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The Great British Sewing Bee is the official tie-in to the BBC TWO series. The TV series looks for the nation's best amateur sewer, watched over by judges Savile Row tailor Patrick Grant and doyenne of the WI May Martin while host Claudia Winkleman offers encouragement.

Capturing the creative energy of the series, the book provides an irresistible collection of over 25 projects covering garments and homewares that will delight sewing enthusiasts everywhere. As in the series, the projects offer something for both sexes and all ages. Garments include a flattering tea dress, pencil skirt, unisex pyjama bottoms and a waistcoat. The homewares and accessories include aprons, a stylist tote bag, laundry bag, a selection of cushion designs and three different window dressings. All are complete with instructions and patterns for sizes 8 to 16 - the patterns are also available as a PDF download free with purchase.

Including a number of designs from the TV series, technical know-how and insider sewing tips from the judges, this book will help the beginner achieve professional results.

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Wendy says

TGBSB: Sew Your Own Wardrobe is all about learning the art of precision sewing, sewing that May and Patrick would be proud of, which perhaps means that this book is not really aimed at those who are just starting out (despite its claims). Most of the patterns are a little more difficult than basic so will be great for taking your existing skills up to the next level, but perhaps not so suitable for those wanting to dip their toe in the water for the first time, rather something to work up to!

The patterns in the book are all great, to my mind there aren't any fillers. The real stand out patterns for me are the Men's Shirt, the striking yellow 1960's Coat, the 1930's Blouse and the loose T-shirt, which looks lovely and simple to make plus very comfortable! Oh and the teddy suit for a baby is so adorable that makes me tempted to have one of my own, almost! I was lucky enough to get my copy as a Christmas gift, but I certainly think it's worth spending your pennies on, the good points about this book certainly outweigh the bad and I really think it would make a great addition to any sewers bookshelf!

I have done a fuller review on my blog for this book where you can see all the patterns it contains!

Lafrog8 says

Season 1: Best curtains guidance I ever encountered, I have used the instructions to make lined curtains with success. Other projects which might be worth a go: Basic dress and contains other basic projects which are always useful like a floor cushion, a laundry bag, a man's apron.

Season 2 (2 different books under same entry in Goodreads....): Masterclasses concept seems interesting: for example matching bold prints and sewing stretchy fabric for making leggings. Wrap dress / slip dress projects could be interesting.

Rachel Bridgeman says

This is a lovely book containing full sized patterns for a variety of outfits ranging from the beginner to the experienced crafter. It contains a wealth of advice also regarding the essentials to start your own collection of sewing supplies and links to reliable websites to buy patterns and material.

Polly Clarke says

I've tried a couple of the patterns and sewing is a lot harder than you think! With time and patience, I'm sure to use this book time and again. The sizes are a little scanty for the fuller figure but there's a good mix of items to try your sewing machine with. There are clear photos for techniques you'll need to complete the

projects and this book will make you want to immerse yourself into the sewing world. I love the Sewing Bee series and this is great for wanting to learn some of the projects seen in the series. My only criticism is that I would have liked some more personality from the contestants within the series.

Helen Moyes says

Just spent my Sunday making patterns from this book.

I fancy making the 1960's dress that a contestant of the great British Sewing Bee made. I think I will use the wool coat I made 27 years ago when I was pregnant. There should be lots of fabric I can use, just hope the moths have left some!

There are some good sections of advice for using different fabrics in this book as well as a pack of patterns.

I keep finding myself uttering May Martin comments during my teaching sessions: "you have 30 minutes left"; "this stitching is really rather neat"

I love the way the show has widened the age range of my students.

Nicola says

Didn't read the entire book! Read the opening pages and then skimmed over the patterns section at the back of the book.

Angela says

Lovely book based on the second series of the wonderful T.V. programme.

I've not made anything from the book yet but I have adapted one of the patterns to make a skirt for my mother (it turned out well).

Lauren says

Well laid out book with great and easy to read chapters. Only issue is the having to print patterns out on serious amounts of paper.

Minka says

Really cool bow tie step by step guide!

Pixie says

Excellent resource - can't wait to get started on some of the projects.

Lynne says

Some pretty pictures (ahem) and some patterns look manageable. Don't want that wailly blonde bint who cries too much to win.

Susan Dunlop says

This is a nice edition to the TV series. It has lots of comprehensive instruction and a good selection of patterns to try. It comes with a separate pattern pack with full-size patterns. Have not had time to make any of the clothing projects yet but have enjoyed reading through it so far.

Aileen says

Brilliant packed with very good information
