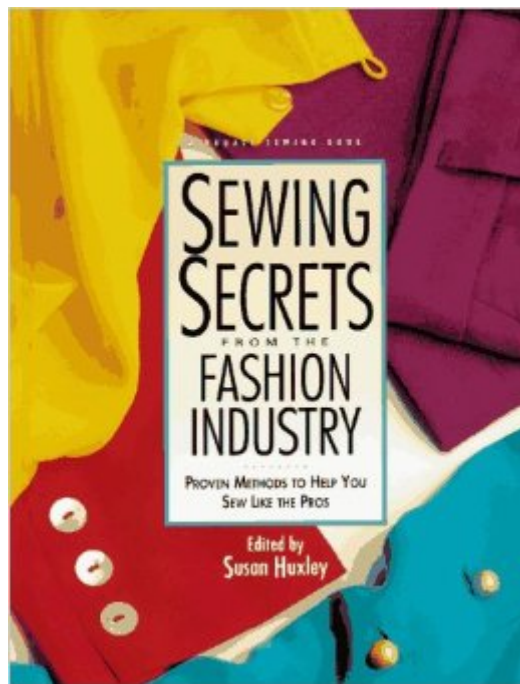


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# Sewing Secrets From The Fashion Industry: Proven Methods To Help You Sew Like The Pros (Rodale Sewing Book)



## Synopsis

Sewing secrets from the fashion industry Look over the shoulders of sewing experts as they show you how to cut and sew the professional way. From sample rooms to production sewing factories, the authors gleaned the best and the fastest garment-sewing techniques and treatments. Sew fast. Sew smart. Make clothes that look better than ready-to-wear. Hundreds of step-by-step photographs and easy-to-understand directions help you: \* Master bound button holes \* Imitate professional seam finishes on your machine \* Create an innovative button placket \* Eliminate ease stitching and basting \* Sew a lined vest in three hours without any hand stitching \* Choose a pocket and waistband that's right for you \* Use industry techniques to interface like the pros \* Make clothing that fits perfectly no matter what your size --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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## Customer Reviews

I've been sewing for over twenty years, and have authored over a dozen crafts and quilting books. Just yesterday I checked this book out of the library and am thrilled at this discovery and am here on to order a copy. The book gets into much more detail than most texts, and answers little questions that other books don't touch. The depth reminds me of articles in Threads. Things like: how and when to use feed dogs to your advantage; the nitty gritty on prewashing and how to test; excellent illustrated fabric ID photos and instructions (for all those pieces of yardage we have stored away;)

)...This book is an excellent deal at 's price (Why did another reviewer complain? And BTW, I checked out the plaid cuff in question--it wasn't opened up fully!) and will be a welcome--and much used--addition to the sewer's library.

I am a sewing teacher at a college, and I discovered this book in the library as I was looking for texts to improve my skills and knowledge. I got so excited about the book that I read it from cover to cover. I am going to propose that we include this book as one of our textbooks for my Advanced Clothing Construction class to help them learn better sewing techniques and improve their skills. I like all the helpful hints throughout the book, as well as the alphabetical organization. I also like the pictures that show exactly how to measure yourself, and I think the book explains techniques pretty well. The only thing that I think needs improvement is that it is hard to see what they are illustrating in many of the photographs. The reason is because they used bright colored fabrics that look identical on the right and wrong sides, and the thread blends in so well that it is difficult to see. However, if you can follow directions, you can still understand how to do the techniques because their step-by-step directions are pretty good. I want to get one of these books for myself.

As one of those odd ducks who spends the extra time to have custom clothes that fit me properly, I have found that this book is a fantastic aid to creating better-quality clothing in less time than traditional home-sewing techniques would require. Not only does this book give good descriptions of the techniques, but it is arranged alphabetically, allowing the sewer to use it as a quick reference, rather than having to reserve it for study use. There are also several specialty tools and attachments described in this book that I would not have known existed, let alone how to use, but these are most often described in sidebars, leaving the main pages free for techniques using basic straight-stitch and serger equipment. Fantastic!

This is an excellent reference for those who want to make their custom-sewn garments look even better than ready-to-wear and still keep the time involved minimal. The book offers concise, well-illustrated instructions showing how to efficiently perform the most common sewing activities, such as setting in zippers or lining vests, just as they are performed in the industry. In addition, the book is so logically organized, the reader can find the topic almost without consulting the index or table of contents. This one is now a mainstay in my sewing library

This book is for all of us odd types pressed for time who, nevertheless, love the feel of fabric in our

hands, enjoy the process as well as the product of sewing, and who find immense satisfaction in creating individualized, beautiful garments that fit! Or maybe we just love beautiful books on the subject. This one is crammed with up to date techniques on hundreds of topics from the most basic to most advanced. Everything is covered from "crowding" the top layer of fabric while sewing to a flawless method for marking and constructing bound buttonholes to industry standards for seam allowances. Each topic is presented with a perfect balance of detail between text and full color photographs. The book is bound with a wipeable hard cover, is printed on high quality paper, lays flat when opened and its 250 plus pages take up only about 1/2 inch on your book shelf. It is a pleasure to read and to use. "Sewing Secrets" has become almost as indispensable to me as my sewing machine. Every time I open it I learn something new and so will you!

I'd still classify myself as a beginning sewer, but this book is very helpful. I've got a Singer Sewing book that has illustrations that are less clear, in my opinion. This book certainly doesn't take the place of a basic reference, but I'm pleased that I bought it, and I've been referring to it a lot. I consider this book a replacement for someone nearby who is an experienced sewer who would drop by my house and say things like, "you know, you can use invisible thread for that..." and things like that that I'd never know about otherwise. I do have to agree with the reviewer who said the colors of the fabric in the book are not the easiest to look at. As far as I can tell, this is true of all sewing books that include color photographs.

I wanted to know the techniques that make a garment look store bought rather than home made. This book had lots of great tips. No hand sewing at all.....why can't the pattern companies follow this lead ? Easy to read, quick reference information. My only complaint is the photographs can be a little difficult to see.....dark coloured fabric with dark coloured thread or perfectly matching threads so that you can't clearly see the example - should have used contrasting threads. Anyway, I enjoyed it and would recommend it. Karen

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