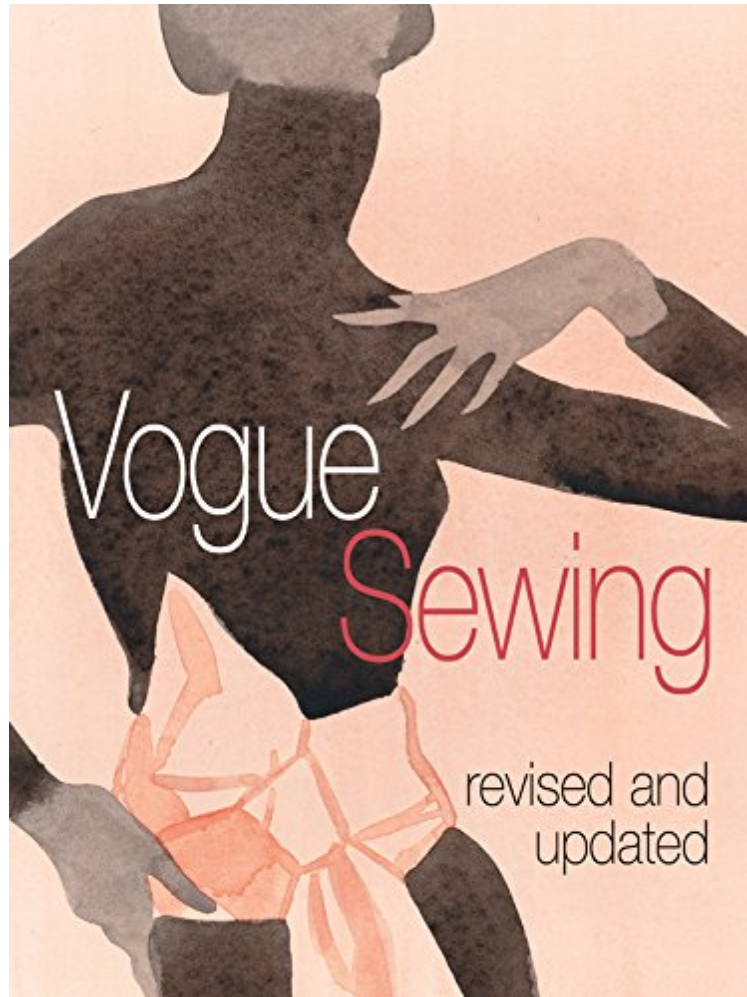


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**Vogue Knitting Magazine : Vogue Sewing, Revised and Updated** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Vogue Sewing, Revised and Updated:

44 of 45 people found the following review helpful. Good general reference for home sewingBy IreneDAdlerI bought this book based on many recommendations from various popular sewing blogs. This book covers quite a lot of ground on many aspects of home sewing, from determining your figure type and choosing your pattern size, to hand and machine sewing techniques, to basic pattern alterations for fit, to tips for working with difficult fabrics, and ends with a wide selection of tailoring and couture techniques and creative touches. It really is very comprehensive, and just jammed full of information. To fit all that information in this book, I feel like they had to sacrifice a little bit of clarity. For example, all the pattern alteration instructions are illustrated with a single line drawing that gives an overview of the changes being made, and the new lines being drawn on the pattern are highlighted in this really thick orange line

that sometimes obscures other changes being made in the area. The multi-step instructions that have multiple illustrations are also formatted a bit strangely. Each step is a bullet point, and the accompanying illustrations are numbered, but the text never refers to the illustrations by number, and there is not always an illustration for each bullet point, so you just kinda have to figure out which goes with what. It's definitely not an impossible task, and I think you can get all the information presented if you're willing to sit there and digest it for a bit, but it's definitely not the most user-friendly presentation I've ever seen. Nonetheless, this book is definitely a good foundation volume for a home sewing library. I wouldn't say this is the only book you will ever need, but if it is the first sewing book you get, it will build a great foundation for your sewing skills, and take you quite far. You will eventually need more detailed books, such as Claire Shaeffer's *Fabric Sewing Guide* and *Couture Sewing Techniques*, but this book will still remain valuable as a general reference. One thing to keep in mind, though, is that this book has a lot of overlap with *The Reader's Digest Complete Guide to Sewing* (or the older edition *Reader's Digest Complete Guide to Sewing*). If you already have one, I don't really think you need the other. I hadn't noticed before, but after I bought and read both books and saw that they were very very similar in content, I realized that most of the bloggers recommend either one or the other, rarely both. I would say the newer edition of the *Reader's Digest Guide* is probably more beginner-friendly, and I think even the older edition that has only line drawings has clearer illustrations and slightly better formatting than the *Vogue* book, but the *Vogue* book is definitely the biggest sewing info bang for the buck because it crams so much in. If you are able, try to borrow both books from a library or a friend and flip through and see which one you like better, because I think it depends a lot on personal preference. If you already own the *Reader's Digest* guide, there is info in the *Vogue* book that is not in the *Reader's Digest* book, but I think it will be better value to invest in more in-depth books on specific subjects rather than get another book that mostly covers the same basic principles. If you buy or already own the *Vogue* book, there is really no reason to get the *Reader's Digest* book unless you just really dislike the instructional style of the *Vogue* book.

