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# Handmade Style: 23 Must-Have Basics To Stitch, Use, And Wear



## Synopsis

The first of its kind. Handmade Style showcases blogger Anna Graham's talent for creating cleverly constructed pieces with simple, clean lines. It's the first sewing book ever to present a collection of projects specifically designed to complement each other. And, it's your ticket to creating a cohesive, sophisticated, fresh look from top to bottom for your home. 23 projects that you'll love to wear, to carry, and to use. This thoughtful collection will keep any sewist busy for a full year. Beautiful projects range from small to large. All of them are designed to have broad appeal and meant to coordinate with other projects so you can create the ultimate handmade style for all this and more: Two women's garment patterns Accessories including clutches and bags Home Decor including quilts, baskets and a bench Simplicity is key. Beginner and intermediate sewists will use Graham's construction techniques to improve their skills. Everyone will appreciate the special features that make Handmade Style an outstanding craft book: Each project builds upon the other A unique collection of refined, handmade looks clear illustrations to inspire and instruct Instructions are thoughtfully hand-illustrated throughout in a clean and simple Japanese craft-book style and the inspiring photographs were shot on location near Anna's home. Handmade Style is sure to become every sewist's go-to project book.

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## Customer Reviews

While there are a few good projects in here, like the Carryall Pincushion, most of the projects are pretty basic and I feel like I've seen similar things out there already. The book does have pretty

pictures, but the one thing that annoys me more than anything else about this book is the TERRIBLE layout. All the project photographs are in the front and all the instructions are in the back with only titles and hand-sketched illustrations to remind you what you were making. I'm a visual person, and having to flip back and forth to see real pictures of what I want to make and then flip back to the instructions in the back is pretty frustrating for me. All in all, the book is okay. And if this is helpful for any: I consider myself a skilled/advanced intermediate level sewist. I've been sewing for over 20 years.

This book is fantastic. I want to eventually make all of the projects in here. I've made 4, (wallet, clutch, pincushion, and traincase) of the 23 projects and love each one of them. The patterns are easy-to-follow. I would definitely recommend (and have) this book.

Instructions are done in the style of Amy Butler patterns, unfortunately the terminology is completely inane and inconsistently used. Assembly sections have instructions that are presented as a solid block of text. People do not craft by paragraph, they do it by steps. Each step should be ONE logical action, not seven or eight actions. 2" columns make those big blocks of text difficult to refer back to. Illustrations have no way to identify the different pieces, they are all white, hand drawn and do not identify right and wrong sides of fabric.

Truly a must-have book for anyone who loves to sew! This book is filled with beautiful, functional projects including bags, pouches, a few garments, pillows, quilts, and other goods for the home. Anna's eye for design and details really shows through in these projects. The instructions are easy to follow with lovely hand drawn illustrations to guide you. I want to make nearly everything in this book, which doesn't happen often!

I love just about every project in this book. Included are four wearable items (I can't wait to make the Chambray dress), ten bags (the Double Zip Wallet was the reason I bought this book), and 10 'to use' items such as quilts, pillow, etc. and a really neat Patchwork Bench. There are great pictures of each item at the beginning of the book then the patterns are after that. I wonder if the patterns may be a bit too skimpy for someone just beginning sewing mainly due to the hand-drawn illustrations of some of the steps. I tend to notice in other books more photos used with the steps instead of illustrations - the photos are often clearer as to what is being done in the step.

Handmade Style is a beautiful and practical book of amazing projects to make for yourself, for gifts or for the home. I love all the photos of the items being used in everyday life. It is so practical & modern. Easy to follow and step by step instructions are just what I know I need and it's all in this book! The fabric choices are so stylish too. Anna is a true talent, creative and so humble about all the amazing work that she does. This is a MUST HAVE! I bought one for myself and one for a gift! You should do the same!!

I bought this book after making many, many patterns from Anna. I was so excited to see she had a book coming out. Her patterns are creative, original and WELL thought out. This is more of the same. I have already made one bag from the book and it is just beautiful-starting bag number 2 today. There are so many great projects in this book that I will be making. Another great hit for Anna Graham!

This is a lovely book with a few cute projects, but unfortunately many of the patterns are for things I would never use/wear. There are also quite a few quilting patterns that take up a good chunk of book that weren't of interest to me. If this volume had been divided into two books, one a quilting collection and the other for apparel/accessories, it would have been much more appealing to me!

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