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Don McCunn : How to Make Sewing Patterns, second edition before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised How to Make Sewing Patterns, second edition:

33 of 35 people found the following review helpful. This really IS the only pattern book you needBy Gifted GrownupI'm afraid I cannot be a "verified purchaser" because I've owned my copy of this book for more than 27 years! I got it when I became a stitcher in a major theater's costume shop, and I have relied on it for all my sewing since then. I've looked at countless other books purporting to be manuals on pattern drafting, and this is still the most accurate, thorough and easy to follow of them all. Mr. McCunn understands, and clearly explains, the fundamental requirement for making clothing patterns - that is, we are seeking to bend and manipulate an essentially 2-dimensional object (flat fabric) to conform to a 3-dimensional surface (the body) while taking into account the structural properties of the fabric such as grain line. Too many DIY pattern-making books skip the fundamentals and attempt to just flat-draft or drape up an approximation of the garment shape, with the result that grain line fights body contours, garment

shape does not follow and flatter body shape, and design lines fight against fabric properties. Mr. McCunn's architectural approach to pattern drafting results in garments with their own built-in structural integrity that functions in harmony with the body beneath. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Maria A. Schweizer Everything perfect! 18 of 18 people found the following review helpful. which finally fell apart from love and overuse By Nancy Lindquist Clearly written, instructive for not just making patterns, but adjustments. This is my go-to pattern advice and creation book. I am not educated in pattern design, but I am self taught and have created several pieces for myself using the old edition, which finally fell apart from love and overuse. This edition has more information. I do think it's a great place to start with your own designs, but you need to know how to sew first. It's an addition to your skills, not the tell-all book of sewing your patterns. It's just what I wanted and it's a classic for a reason. I love it so much, that I keep it close and available in my craft room at all times.

How to Make Sewing Patterns solves the mysteries of pattern drafting with easy, step-by-step instructions and clear line drawings that show how to create custom-fit garments in a wide range of designs. The book's detailed instructions on measuring and fitting include do-it-yourself photographs as well as directions for creating custom dress forms. Don McCunn has certainly mastered pattern drafting and fitting a wide range of bodies. Whether or not you have taken pattern drafting in a class, this book is a good reference in a very readable style. I especially liked the exacting instructions on taking measurements on the body and the solution for side seams which are not perpendicular to the floor. --Sandra Betzina, the power behind Power Sewing. Author of 10 books, a syndicated column for 37 years, and a host of her own show on HGTV for 6 years. Beyond the impressive range of material in How to Make Sewing Patterns is the author's obvious concern that readers understand what they are doing and why. There are many helpful tips throughout the book, some quite clever and unexpected. The section on drafting a sloper contains excellent explanations of the various body contours, measuring, and fitting. Text, drawings, and photos of the human body from every angle illustrate the various interrelated contours and just how a pattern accommodates them. He even gives detailed instructions on how to measure and fit yourself. --Threads Magazine McCunn's book dispels the mysteries of pattern drafting, an area which was once the province of the couturier. A do-it-yourself text in which lessons build upon one another, this book provides detailed guides to creating patterns. --Library Journal The most readable pattern drafting book I've found. The drawings are the simplest line drawings possible but executed with concise purpose. --Whole Earth Catalog Donald McCunn leads the beginning seamstress or the advanced into pattern drafting via a thorough introduction. He shows that drafting is easy if each step is clearly related to the final outcome and if the drafter visualizes what he or she is doing. --Christian Science Monitor