

Make It, Own It, Love It: The Essential Guide to Sewing, Altering and Customizing

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Matt Chapple : Make It, Own It, Love It: The Essential Guide to Sewing, Altering and Customizing before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Make It, Own It, Love It: The Essential Guide to Sewing, Altering and Customizing:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Absolutely one of the best sewing books, and I own plenty. By yellow rose. What an informative and enjoyable book - and I'm an experienced sewer. The author is refreshing, with excellent ideas for common procedures that can be done more easily, such as shortening jeans, slimming trousers legs, even some excellent, easy to understand hand stitches (and where to use them). He also just suddenly tells you something on a 2-page spread, using photos and understandable drawings, such as adding lace to add some class to a plain camisole. Chapters include Make It Wearable, Make It From Scratch, and Make It Live Longer, and he has the best demonstration I've seen for zipper repair and repairing a hole in the pocket. This does not look and act like a textbook, rather a friendly, helpful, and knowledgeable author. And he uses polished pebbles for pattern weights - why on earth did I ever make some?

Matt Chapple, the UK's top amateur stitcher and winner of the BBC's Great British Sewing Bee 2015, shares everything you need to know about repairing and maintaining your attire. Focusing on making sewing easy and fun, the basic kit is explained and followed by step-by-step instructions on how to make projects such as a box-pleated skirt and adding bias binding to pocket edges for a splash of colour. Matt's no-nonsense language strips away the complexity of sewing, as he gives practical advice on how to repair fabrics from denim and corduroy to tweed and wool, and offers tips to make wardrobe malfunctions a thing of the past.

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