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The Fashion Designer's Handbook & Fashion Kit: Learn To Sew And Become A Designer In 33 Fabulous Projects



Synopsis

Young girls love fashion. They love Project Runway. They love expressing themselves through what they wear. And they want to be fashion designers. It's the No. 1 dream job for girls ages 8 to 12, according to The New York Times. Here in one kit is everything a girl needs to know to start designing and sewing clothes—a lively, full-color book that comes with a doll-size dress form, 24 reusable patterns, rick rack, embroidery thread, a tape measure, and a piece of fabric printed in three vibrant patterns. The Fashion Designer's Handbook and Fashion Kit features 33 projects that range from super easy dresses for 11 1/2-inch fashion dolls (including Barbie) all the way to "girl-size" projects for the designer to make and wear herself. It shows how to think and work like a designer—from finding inspiration to sketching to developing a personal style. Getting to know fabrics, fibers, and materials; working with patterns; and creating original designs using the dress form. The Mod Mini 1-2-3 Skirt. The No-Sew Sock Dress. Little Red Cape and Coco Jacket. Every project is clearly explained in step-by-step instructions and requires little to no adult help.

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I brought this for my 9 year old niece who lives in another state. I of course had to read it first and was so pleased with this book. I am thinking about buying another one for my collection so if she has any questions I can pull out my book as reference. Page 28 shows how to make a dress, skirt, and purse out of a sock. It is so good I think it deserves a special place in my library.

NOT because I want to learn to sew, that is perfectly normal. BUT I bought this kit for myself rather than an 8-12 year old. What I like about it is it is very clear, very concise, yet has a lot of really good information. One of my favorite pages is the one that describes the different types of fabric and what they feel and look like when worn. It even has a page that tells you how to make your own felted wool. I mean seriously? Plus I think I could easily use the small patterns for the dolls and mathematically enlarge them to be big enough for me. And it's a much less expensive dress form than the one I want for \$80....Anyways, yes I'm a nerd but I really like this. My sewing class will find it hilarious :) I recommend this for any new sewer, be them young or old :)

I got this book for my almost 9 year old granddaughter and she loved it. She immediately cut out a pattern and made a professional looking dress. She had no problems doing this and she absolutely loved it. Would highly recommend it.

My daughter received this as a gift for her 9th birthday and she loves it. She has used several of the patterns to make dresses for her barbie doll. She has never liked playing with barbie's but loves designing clothes for them and dressing them up. I like how this book is easy to understand and truly geared toward young children, but is not too cutesy. The author put a lot of care into writing this book and it's very well done.

I gave this book as a birthday present to my 9 yo daughter. She immediately started to create all kind of clothes and try it on the mannequin. And still playing with this kit.

Bought this as a Christmas gift for my 10 year old niece. She loves fashion and she loved this handbook! I've already taken her to a fabric store a couple times so that she can create different designs. Would definitely recommend. I had to order this twice. There was no book with the first package! Luckily, was able to ship a replacement quickly, and I got it [whole!] before Christmas. Make sure you receive all the pieces if you order this.

What a great book! It is awesome for my daughter and she spends hours on it. It is great for beginners to experts and has a lot of different designs based on the sewing levels of skill so it will last her a long time. Already she has made tons of little outfits for her barbies and built a lot of confidence with sewing. Great gift for a 8-14 year old girl. Love it!

Though this book is written for a "Barbie" size doll, it can easily be adapted to any size doll. My daughters and I made a dress for an American girl doll...we just took the doll's measurements! This is an awesome book because it teaches the reader how to design a variety of basic styles which can be changed up based on personal style.

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