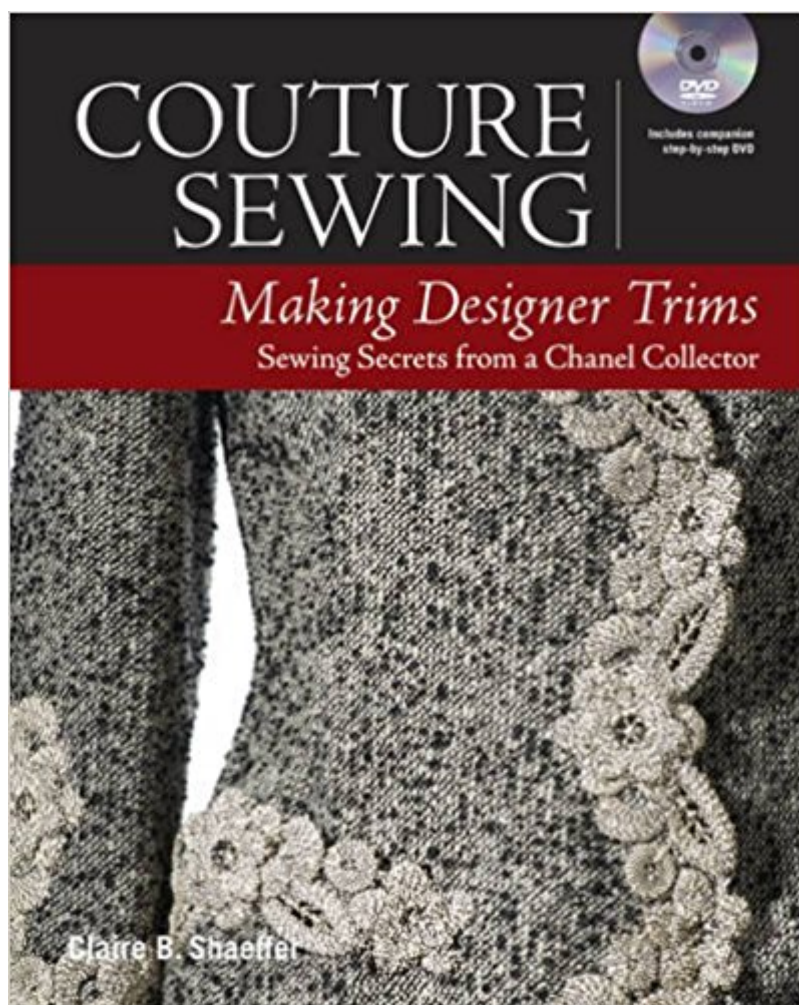


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# Couture Sewing: Making Designer Trims



## Synopsis

The devil is in the details. After spending weeks creating a couture, Chanel-inspired suit it would be a shame to skimp on the trim. Chanel collector and couture sewing expert Claire B. Shaeffer returns with *Couture Sewing: Making Designer Trims* to teach you everything you need to know to create and attach the perfect trim to any outfit. Professional instruction from a renowned fashion expert. This book with DVD set presents the know-how and design-atelier secrets that Shaeffer has developed after a lifetime of collecting and studying Chanel and other couture garments.

With more than 280 photos paired with step-by-step instruction, Shaeffer takes the mystery out of creating designer trims. A 136-minute sewing workshop allows you to sew along with Shaeffer to achieve professional results. The Garment Index offers a sneak-peak into Shaeffer's amazing couture collection and features unique designs by Davidow, Lagerfeld, Herrera, Jablow, and Chanel herself. One outfit, many looks. Learn how to easily swap out one trim for another when you want a fresh look without creating a whole new garment. Among other skills, you'll learn how to:

- Topstitch like a pro to achieve a simple yet elegant trim
- Apply ribbons, prairie points, piping, bands, and braids
- Create intricate seamed, lining, and facing trims
- Make your very own cord-filled piping and crocheted trims

The perfect finish to the perfect suit. Paired with Shaeffer's previous books *Couture Sewing: The Couture Cardigan Jacket* (The Taunton Press, 2013) and *Couture Sewing: The Couture Skirt* (The Taunton Press, 2015), you'll be able to create the perfect Chanel-inspired suit of your dreams.

## Book Information

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Claire Shaeffer is an internationally respected author, lecturer, college instructor and columnist. Her innovative sewing techniques and easy-to-read instructions have guided readers and students through many sewing facets of the garment industry. She wrote the celebrated Couture Sewing Techniques for Taunton Press and has authored and starred in a multitude of successful videos on couture sewing.

This book contains some excellent examples of how to execute couture trims. It also has a few pages on couture clothes, how to spot fakes, real Chanel; I would like to point out that I think Claire B. regurgitates this "history of Chanel" information too often in many of her publications. So if you already have read her information on this, don't expect to find anything really earth shattering here. On the other hand, nice, easy to understand techniques that are within reach of most sewists. Excellent diagrams, and easy to understand written explanations. Includes a CD, too.

The various trim "recipes" look interesting, and I will try them when I get the chance. I haven't looked at the DVD, but I'm sure it's very helpful. I was very disappointed to find out that the cover photo is Chanel, not something that is in the book, no information to knock it off. Did I miss that disclaimer somewhere? Naturally, the trim on the front cover was the reason I purchased. Knowing what I know now, I might not have purchased, depending on my interest in other trims.

I am really enjoying this book and DVD. The reviews from other customers convinced me to purchase this book and I am glad I did. The photos are very good. The DVD is just great. The author demonstrate the techniques very smoothly. Ms Shaeffer collection of Chanel clothing is just outstanding.

THE PHOTOGRAPH ALONG CONVINCED MY TO BUY THIS BOOK. I ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW THE COUTURE TECHNIQUES FOR CONSTRUCTING A SUIT LIKE THE ONE ON THE COVER. I BOUGHT A LOT OF COUTURE SEWING DESIGNER BOOKS THAT WERE NOTHING MORE THE REPEAT OF WHAT I ALREADY KNEW. THE LINE OF BOOKS BY CLAIRE B. SHAEFFER ARE REALLY HIGH END LEVEL UNIQUE AND BEYOND COUTURE TECHNIQUES.

WITH THE PURCHASE OF THESE BOOKS MY KNOWLEDGE OF SEWING ADVANCED TO NEW, EXTRAORDINARY HEIGHTS.

Claire Shaeffer is an incredible teacher of couture sewing. She has great illustrations and shows you step by step instructions. In this book, she shows how to make couture-type trims for clothing that are true to couture. I highly recommend this book if you want to learn about trims.

Look that. Beautiful cover it isn't? But wait until you get inside. So rich book! Plenty of explications and details to embellish any peace of cloth. Believe me and try it!

Really a nice book with lots of good instruction and beautiful trims

Loved this book! All of the tricks and tips are great... not to mention the DVD...it wS so very informative and helpful.

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