



Kids Can Stitch References

Below is a list of sewing books that you can use to teach children, tweens and teens how to sew by hand and/or machine. The books are grouped into categories: Doll Sewing, hand and Machine Sewing, Quilting, and Smocking. I have given you a short synopsis of each book, the ISBN, and the price. Most of these books can still be purchased in bookstores or Amazon. Some are available in Kindle or e-book editions. Your local libraries might also carry many of the books on the list.

As a sewing teacher teaching kids from 5 through adult to sew, I have used many of these books in my classes. If you have a favorite book that I have not mentioned, please let me know and I will add it to my list. Let's get the kids sewing!

Bobbi Smith
Fascination in Fabrics

Doll Sewing

Hentzel, Erin. **Sew in Style: Make your Own Doll Clothes.** C&T, 2014.

- Make, mix, and match super-cute clothes, bags, and jewelry for all your dolls.
- ISBN 978-1-60705-795-6 \$22.95

Hinds, Joan

Joan Hinds has published a number of books for clothes for an 18" doll. Many you might find on Etsy, Amazon, or in your library or used bookstore. Below is a list of books by Joan Hinds.

- **Doll Fashion Studio: Sew 20 Seasonal Outfits for your 18-Inch Doll**
- **Sew the Contemporary Wardrobe for 18-Inch Dolls**
- **Sew the International Wardrobe for 18-Inch Dolls**
- **Sew the Essential Wardrobe for 18" Dolls**
- **Sew Today's fashions for 18-Inch Dolls**
- **Heritage Doll Clothes: Sew 20 American Outfits for Your 18-Inch Doll**

- Sewing secrets for Doll Clothing
- Doll Costume Dress Up
- Sew Baby Doll Clothes
- All Dolled Up
- Doll Clothes for Everyday Play
- Action Wear for Dolls
- Best Doll Clothes Book

Embroidery

Baumeister, Jeannie Downs. Jeannie B's Book of Heirloom Embroidery Designs and Stitches. Book 1

- Great diagrams and descriptions of embroidery stitches and designs.
- \$20.00

Brown, Christen. Embroidery Stitching: Handy Pocket Guide. C&T, 2018.

- Quick and easy reference to over 30 embroidery stitches
- ISBN-13: 978-1-61745-779-1 \$7.95

Cressy, Judith. Bandana-rama: Wrap, Glue, Sew. C&T, 2014.

- Give yourself a total Bandana makeover!
- Make over your clothes and make new stuff with super cute and colorful bandanas.
- ISBN 978-1-60705-921-9 \$21.95

Kim, Maryellen. Ribbon Girls: wind, weave, twist, & tie C&T, 2014.

- 26 easy projects that will get you crafting in no time!
- Fab up all your stuff with just ribbons, buttons, and string!
- ISBN 978-1-60705-987-5 \$14.95

Koolish, Lynn, Kerry Graham, and Mary Wruck. The Wonderful Colorful Wonder Wheel of Color. 2014.

- Great book exploring color!
- Ages 8 and up. Cute hand sewn stuffies for you to try!
- ISBN 978-1-60705-892-2 \$12.95

McLauchlan, Shirley. Girls Get Stitching! C&T, 2013.

- Personalize your clothes, your room, and your stuff!
- 10 embroidery stitches, 20 projects
- ISBN 978-1-60705-833-5 \$21.95

Montano, Judith Baker. Embroidery and Crazy Quilt Stitch Tool. C&T, 2008.

- Compact, take anywhere guide to more than 180 stitches and stitch combinations.

- Use for hand embroidery, silk ribbon embroidery, and crazy quilting.
- ISBN 978-1-57120-533-9 \$22.95

Nicholas, Kristin. **The Amazing Stitching Handbook for Kids.** C&T, 2015.

- 15 easy projects and 17 stitches show you how to personalize all your stuff!
- Great illustrations.
- ISBN 978-1-60705-973-8 \$16.95

Oldham, Todd. **Kids Made Modern: All About Embroidery.** Ammo Books.

