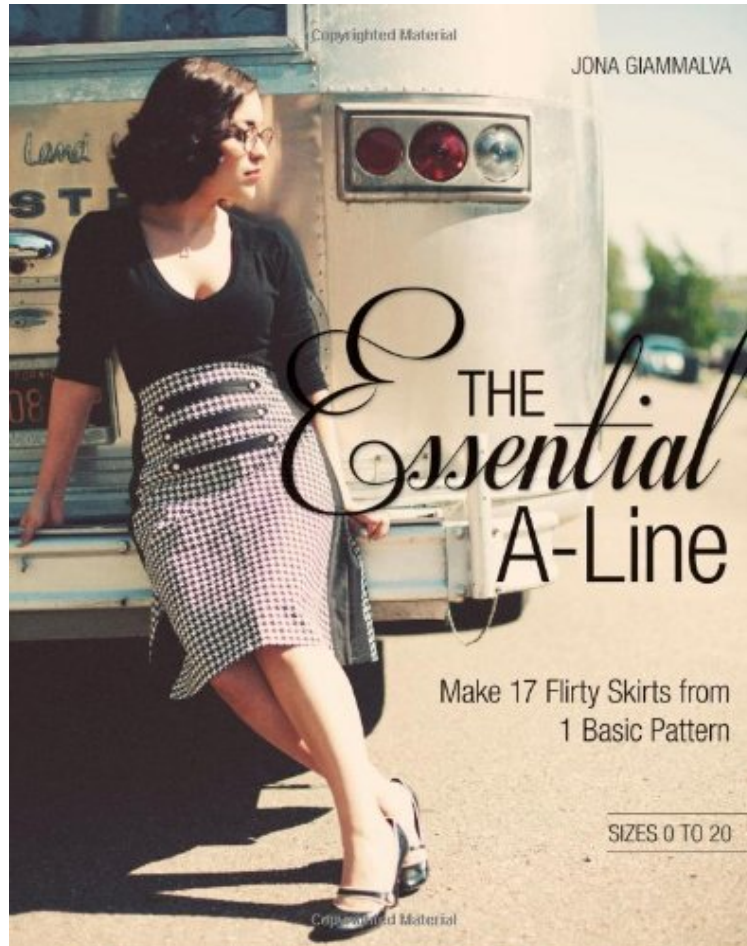


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30 of 30 people found the following review helpful. Just About PerfectBy NuJoiI am a sewing nerd. I have to be because sewing is something I don't seem to have a natural talent for. I have to work at it. Although my mother, stepmom and aunts used to sew and sew well, the gift seems to have almost skipped a generation. My saving grace consists of books and online classes. So glad I can count this book among that number. I will be perfectly honest in that I didn't buy this book for the pattern. I bought it for the techniques and that is what I'm reviewing. Because this book contains a pattern, I'll use The Colette Sewing Handbook: Inspired Styles and Classic Techniques for the New Seamstress and Sew Serendipity: Fresh and Pretty Designs to Make and Wear for comparison. Both are wonderful books that not just help you construct the included patterns, they teach you how to sew. The same is true for this book.

