

# The Beginner's Guide to Dressmaking

## Sewing Techniques and Patterns to Make Your Own Clothes

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#### Description

This is the ultimate guide to how to make your own clothes even if you have never done so before. As well as step-by-step instructions for 14 key dressmaking techniques, there are six classic, wearable garments to choose from. Included are full-scale multi-sized paper patterns for all 6 garments so you can get started immediately.

The garments include a maxi dress/skirt, jersey top, simple jacket, trousers, fishtail skirt and a shift dress. The author has also included an additional section on ways to modify the basic patterns using ideas such as pockets and collars which you can choose to add to the basic patterns as your skills improve. Pattern pieces for these customising ideas are also included on the pull-out pattern sheets.

Written by a fashion industry professional and qualified teacher who has been teaching people to sew for 7 years, you will be guided through each project step-by-step and be making your own new wardrobe of perfectly fitting clothes in no time.

#### **About the Author**

Wendy Ward has worked as a designer in the fashion industry since 2000 for a range of companies from niche retailers to large high street chains, including Matalan and M&S. In 2007 Wendy started teaching dressmaking, pattern cutting and textiles for adults. She has a degree in Fashion Design, an M.A. in Design and is a fully qualified teacher. In 2012 Wendy opened MIY Workshop in Brighton and launched the first of her own design sewing patterns. Wendy is also a member of the Society of Designer Craftsmen. She is a regular contributor to Sewing World Magazine and her first book My Fashion Label about fashion design for kids was published in 2014. Her first sewing book for adults The Beginner's Guide to Dressmaking was also published in 2014. Wendy lives in Brighton.