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The Sewing Machine Classroom: Learn The Ins & Outs Of Your Machine



Synopsis

Make the Most of Your Sewing Machine! Join author Charlene Phillips as you learn all about your new best friend--your sewing machine! From fabric to feet to finished product, you'll be guided through techniques for mastering your machine and using it to perform basic to advanced stitching tasks. Whether you've been sewing for years or just gotten the itch, you'll find invaluable information inside for using your sewing machine to its maximum potential. Learn how to: Troubleshoot machine problems like skipped stitches, needle breaks and tension troubles Perform basic maintenance on your machine to keep it running smoothly Choose fabrics, threads and other materials that will keep your machine running at full capacity and result in quality projects Recognize and utilize the best sewing machine feet to achieve the desired results Refine everyday tasks from installing zippers to sewing buttonholes and constructing perfect hems Create beautiful embellishments like scallops, ruches, smocking, pin tucks, cutwork, puffing and entredeux to enhance any sewn project or garment An indispensable reference book to keep next to your machine, inside you'll find quick answers to all your sewing problems. Take control of your sewing machine and achieve wonderful results every time!

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Customer Reviews

Charlene Phillips owns and operates the Sew Box, where she sells sewing machine feet, notions and self-designed sewing patterns. She is the author of *The Sewing Machine Attachment Handbook* published by Krause in Fall 2009 and has written articles for magazines including *Threads*, *Sew News*, *ISMACS News* and *Creative Machine Embroidery*. Charlene has taught classes at

conferences and quilt stores around the country. Charlene Phillips lives in Hamilton, OH.

This amazing book managed to teach even me how to sew. I've used the info here to do an upholstered bench and some pillows.

I was told this book was what a teacher at an Ann-Fabric store used before teaching classes there! Book is cheaper than a lesson. Once I get to tough things I may sign up for one but as for the basics this book is great! I am a newbie! I haven't sewn in 30 years and with machines being so updated this book has helped me out a lot! Thank you.

Well written, good book for beginning seamstress or refresher course for those who haven't sewn for decades. Provides a lot of general information. Recommend this book along with a book showing how to use a specific machine or general sewing machine maintenance.

Haven't sewed in 50 years, so this book was very helpful, and I continue to refer to it for help, Would recommend it for anyone who is learning how to use a sewing machine, or, like me, refreshing oneself with sewing.

I've collected dozens...alright, a couple hundred... sewing books of various topics, and thought I'd run across just about anything that could be said about a sewing machine or how to do various sewing tasks in a more efficient way. This book kept my attention all the way through, as there are plenty of tips I'd not heard about, spread all the way through it! It's presented in a very clear fashion, along with exceptional photographs, so that a newbie can understand it. It also keeps more experienced sewers engaged. I'd recommend this book for everyone's collection, no matter their skill level, and it'd make a super gift for anyone in your life who likes to sew. This same author has a new book on sergers that I see will be out next month, and I can't wait! Just bought a new serger recently and it makes me feel like a total novice. I'm sure if that book is anywhere near the same quality of Charlene Phillips last two books, it'll never leave my sewing table. I still have her first book on presser feet within reach of my sewing machine for when I can't quite remember how to set up one for a task. Whenever there's a foot I don't recognize, it's so easy to grab her book and refresh my memory. I'd also recommend that book, because I've never met anyone who really knows what all their presser feet can accomplish, and they do make sewing so much easier.

I have been sewing for well over 50 years. This is without question THE BEST basic sewing guide book I've ever seen!! I love that it doesn't talk down to you, has concrete examples, and particularly has an fantastic section about tension adjustments and specialty applications. Well worth every penny. Got this for my granddaughter, and will order one for myself immediately.

I checked this book out of the lenders library and was so impressed that I had to buy the hardcopy. I'm an experienced sewist with a library of sewing books, but this book consistently delivered quality instruction for techniques and information about tools that I don't regularly use. Wire-bound and hard cover format is a plus (lies flat & stays open) as is the color photography. Sections start with basic informations and progressively advance. My collection of feet for my Elna has grown in recent months and this book has helped me improve my skill and comfort level with the accessories that I already own...that's not to say that this book hasn't been motivation for one or two new accessories for my machine, but those were necessities. Honestly.

Running a sewing machine for the first time ever or the first time in several years can be so intimidating!! This is one book that is going to be near my side at all times while I'm sewing. I read it several times, while waiting for my sewing machine to ship, and I'm glad that I did because that and going thru my manual for my machine has made starting to sew so much less intimidating and more enjoyable. I would suggest to anyone starting out to sew that you would read every page of this book because there is a lot of really good and helpful information I would definitely recommend this book.

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