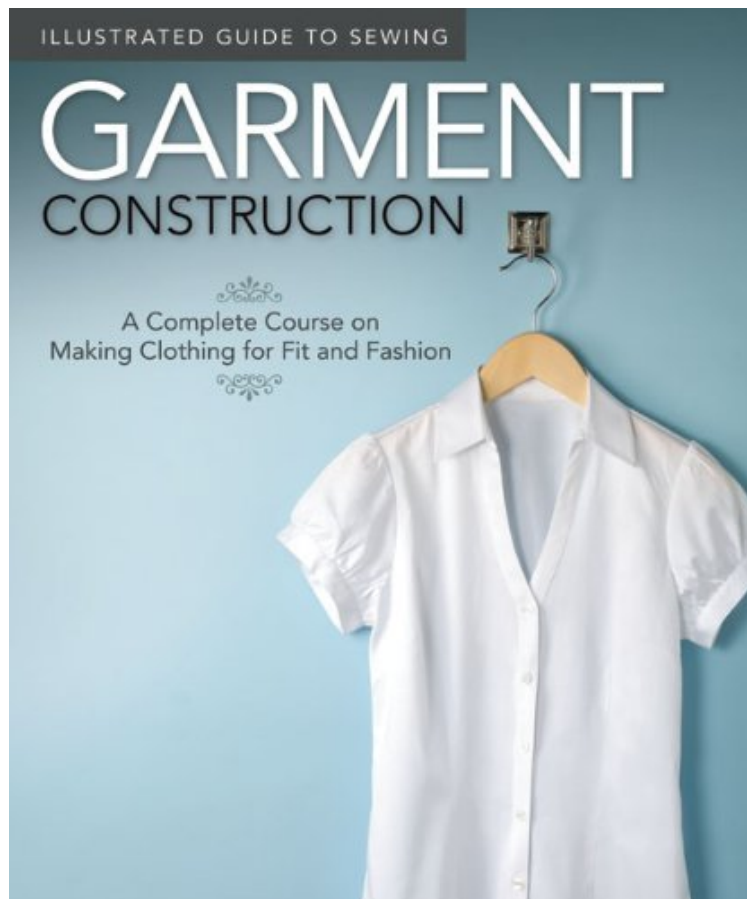


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Not quite "complete" if they're talking about "Garment Construction" but still fantastic! By J. Eisenreich So, I bought this because I've been learning to sew and, specifically, wanting to focus on men's clothing (I'm learning for practical reasons, and being as my husband and I are both men, it's more practical to focus on men's clothes!) and this seemed like a nice, inexpensive, first book (repeat: FIRST... not "only") that covered the absolute basics... no flair, no "fashion"... just a very simple base from which to grow. I'm using it in conjunction with sewing lessons that I am lucky enough to be taking with an AMAZING instructor here in Redwood City, and the book is pretty darned good in conjunction with her help! I'd definitely recommend it as an

optional text, but supplement it... heavily...16 of 17 people found the following review helpful. Not Much Fit or FashionBy CassandraWIf you're looking for a basic construction book, this will do. There are few photos; most of the illustrations are colored drawings. This book touches on only basic fit issues. Most of it is spent on basic construction. If you're looking for photos instead of illustrations, try Sandra Betzina's Power Sewing or any book from the Sewing Companion Library. The price is nice for this book. If you're looking for help with fitting challenges or current fashion ideas and trends, this is not your book.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Love this bookBy Carly CLove this book. Bought it as a helper, have been quilting, would like to sharpen my dormant apparel sewing skills!

Learn how to make all the building blocks of a great wardrobe. A perfect book for those who want to make their own clothing for style, fit, or just for fun.