- Designer Tod Oldham explores one of the oldest art techniques used to decorate fabrics.
- www.kidmademodern.com
- ISBN 978-193442991-4 \$8.95

Sutcliffe, Kristen. **Fabric Paper Thread: 26 Projects to Stitch with Friends.** C&T. 2013.

- Restitch, Repurpose, Reuse, and Get Crafty!
- ISBN 978-1-60705-715-4 \$21.95

Vodicka-Paredes, Lenka and Asia Currie. **Forest Fairy Crafts.** C&T, 2013.

- 28 Projects to Create and Share.
- Enchanting Fairies and Felt Friends from Simple Supplies.
- Learn easy crafting skills like hand sewing, finger knitting, sewing buttons, beads and sequins and using patterns.
- ISBN 978-1-60705-690-4 \$19.95

Vodicka-Paredes, Lenka A. Currie. **Forest Fairy Crafts Through the Seasons.** C&T_2008.

- 25 Enchanting Forest Fairies, Gnomes, and more to Create and Share.
- Learn easy crafting skills like hand sewing, finger knitting, sewing buttons, beads, and sequins and using patterns.
- ISBN -13 978-1617456619 \$21.95

Hand and Machine Sewing

Benyon, Ali. **Stitched Paper Art for Kids.** C&T, 2014.

- Paper your way to pretty things!
- Mix and Match designs and colors to make fab stuff that is just your style!
- ISBN 978-1-60705-927-1 \$16.95

Figuroa, Shelly. **Ms. Figgy's Garment School for Girls**. C&T, 2015.

- Learn to sew 15 Classic Pieces.
- Create a totally new look by choosing different sleeves, necklines, and lengths on clothes you make yourself!
- Step by step photos guide you through making a new wardrobe.
- Tweens and Teens (11and up) Patterns included Sizes 10 - 16.
- ISBN 978-61745-062-4 \$19.95

Colin, Jennifer Pol. **Sew Creative**. C&T, 2018.

- 13 Projects to Make Your Own with tons of techniques! Ages 8 and up.
- Patterns can be found in the book or available online as PDF's to download and print on your computer.
- ISBN -13 978-1-61745-685-5 \$19.95

Gratz, Wendy with Jo Gratz. **Creature Camp**. C&T, 2013.

- 18 Softies to Draw, Sew, and Stuff.
- Features different shapes, critters, and monsters that get your creativity going while learning to hand and machine sew!
- ISBN 978-1-60705-784-0 \$22.95

Hardy, Emma. **Sewing for Children**. CICO Books, NY. 2010.

- 35 step-by-step projects to help kids aged 3 and up learn to sew.
- ISBN 978-1-907030-23-9 \$19.95

Haxell, Kate. **me and my sewing machine: a beginner's guide**. Stash Books, 2010.

- All the info you need to choose your first sewing machine.
- Detailed step-by-step techniques that make sewing simple.
- Gorgeous projects to get you started.
- ISBN 978-1-60705-078-0 \$22.95

Haxell, Kate. **me and my sewing adventure: an intermediate guide**. Stash Books, 2014.

- Advance your skills in garment, home dec, and accessory sewing with this practical guide.
- Detailed step-by-step techniques that make sewing simple.
- Gorgeous projects to get you started.
- ISBN 978-1-60705-876-2 \$22.95

Kerr, Sophie with Weeks Ringle and Bill Kerr. **A Kid's Guide to Sewing**. C&T, 2013.

- 16 Fun Projects You'll Love to Make and Use
- Ages 11 and Up
- Kid friendly and easy to follow with lots of photos and illustrations.
- ISBN 978-60705-751-2 \$21.95

Lan, Angela. **#OOTD: Outfit OF THE DAY**. Stash Books, 2016.

