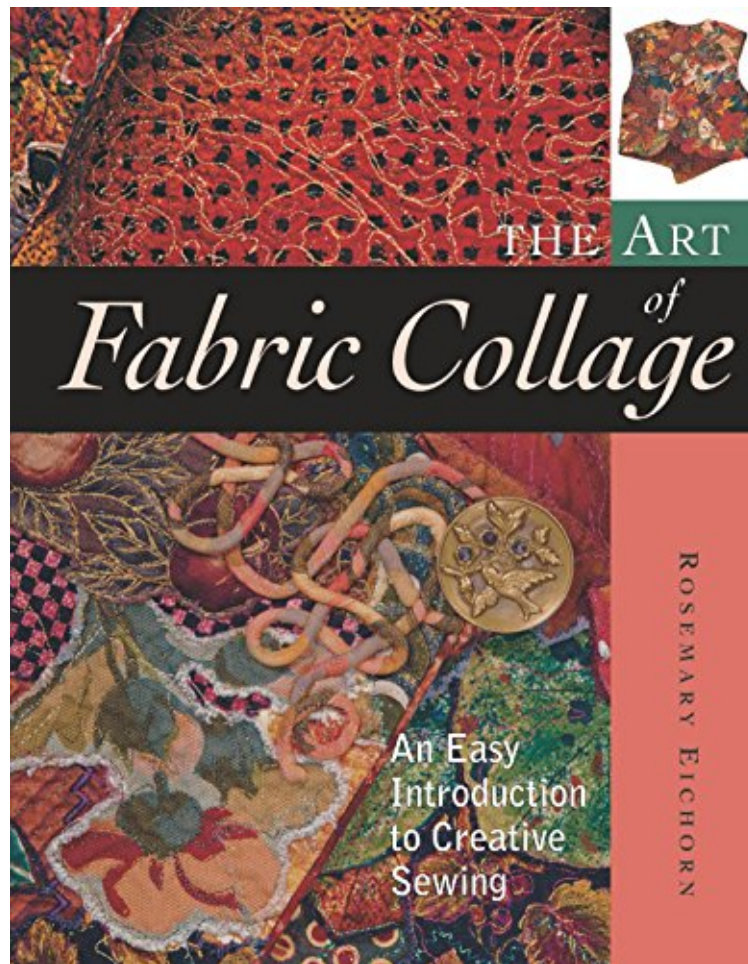


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**Rosemary Eichorn : The Art of Fabric Collage: An Easy Introduction to Creative Sewing** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Art of Fabric Collage: An Easy Introduction to Creative Sewing:

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have been looking at my curtains and household linens with a speculative gleam in my eye--this method does not limit you to using just quilter's cottons. In fact, many of the techniques and ideas in the book can carry over to other art forms. I am using her ideas and processes in paper collage as well. All in all, this book is one of the best investments a fiber artist can make. 72 of 72 people found the following review helpful. Eichorn's "renegade sewing" By Virginia Brubaker  
The Art of Fabric Collage: An Easy Introduction to Creative Sewing is one of those books that can change the way you look at sewing, at fabrics, and at wearable art. She gives clear instructions and never intimidates. It's easy to see that she has taught these techniques to other sewers, as she answers the questions you were about to ask. She talks about fabric collage as being "renegade sewing" instead of the "grown-up sewing" that we learned in home ec. She really sets you free to play and create. I'm hooked; just finishing my first collaged vest, and beginning to plan some more. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Awesome book! It has everything I was looking for ... By Customer  
Awesome book! It has everything I was looking for regarding how to get started doing fabric collages. It has some excellent examples of very trendy and artistic clothing that one can make even though the book is over 10 yrs. old. The pattern designs included in the book are very helpful when trying to adjust them to fit your body. I have been building my library with books about fabric embellishing, fabric collage and wearable art and can say that this is the best book I have come across so far. I will be looking for something else by the same author!

Fabric collage is a new method of quilting that gives every sewer the ability to express personal creativity while learning innovative sewing techniques. In *The Art of Fabric Collage*, designer Rosemary Eichorn uses a friendly, personal approach to show how to move beyond traditional quilting into a fascinating area she herself pioneered. Eichorn gives readers tips on experimenting with color, design, and fabric in creating their own distinctive fabric collages. Instructions are included for a variety of surface design techniques, from free-motion stitching and soft-edge applique to continuous-strip prairie points and intriguing closures. She shows step by step how to use fabric collage to create artful vests, jackets, quilts, wall hangings, and more. Advice on how to adapt garment patterns for a variety of figure-flattering styles and construction techniques is also included.

From *Library Journal* Eichorn argues that anyone with access to a sewing machine that will accommodate free-motion sewing can learn creative fabric collage techniques. Fabric collage combines sewing, quilting, machine applique, and embroidery to create a unique textile piece attached to a background fabric. When washed and dried in a home washing machine/dryer, this one-of-a-kind collage blooms into a fabric that can be used as a focal point in vests, coats, jackets, etc. In this beautifully illustrated manual, Eichorn walks the reader step by step through choosing fabrics, finding design inspiration, preparing the fabrics, creating the collage, and incorporating it into garments. She pays particular attention to quality finishing techniques, including lining fabric collage garments, choosing appropriate closures, and adding tassels, prairie-point edgings, and shisha mirrors. An excellent choice for public libraries and textile collections. Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc.  
About the Author Eichorn was awarded the Grand Prize in the 1995 Sulky Challenge and has a fabric-collage ensemble included in the 1997 Fairfield Fashion Show. She was also a participant in the 1998 *Threads Magazine* Design Challenge.