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clothes, etc) give you patterns for clothes that I consider dowdy and granola, and there's not a super amount of versatility in the offerings. This book shows you how to take existing patterns and customize fit and aesthetics (increasing or moving bust darts, adding collars, adjusting sleeves, etc) before you start cutting fabric. It also shows you how to create your own patterns from scratch, from these doohickeys called pattern blocks. I didn't even know pattern blocks existed, but after reading about how they allow you to make customizable, perfectly-fitting clothes, I now believe they are the key to my happiness. I assume that there are no other reviews because this book is new (2010), but SERIOUSLY, BUY THIS BOOK! And overlook my excessive parentheses!!! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Received in great condition and in timely manner By Customer Very thorough book on patterns and adjustments that I own. Received in great condition and in timely manner. Would definitely recommend to other sewers. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent By agj Great reference book. Easy to read. Lots of pictures for learning how to adjust clothing fit. Just what I wanted

An accomplished fashion designer shows women who make their own garments how to improve on store-bought sewing patterns by adjusting the clothing items length and other details to reflect personal taste and create a custom fit. The books opening chapters present an illustrated guide to the tools, equipment, and fabrics needed for making garments, while also serving as a miniature textbook to teach basic sewing techniques. Chapters that follow offer detailed instruction in adapting and altering a store-bought pattern to suit individual tastes. Alterations include adding flare, and modifying the shapes of bodices, arm holes, neck lines, sleeves, and skirts. The books concluding chapters instruct on designing ones own patterns from scratch. Author Lee Hollahan demonstrates to her readers that once they understand how to adapt a store-bought pattern, they are well on their way to custom designing their own wardrobe. More than 500 instructive illustrations.

"Any general interest library or needlework collection will find this a popular pick!" --The Midwest Book About the Author Lee Hollahan teaches pattern cutting in fashion and fashion textiles at the University of West of England, Bristol. She has designed costumes for TV, film, and the stage, and she frequently lectures on the subjects of pattern construction and the history of fashion.