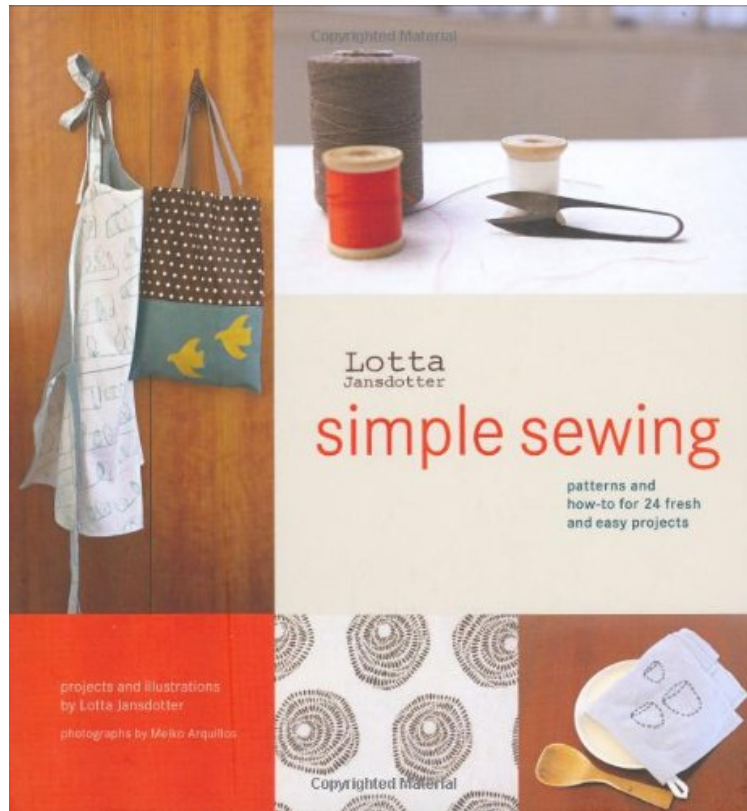


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#480623 in BooksColor: Simple Sewing Chronicle BooksModel: 323645 2007-03-08Original language:EnglishPDF # 1 9.38 x 1.25 x 8.631, 1.91 #File Name: 0811852571144 pagesInstructional craft book for inspiring creativityPopular sewing patterns by designer Lotta JansdotterWritten to help you get started or to learn something newComes with easy to follow instructionsHardcover spiral-bound style with 144 pages | File size: 29.Mb

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before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Lotta Jansdotter's Simple Sewing: Patterns and How-To for 24 Fresh and Easy Projects:

9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. "Simple" projects- but not necessarily the same ones you always see!By R. GilbertJust starting to sew? I bet the first projects you come across in any book or magazine involve pillows and/or tea towels. It gets so old; that sort of thing is a good starting project but it's in every book as though people imagine that new sewers HAVEN'T come across an actual pillow pattern before.You'll find lots of pattern staples for new sewers here- apron, tote bag, pillowcase, etc but the catch is that you actually get patterns and, in addition to the usual suspects, there are lots of patterns you wouldn't expect. The placemat with a chopstick holder? A placemat isn't necessarily unique, but the chopstick holder is interesting and it gives you a chance to try something more than just a simple rectangle shape. The picnic placemat is really fun too and again, it's something that seems like it's easy to think

up but not quite. I also get a kick out of the doorstep pattern; just recently I saw a picture of one almost exactly like that and thought I'd try it and when the book came in, I realized I wouldn't have to search for a pattern. I'm an intermediate sewer at best but I think I can tackle every project in here, though some might take a little more effort than others. The fabric guide at the beginning was pretty helpful, too. I often pick fabrics based on patterns, not based on the makeup of the fabric itself, and that's lead to problems. Knowing the right fabric to pick for a project is helpful and care instructions are even better. Again, like much of the book, it's something that seems like a no-brainer but is actually really important for people who are just getting into sewing. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Good Idea, Less than Stellar Execution By B. Farquhar Jansdotter's style and ideas are wonderful: simple, practical, aesthetically appealing. However, I've had to make adjustments for the patterns/projects I've made. The instructions for the tote bag were slightly off, the apron pattern is slightly off in places (easy to adjust and finished product is super cute), and so forth. I'm still interested in making other projects from this book, but I'm less confident in the instructions themselves. One final note: much of the projects in this book are the usual: dishtowel with hanging loop, simple tote bag, apron, pot holder, placemat (although with a cool "cutlery pocket" for the picnic ones and chopstick pocket option), etc. Patterns are included in front pocket of book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good beginner project book for the young hip new to sewing By J. B. Green I bought this book for my sister as a gift. She has never sewn before and I gave her my old beloved sewing machine to learn on. This book has VERY basic, beginner projects to work on that will give you the practice you need to become comfortable with sewing. My only advice is to dig hard for interesting fabrics to make these projects with: if you love the fabric print, you will stay interested in what you're working on. (Don't be afraid to scout the quilting section of your sewing store either). Another great, contemporary sewing book for a beginner is *Seams to Me: 24 New Reasons to Love Sewing* by Anna Maria Horner - has a nice quick explanation of sewing basics at the beginning of the book. If you have experience sewing... this book will be too simple and not challenging enough for you.

Internationally celebrated designer Lotta Jansdotter collects 24 of her most popular sewing patterns into one irresistible collection. Our innovative packaging makes for easy use reusable pattern sheets are neatly tucked into a folder inside this full-color, lay-flat spiral bound book. Lotta has included patterns for handy tote bags, smart aprons, chic bed linens, and much more. Each project is paired with step-by-step instructions, charming photographs, inspiring design ideas, and helpful, hand-drawn how-to illustration everything you need to make whimsical pieces for the home and beyond. Best of all, there's nothing complicated about the projects. Never has simplicity looked so sophisticated.

About the Author Scandinavian-born Lotta Jansdotter is a self-taught designer. She works from her studio in Brooklyn, New York, where she sells her products and designs online and to hundreds of stores worldwide. Meiko Arquillos is a photographer based in San Francisco who grew up in Tokyo.