- From self-motivated, 14-year-old clothing designer and popular blogger behind lovespunk.com
- 6 fashion patterns, ideal for beginners, with styles geared toward tween and teens. Patterns included XS-XL.
- In-depth garment sewing primer with 4 skill-building chapters for a professional, store-bought finish.
- Customize it! How to alter patterns, choose the perfect fabric, and sew Fashion-forward clothes.
- ISBN - 13 978—1-61745-136-2 \$24.95

Long, Abigail A. **Modern Prairie Sewing**. Stash Books, 2014.

- 20 beginner friendly projects
- Follow a pattern, learn to sew, and have a lot of fun making bags, skirts, scarves, quilts, and so much more.
- ISBN 978-1-60705-878-6 \$24.95

Low, Rachel. **Girl's Guide to DIY Fashion**. C&T, 2015.

From mood boards to sewing your own fashion...this is your DIY
Learn how to make hip clothes from a New York City- based author!
Ages 8 and up.
ISBN 978-1-60705-995-0 \$19.95

Milligan, Lynda and N. Smith. **Sewing Fun for Kids: Patchwork, Gifts, & More**. C&T, 2006.

- Project packed companion to Best of Sewing Machine Fun for Kids.
- "... colorful, kid-friendly and packed with information. The projects are easy, fun, and produce things that kids actually think are cool."
Creative Needle
- ISBN 978-1-57120-410-3 \$16.95

Maloney, Brenna. **This is Mouse: An Adventure in Sewing**. C&T, 2014.

- Make Mouse and Friends.
- Travel with Them from Africa to Outer Space!
- 25 easy projects show you how to make your own stuffed animals!
- ISBN 978-1-60705-977-6 \$16.95

Mortenson, Melissa. **Project Teen**. Stash Books, 2014.

- 21 Projects, specifically for teens and tweens (ages 11+) including quilts, T-shirts, tech covers, totes, accessories, and so much more.
- ISBN 978-1-60705-884-7 \$23.95

Perri, Kate. **Easy Singer Style: pattern-free fashions & accessories**. Creative Publishing International, 2007.

- Discover the basics of sewing and move on to making 15 great fashions, accessories, and room accents for yourself or friends.
- Step by step photos for each project.
- ISBN - 13 978-1-58923-312-6 \$21.95

Plumley, Amie P. and Andria Lisle. **Sewing School: 21 Sewing Projects Kids Will Love to Make**. Storey Publishing, 2010.

- Ages 5 and up
- Great book for beginners.
- 21 Kid-tested projects that are fun with clear instructions.
- Most projects are stitched by hand.
- Book includes practical introduction for adults, a glossary, a list of recommended blogs, and sources of tools, supplies, and fabrics.
- ISBN-13 978-1603425780 \$18.95

Plumley, Amie P. and Andria Lisle. **Sewing School 2: Lessons in Machine Sewing; 20 Projects Kids Will Love to Make**. Storey Publishing, 2013.

- Ages 7 and up
- Great book for beginners.
- 20 Kid-tested projects that are fun with clear instructions.
- Graduate from hand-sewing to the endless possibilities of sewing with a machine.
- Learn the basics- threading the machine, feeding the fabric—and then work your way through 20 fun projects that will carry your stuff, keep you warm, and decorate your room.
- ISBN-13 978-1612120492 \$18.95

Plumley, Amie P. and Andria Lisle. **Sewing School Fashion Design: Make Your Own Wardrobe with Mix- and- Match Projects**. Storey Publishing, 2018.

- Specially designed for kids ages 8 - 12

- Master three basic garments- a top, shorts, and a skirt- then pick and choose from fashionable variations to create clothes that show off your personal style
- ISBN-13 978-1612128597 \$18.95

Smith, Nancy and Lynda Milligan. **The Best of Sewing Machine Fun for Kids**. C&T, 2003.

- 13 kid-friendly projects teach children aged 7 and up how to sew.
- Projects build on skills learned as kids work their way through the book.
- Games, puzzles, and stitching practice allow kids to learn at their own pace.
- Easy to follow instructions and safety precautions.
- "Helper Star" notes offer guidance for the adults in charge.
- ISBN 1-57120-254-4 \$16.95

Trail, Sara. **Sew with Sara**. C&T, 2009.

