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Best Upcycling Book

The Re:Fashion Wardrobe is the indispensible guide to sewing your own sustainable capsule wardrobe and has won the title of Best Upcyling Book!

Here's what judge, Stuart Hilliard, had to say:

"The Re:Fashion Wardrobe' doesn't disappoint! It includes some really stylish and simple to make garments, and most importantly they would be easy to reproduce so very achievable too. The book is beautifully shot and laid out; it's stylish, simple and sustainable. I love it!'



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Best New Author

Portia Lawrie

Portia Lawrie is a predominantly self-taught dressmaker and designer who has been passionate about recycling for most of her life and we're thrilled that she has been named Best New Author in this year's awards!

Here's what judge, Stuart Hilliard, had to say:

'I am super proud of Portia! I was one of the judges who crowned her "Dressmaker of the Year" in 2017 and have always been impressed by her talent, skills and her ability to design and make such stylishly wearable clothes'

Best Sewing Book

The best-selling sewing bible from Helen Rhiannon, Dressmaking: The Easy Guide, has been crowned Best Sewing Book in this year's awards!

In this comprehensive, informative book, Helen explains how to create beautiful, customised dresses for every shape and size. Choose the exact size that fits and flatters you using a bespoke sizing chart that takes into account differences in body size across bust, waist and hips.

Helen Rhiannon is an award-winning designer specializing in bespoke wedding dresses. She regularly runs sewing workshop, teaching people how to make items such as bags, toys and garments.



The judge, Lucy Jobber, had this to say:

'This is a really comprehensive guide that beginners through to advanced dressmakers can learn from – Helen's expertise and passion for sewing shines through. It's excellent value for money in terms of content – there are over 100 pages of clear step-bystep photography and diagrams, as well as full-scale patterns at the back so that readers can put the techniques they've learnt straight into action. The full-scale patterns also offer a diverse size range and a variety of shapes to suit all style preferences!'

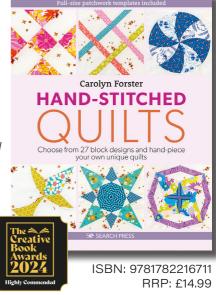
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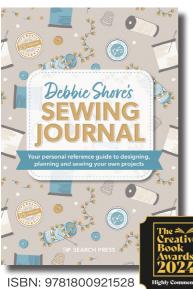
We're delighted this fantastic guide to patchwork from Carolyn Forster was highly commended in the Best Sewing Book category!

The judge, Lucy Jobber, had this to say:

'This book is excellent value for money with 27 block designs included, as well as full-size patchwork templates at the back. The blocks range from easy to more complex designs so it will appeal to every level of quilter. Every block has a clear diagram for piecing, step by step photos, instructions and ideas for bringing it all together at the back. I thought the idea from Forster of gluing each shape onto card, cutting it out, and then using the piece to trace and cut that shape from fabric was particularly clever.'



Best Journaling Book



SBN: 9781800921528 RRP: £15.99 Sewing superstar Debbie Shore's innovative sewing journal was highly commended in the Best Journaling Book category!

Here's what judge Julie Peasgood had to say:

'Beautifully presented on quality paper, Debbie Shore's warm personality, understanding and extensive personal experience permeate every page. Two books in one, it not only contains indispensable advice about everything sewing related, interspersed with lovely photographs and witty poems, but it also provides plenty of space to keep a record of all your own ideas, projects, swatches and achievements. An innovative book from the ever-popular Debbie, this is a journal to cherish.'