The Colette Sewing Handbook is the best of the three because of breadth and depth. Sew Serendipity and this book are more similar because both really whet your creative appetite with embellishment and customization. Here are my specific love notes about this book: 1. The reason I bought the book was because it teaches you how to line the skirt. I am so frustrated about the lack of linings in ready-to-wear fashion and the how-to in most skirt patterns. 2. The information is presented clearly. The photos are great! 3. The skirt variations are cute! I do think the book lacks in some areas. The first is fit. Although the pattern is sized to 20, there are no instructions for how to alter the pattern if you need a bigger size. What if you find that either the front or back hem is longer than the other? There's no info on how to resolve the issue. I know that's a problem I will have, but I know how to fix it. The book doesn't have any information about fabric choices or preparation. The technique I wish the book included is how to use hem lace. The book has four options for hems: turned and stitched, rolled, bias and ruffled. I realize I'm being extremely picky. This book is for the beginner stitcher. She or he will be able to get a quick win with this book. 19 of 20 people found the following review helpful. Love this book! By junconventional I have a fascination with the A-line skirt, so I bought this book. There are 17 variations of the skirt from one pattern. The pattern is printed on both sides so you will either need to copy on paper and then piece/cut or you will need to trace the pattern to wax paper or Swedish tracing paper. Instructions were clear and there are plenty of photos to know what the end result will be. One of the variations is a maternity version which I don't think I've seen in a book. I've made 3 different versions thus far. Also in the book are types of finishes for your skirt like linings, pockets and belt loops. Sizing includes a wide variety of women and since the A-line is so basic, if you fall outside of the size range (0-20) it wouldn't be that difficult to modify. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Excellent book if you have some minimal experience! By c.p. This book was a little confusing at first because I like to read through instructions before doing them. It was tough for me to understand it all in my mind that way, but once I just dove in and took it a step at a time (reading and re-reading the steps ahead and behind current step along the way), it came together perfectly and I learned new techniques. I mostly sew quilt tops and bags, so rarely ever deal with clothing type patterns. Definitely take the time and effort to make the muslin practice skirt first! I hate doing that, but was soooo worth it. I have a concave lower back, so finding skirts that fit properly is difficult. This fixed that. But I also took a couple inches off the top of the pattern and made adjustments to the muslin test pattern to correct for that also. (make sure you take into account that the zipper will need to be a couple inches shorter if you do this or it may fall lower than you want...this didn't bother me) I had no problem using my regular zipper foot instead of the fancier one that I can't remember the name of. This book is excellent for teaching you the basics of creating a pattern specific to your body type. (Round down to lower size if you are between sizes like I am!) The instructions beyond the muslin practice skirt are all just guided suggestions for different looks. The final skirt I made was simply an eyelet fabric with a matching liner using the instructions for the muslin one that I did first. I love it so much and even had teen girls comment on it and couldn't believe it was "homemade". Lol. If you are at all competent with sewing, get this book. If you've never sewn a stitch or even turned on sewing machine, you might not be quite ready for this, but even a pillowcase or two would prep you for it.

In this how-to book, *The Essential A-line*, accomplished seamstress Jona Giammalva shows you how to whip a chic A-line skirt in no time! It features a single pattern with easy variations to make 17 stylish skirts in a range of sizes from 0 to 2x. Detailed step-by-step instructions and informative color photographs will guide and inspire sewers of any skill level especially beginners. In addition to a new wardrobe of skirts, you'll also learn a variety of essential dressmaking techniques from inserting a zipper to mastering the perfect pleat.

From a single pattern (included) learn how to create seventeen versions of the flattering A-line skirt - in sizes 0 to 20. *The Essential A-Line* describes how a no-waistband silhouette can create everything from a lace skirt to a double-pleated skirt. (Stitch With Style, May 2013) The title really says it all. Jona teaches you to make your first basic A-line and then branch out into a wide range of styles. Beginning with a basic guide to sewing accessories, she takes you step-by-step through skirt construction. The rest of the book shows how to make 17 easy variations on this simple design in styles that range from folksy Bohemian, urban hipster, retro, all the way to an elegant skirt suitable for a bridesmaid. There are even instructions for a maternity A-line skirt (would that make it an H-line?). Jona's basic A-line paper pattern, which is included, is by itself worth the price of the book. Plus, it's adjustable from size 0 to size 20. (www.sew4home.com, 8/12/13) Jona Giammalva's *The Essential A-Line* comes from a seamstress who tells how to make an A-Line skirt from a single pattern using 17 variations to make skirts in a range of sizes. Color photos throughout accompany step-by-step instructions in a fine guide packed with keys to producing A-Line skirts with a range of 'tweaks' so they all look differently appealing. It's extraordinary to see some seventeen variations created from one simple pattern. It comes printed on both sides so one will need to trace the pattern to use it, but the clear photos and directions leave nothing to wonder. Any sewer who likes skirts in general and the basic A-Line in particular will love this book. (The Needlecraft Shelf, 9/6/13) Here's how to take one basic skirt shape, add some creativity, and end up with 17 fashionable variations. The pattern, a simple no-waistband A-line in sizes 0 to 20, is included. (American Sewing Guild Notions Magazine, Spring 2013) For those who love variation and creativity, but who need the how-to as

well as the inspiration, this book shows you how to make 17 different skirts from one basic sewing pattern. (Burda Style, Spring 2014) About the Author Jona Giammalva has been an avid seamstress for more than 25 years. Her sewing adventures and tutorials can be found on her popular blog. She also produces sewing patterns of her original designs under the name Jona G. Pattern Co. She lives in Arizona. www.jonag.typepad.com