connie Crawford would like to introduce you to this new up-to-date edition of *Patternmaking Made Easy*. The strength of *Patternmaking Made Easy* is the visually apparent instructional layout. Continuity between frames is clear. Each concept is laid out seamlessly on one page or facing pages. Yet each pattern process is complete and hasn't sacrificed detail at the expense of instruction. Each subject is approached thoroughly with simple directness so that the average student may enjoy this logical journey into the world of fashion. Connie's drafting techniques are the same REQUIRED methods in the fashion industry. She demonstrates pants for smaller and mature figures, princess seams, plackets, bustiers, knit designs, lingerie and tailoring -- just to name a few. All the techniques needed to draft flat patterns for bodices, skirts, pants, jackets, and sleeves are in this mammoth 459 page, spiral bound hardback. It will provide patternmakers with the means to execute all of their creative ideas in a nearly infinite variety of clothing styles.

[Drape Drape](#) Full-Figure Fashion

Full-Figure Fashion Penguin

[Sewing Clothes Kids Love](#) Creative Publishing International

With her "choose-your-own-adventure" approach to sewing, Tanya Whelan offers an invaluable collection of patterns that empowers sewers to become designers. The trick is a set of patterns for 6 skirts and 8 bodices that line up perfectly at the waist, plus an additional 4 sleeve styles and 4 necklines. Tanya gives readers clear instructions and easy-to-follow step-by-step diagrams that allow them to use the enclosed pattern pieces to create up to 219 fitted dresses, including simple strapless designs, sheaths, and halter gowns. The book covers basic dress construction and altering techniques for women of all shapes and sizes.

[Ahead of the Curve](#) Quadrille Publishing

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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