9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Pleasantly surprised  
By MareCambI am a self taught home sewer/seamstress. I bought this book at the beginning to help me learn some of the basics (youtube just wasn't cutting it anymore). I didn't find the beginning very useful... only because I hate using commercial patterns. But if you're in need of help in altering patterns this book will be great. It also explains a lot of useful things- like fabric, thread, supplies, etc. The basics. Though, what earned this book 5 stars is at the end of the book- couture finishes. Long story short: I hate unfinished edges so I thought buying a whole serger was the answer to my problems. Sergers are pricey. So I did some research and thinking and realized not all clothing is finished with a serger. I picked up this book, crossed my fingers that it would help me out in some way, and sure enough it did! There is in fact a whole section devoted to putting couture-like finishes on seams, buttons, etc. I was pleasantly surprised, but maybe I shouldn't have since this was published by *Vogue*!

16 of 17 people found the following review helpful. A Must-Have Reference for All Skill Levels  
By NuJoiThis book should really be called the sewing bible. It is a must-have for any sewing library -- beginner, intermediate and advanced. At about 450 pages, there is little it doesn't cover. Best of all, it's dedicated to fashion sewing. No pillows and towels here! This book takes the fashion part seriously. The first chapter is all about fashion and explains things like color, prints, texture, proportion and balance, body profile, etc. I've never seen all of this in a general sewing book before. Construction Basics (darts, pleats, tucks, etc.) and Construction Techniques (bindings, collars, cuffs, pockets, etc.) are where the book starts to get really good. This info is very similar to what you'd find in *The New Complete Guide to Sewing: Step-by-Step Techniques for Making Clothes and Home Accessories Updated Edition with All-New Projects and Simplicity Patterns (Reader's Digest)* and *The Complete Book of Sewing New Edition*. Best of all is a section on pressing. Everyone tells beginning sewists how important pressing is, but there are few resources to tell you how to do it right. This book is one of them -- eight whole pages! Chapter 8 is Advanced Pattern Alterations. You won't get this in any other general sewing book. Those 30 pages are jam-packed. They are sectioned into "Dresses, Skirts, Bodices," "Pants," and "Fitting As You Sew." This will not replace a specialized fitting but, but it's a great start. Fabric That Require Special Handling is a wonderful chapter. It covers leather, suede, synthetic suede and fur in addition to the things you'd expect like knits, sheers, etc. Plaids are handled elsewhere in the book. The Tailoring chapter is very detailed. It's almost 30 pages. It covers the skirt, jacket, interfacing and lining. I love that the book explains what Couture is. It also has sections called "The Shapekeepers" and "The Finest Fastenings" that I really like. However, I think overall, *Threads Sewing Guide: A Complete Reference from America's Best-Loved Sewing Magazine* gives you better info on how to make a couture garment (among the general sewing books). An added bonus in the book is "The vocabulary of Fashion." It's a glossary of fashion terms and has illustrations of the different types of collars, dresses, jackets, necklines, pants, skirts and sleeves. If you are brand new to sewing, this may not be the book to start with, but you'll need it eventually. *The New Complete Guide to Sewing: Step-by-Step Techniques for Making Clothes and Home Accessories Updated Edition with All-New Projects and Simplicity Patterns (Reader's Digest)* takes a much more basic approach. This is a book that will grow with your skill level.

The bestselling guide to sewing gets a freshening up! And it's from *Vogue*: the most respected name in needlework. A trusted classic since 1975, *Vogue Sewing* has remained a consistent bestseller and sewers favorite. Now it's been fully

revised and updated, with the latest information and all-new photographs and illustrations, introduction, and page layout. From choosing a machine to mastering couture techniques, it covers everything stitchers need to know to make professional and fashionable garments. Its certain to remain the premier sourcebook for sewers everywhere. This technique-rich Vogue manual contains comprehensive instructions for understanding pattern markings, selecting fabrics and notions, hand-stitching and mending, pressing, and measuring to fit. Everything beautifully laid out, with charts and detailed explanations. And as it teaches, it also steers you to the right project for your sewing level, with a plethora of photos that showcase different options for both beginners and those more expert with a needle.