Pros: step-by-step colour photos for everything, left and right handed instructions for hand sewing, progresses through basics to quite advanced techniques Cons: some later instructions may be hard to follow without referring to the accompanying photos and even the glossary The Illustrated Guide to Sewing: Garment Construction is a great guide for beginner and intermediate sewers who want to give their sewing a more professional look. It starts with the basics, touching briefly on some machine and hand sewing techniques, fabric preparation and essential notions. It assumes some knowledge and suggests reading through your sewing machine guide if you're a complete beginner before starting with this book. This book teaches garment construction specifically. From the hand stitching techniques of basting (to check fit before sewing) to hemming, the book moves on to the correct construction order for garments and then to professional style finishing techniques. Each set of instructions is accompanied by a series of full colour photographs with the different steps numbered for reference. The photos certainly help with clarity. Actual beginners will find themselves flipping to the glossary at the back of the book and to earlier sections where some procedures are given in more detail. I imagine many of the techniques taught (as with everything skill related) take time and practice to master. The book recommends taking extra time with pre-sewing adjustments to ensure that you only sew once to create flattering, well constructed garments. And this is certainly a great book to help you achieve your sewing goals.I own a lot of books about sewing and fashion, but rarely do I just sit down and read them. Mostly I use them when I need to know something specific. For this one, however, I actually sat down and looked through it from cover to cover and noted some of the things that differentiate this from other books. This book is for a beginner and they do a very thorough job of taking you through the construction of a garment. Some of the things that stood out to me: - Explanations of the different type of machine stitches. That's usually only in the manuals that come with the machine - The illustrations of hand sewing were very detailed and helpful -Assurances that space shouldn't be an issue when setting up your sewing area -Guide to the use of color and pattern to enhance different body types. That's usually in books about fashion, not sewing -Detail about how to straighten fabric and concise and clear instructions on preparing fabric to sew -Rudimentary instructions for altering patterns made the process seem not so intimidating -Directions on pinning patterns to fabric and matching plaids and checks. Good for those of us who are slaves to the pattern instructions -Shows how to assemble five basic garments based on logic not pattern instructions -Includes men's clothing -After showing basics, goes into more details with seams, zippers, pockets, etc. Good for a beginner and also a great addition to any sewing library.Not for the outright beginner, these books provide in-depth instruction on creating classic wardrobe basics and professional clothing for both men and women. Readers learn how to select patterns that fit their body shape and measurements, choose fabrics, and construct seams, cuffs, collars, and waistbands.New stitchers or those looking for a refresher course in garment sewing will find this title particularly useful as it provides a step-by-step guide to making a basic wardrobe of clothes designed to flatter and fit. Using classic sewing techniques it guides the reader through each stage required to make a dress, shirt, blouse, skirt and women's/men's trousers with detailed sections on seams, hems, closures, sleeves, collars, pockets, hems and facings. Presented as a photo guide it is easy to follow and improve skills while learning the basics of hand and machine stitching, working with patterns, adjusting to fit, assembling and finishing. All in all, a great introduction for those looking to progress to advanced techniques or who want to boost their wardrobe with some wellfitting staples.' a great introduction for those looking to progress to advanced techniques or who want to boost their wardrobe with some well fitting staples.'From the Back CoverExpert Techniques to Take You from So-So Sewing to Professional Quality Regardless of the fashion details, all clothes are meant to be worn on the body- to be moved in, sat in, breathed in, walked in- and this relationship of design to fit and movement remains the basic factor in their overall construction. The more you understand about how clothes are cut and shaped and how you can contribute to their fit and quality by using the proper sewing techniques, the more satisfying your sewing will become. The Illustrated Guide to Sewing: Garment Construction will teach you how to make the building blocks of a great wardrobe- pants, blouse, skirt, dress, shirt- as well as learn how to choose and sew garments that flatter your figure and reflect your personal style. From learning how to take proper measurements, to choosing fabric and adjusting patterns, you will learn the basic order of construction as well as the details of assembly. Chapters on elements such as sleeves, collars, waistbands, hems, and more provide valuable insight on how each pieces are created and joined to the whole. Mastering and understanding

these sewing techniques will enable you to produce clothes that are of a professional quality. Timeless Sewing Techniques that Never Go Out of Fashion The Illustrated Guide to Sewing Series teaches the classic techniques that have been employed by seamstresses and designers for years. Whether making a tailored suit, a little black dress, or custom drapery- this series covers everything you need to know about choosing fabric, taking measurements, altering patterns, fitting, design, and more. Other books in the series include: Couture Techniques Tailoring About the Author Fox Chapel Publishing publishes books, magazines, patterns, and videos for do-it-yourself enthusiasts. We inspire and inform readers who enjoy a variety of crafts and hobbies, including woodworking, arts and crafts, home garden, outdoor projects, cooking and much more. Our greatest joy comes from working with talented craftspeople to make their designs and techniques available for everyone who shares the love of creating things by hand. We publish two magazines, Woodcarving Illustrated and Scroll Saw Woodworking Crafts, and have over 1000 backlist titles including Design Originals, Heliconia Press, and Plain White Press imprints. Peg Couch is an amateur seamstress and Editorial Director at Fox Chapel Publishing. She served as the style editor for Tree Craft and the editor for the Illustrated Guide to Sewing Series.