- Teens and Tweens: Learn to sew for fun and profit!
- 9 beginner-friendly projects include PJ's, pillows, a tote bag, a cell phone or MP3 player cover, an apron, a notebook cover, and more.
- ISBN 978-1-57120-603-9 \$19.95

Ward, Alexa. Sewing for Kids: **30 Fun Projects to Hand and Machine Sew**. Rockridge Press, 2019.

- The perfect introduction for both children and grown-ups into the wonderful world of sewing.
- Ages 6 and up!
- Visit author at www.BrooklynSewcial.com
- ISBN -13 978-1641526647

Wrigley, Annabel. **We Love to Sew**. C&T, 2013.

- 28 super cool projects to create your own style.
- Great illustrations.
- Lots of info for the beginner sewer!
- ISBN 978-1-60705-632-4 \$22.95

Wrigley, Annabel. **We Love to Sew: Bedrooms**. C&T, 2014.

- 23 easy-to-sew and no-sew projects in 5 unique styles; mix and match for a complete bedroom makeover.
- Great illustrations.
- Lots of info for the beginner sewer!
- ISBN 978-1-60705-824-3 \$21.95

Wrigley, Annabel. **We Love to Sew: Gifts**. C&T, 2015.

- Make 23 awesome gifts to give to your pals and family for their birthdays and holidays!
- Great illustrations.
- Lots of info for the beginner sewer!
- ISBN 978-1-60705-997-4 \$19.95

Quilting

Anderson, Alex. **Kids Start Quilting.** C&T, 2002.

- 7 Fun and Easy Projects
- Quilts for Kids by Kids
- Tips for Quilting with Children
- NOTE: Alex has wonderful books on quilting that would be great resources for help on any aspect of quilting

Nicoll, Allison. **Sew It!** C&T, 2014.

- Make 17 Projects with Yummy Precut Fabric.
- Jelly Rolls, Layer Cakes, Charm Packs, & Fat Quarters.
- 17 easy projects teach you quiltmaking and sewing basics.
- ISBN 978-1-60705-874-8 \$19.95

Plumley, Amie P. and Andria Lisle. **Sewing School 2: Quilts.** Storey Publishing, 2018.

- Ages 8 and up
- Introduction to patchwork, applique, and quilts.
- Graduate from hand-sewing to the endless possibilities of sewing with a machine.
- Authors teach a variety of techniques using both hand and machine sewing.
- 15 projects range from decorative to practical.
- ISBN-13 978-1612128597 \$18.95

Walters, Angela and Cloe Walters. **Get Quilting with Angela and Cloe.** C&T, 2015.

- Learn patchwork from top to bottom with 14 fun projects.
- Loads of how-to photos and page references make it easy to find help.
- ISBN 978-1-60705-955-4 \$24.95

Smocking

Country Bumpkin. **A-Z of Smocking.** Country Bumpkin. 2000.

- A Complete Manual for the Beginner Through to The Advanced Smocker.
- ISBN 0-957715935 \$29.00

Durand, Dianne. **Diane Durand's Complete Book of Smocking.** Prentice-Hall, 1982.

- Provides a wealth of smocking tips.

- Step - by-step directions and detailed photographs of stitch patterns for all projects.
- ISBN 0-671-60990-4 \$19.95

Knott, Grace L. **English Smocking Revised Edition**. G. Lyons Litho LTD. 1976.

- Profusely illustrated and includes helpful hints and suggestions for both old and new smockers.

Pullen, Martha. **The Joy of Smocking**. Martha Pullen Company, Inc. 1993.

- A book of instructions written so clearly and simply that smocking will indeed be a joy to learn.

Wolff, Colette. **The Art of Manipulating Fabric**. Chilton Books, 1996.

- Beautiful book showcasing three-dimensional manipulation of fabric.
- Shirring, gathering, pleating, tucking, and quilting.
- 350+ diagrams support the extensive how-to's