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Girls Style Book: [Sewing Book, 24 Patterns]



Synopsis

Sew cute and original clothes for your little girl with this stylish sewing book. Popular Japanese author and designer Yoshiko Tsukiori brings unique new designs and style to the do-it-yourself sewist that make it easy to create the kind of clothes little girls adore. Japanese Sewing book Girls Style Book (in English) offers 24 full-sized patterns in five sizes for some of the cutest dresses, tops, outfits and accessories for girls from ages 4-10. Already loved by aficionados of Japanese fashion, this book has something for every girl's taste: relaxed, comfortable clothes that are as fun to wear as they are to look at. Projects include a wide variety of DIY-sewing dresses, tops and pants. Balloon-skirted dress with matching mini-bag Classic pinafore jumper with matching bolero jacket Pretty A-line tunic with matching pants Straight and simple sun dress Summery camisole top with matching pants and hat The patterns can be adjusted to suit your little girl's shape and size. Clear, concise diagrams and instructions make these children's clothes so easy to sew, the hardest part will be deciding what to make first! There's nothing quite like dressing your little girl in clothes she adores—made with love, made by you.

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"[...] you have to get this book!" —JapaneseSewingBooks.com blog "Each pattern includes instructions, cutting diagrams, and illustrations [...] the diagrams are super helpful." —Sweeter Than Cupcakes blog "This book has 24 fun patterns for dresses, blouses, and

outfits. We decided on dress X since it looked fancy for Easter morning and we loved the flowers on it! We would definitely recommend Girls Style Book for anyone looking for some unique girls clothes patterns." Crafty Moms Share blog

Yoshiko Tsukiori is a graduate of Joshi Bijutsu College. After working in apparel companies Yoshiko became an independent designer. She creates a diverse range of fashionable, easy-to-make clothing, including children's and babies' clothes and women's designer garments. She is the author of the popular Stylish Dress Book.

Recently, I've been starting to sew for my kids, and something I love about Japanese sewing books is the cute, classic and simple designs they contain. This book is no exception! It has a great collection of patterns that are super-cute, but not difficult to sew, and you can't beat the price (seriously, 24 patterns for the price of this one book?! Fabulous!) These are typical Japanese sewing patterns (i.e. a lot of patterns per sheet, and seam allowances need to be added after the patterns are traced out), but there are several ways to accomplish this...if you don't like to trace stuff (i.e. to preserve the original pattern sheets), you could just take it somewhere and have the pattern sheets copied, add some seam allowances, and then cut out what you want from your copies. If you don't mind tracing patterns, an easy way to make a 'light box' so that you can clearly see what you're tracing is to flip a clear plastic under-bed storage box upside down over a light (flashlight, etc.), put the pattern sheet on top (i.e. the bottom side of the box), and trace away... just some ideas to make this task a little easier =) Long story short, as a mom who wants cute and easy patterns to sew for her kids, for a reasonable price, I highly recommend this book!

I am a fan of Japanese pattern books. That means I am used to tracing and adding seam allowance, so that part does not turn me off. In fact, this set of patterns is printed on 3 separate sheets so it's actually easier to see/trace because there are fewer patterns on each sheet. I have made one thing so far, dress A, and it is pretty adorable. There are several other dresses that I am excited to make too, but I find some of the patterns a little too basic/home-made looking (namely the top/shorts sets). I also think they duplicate patterns, so it doesn't feel like you have 24 distinct ones because some tops are basically a shorter version of a dress. That said, this is a nice addition to my pattern book library. I envision I will use it a lot and the patterns that are cute are VERY cute.

This book is tricky mostly because she interchanges her pattern pieces, aka one yoke will be used

on multiple designs, as well as sleeves. This means that all the same pattern pieces for one garment are not in the same place. It was a serious treasure hunt trying to find all the pieces, and the instructions were rather negligible, but I'm used to that with sewing magazines. I used my own techniques anyway. Personally, I love not having seam allowances. That way I can measure the garment and get an idea how it compares to my child's measurements. Also, I like to have various seam allowances where I want them. I just eye it, and that's been fine for me. The dress I made, the little ruffle cap sleeve one was so adorable on my two year old. I have never made anything so universally admired, but that may have been the cupcake fabric I used. I fully lined the top, and the caps, so I didn't use the instructions. It was admittedly a pain in the pattern stages, but the final results well worth the effort.

This is a wonderful book with ideas and patterns to make so many classic outfits. Although I have been sewing for 50 years, I did not think they were at all difficult although not necessarily for beginners either. The wide variety of sizes and alternate looks make this a book I can use nearly forever with only slight modifications to style changes. Highly recommended! Attached photo is for view M, a blouse, that I lengthened into a dress.

Update: started on the pattern for E on page 8. Everything went well until I got to the bag. There are no pattern pieces. The instruction page mentions that you have to draw your own pattern for straight pieces. BUT there is no pattern for the circular bag base, and that is a problem. Love these designs. No pieces missing. Read the first few pages carefully.

The designs included in the books are extremely lovely, but the instructions are too short and hard to follow. At first, upon receiving the books, I felt like I couldn't wait try all the patterns included. But then come the instructions part, it is really hard to understand and I think it is not for a very beginner like me. Quite a disappointment

I am in love with Japanese designs for children. These patterns are very easy, and lack of seam allowance makes them even easier to adapt to children's measurements. They are clear, well marked, and easy to follow. I love their simplicity and elegance. They are also very generic, which allows for lots of own creativity and original look of one's creations. I don't have much experience with sewing and yet I managed beautifully with this book and its patterns.

I have been sewing for 30 years and can read most any pattern, this pattern book is simple in the sewing instructions but NOT when it comes to the patterns the lines are so close that tracing the pattern is difficult and time consuming, the pattern pieces are hard to locate because of the layout on the sheets. Also you have to add the seam allowance yourself and I hate to have to do that! The patterns are adorable and the fabric she uses complement her designs.

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