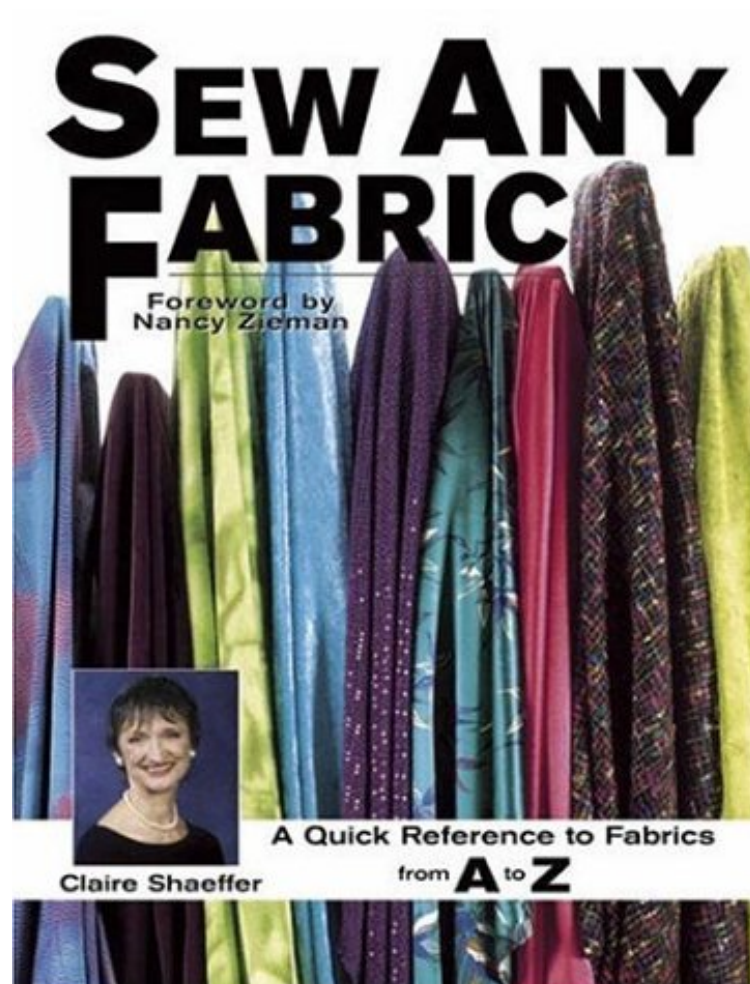


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suggest fabrics that are above my skills and there is no way for me to know it. It is frustrating to buy a great pattern, a pretty fabric (like printed chiffon or satin) only to realize I didn't know how to handle them and all the problems they could have if not handled correctly. With this book I either avoid those types of fabric or followed their suggestions if I want to challenge myself getting out of my comfort zone. Highly recommended. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This is a really great guide book listing various types of material. I just wish it came with real swatches inside the book, but this book gives an in depth description of various fabrics. The book shows excellent colorful pictures. It provides you with information on material usage and what size needles to use on the material. As well as what types of sewing stitches used on the fabric. I like this book a lot and it is a great reference book to have in your library. It's a good purchase. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Proper Use of Fabrics and Clothing By Dee H. For those of you into sewing, this is a must have book. It not only shows you what types of fabric does what. But it also explains what type of thread to use with the fabric, what garment the fabric should be made out of, and it explains what needles to buy for what projects. There's also advice on how to properly store and clean the fabrics you choose. Even if you don't sew, it's a good book to have for people who purchase a variety of clothing.

This guide defines the sewability of the most common fabrics; compares similar fabrics; describes uses and design elements; and contains sidebars with specific information detailing essential suppliers, machine set-up and sewing basics.

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