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# Happy Homemade: Sew Chic Kids: 20 Designs That Are Fun And Unique—Just Like Your Kid!



## Synopsis

Sew stylish clothes for your children with this enjoyable sewing book. Today's DIY sewing generation loves to outfit their kids in stylish homemade clothes, and kids love clothes that feel good. Designer Ruriko Yamada draws from her own experiences as a mom to create designs and sewing patterns that are fun to wear, easy to make, and infused with covetable Japanese style. A wide range of sewing designs are covered from "tops and shorts for boys and girls, girls' dresses, and unisex pieces. Happy Homemade: Sew Chic Kids features easy-to-follow diagrams, Japanese sewing patterns in English, and simple instructions on how to make twenty super-comfy pieces for both boys and girls. Sewing patterns include: Pin-Tucked Blouse Dress with Flared Sleeves Knee-Length Shorts Tiered Skirt Boy's Stand-Up Collar Shirt Pull-Over Parka Yamada provides four sizes of westernized patterns, each of which can easily be adjusted to fit children from three to nine years old. Simple lines give kids room to move, and the classic styles look good on any frame. Sewing for children has never been easier. With Happy Homemade, you'll whip up a fantastic, money-saving wardrobe in practically no time at all!

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## Customer Reviews

Simple, classic patterns for boys and girls. Diagrams and simple instructions along with a variety of styles and sizes makes this a "must-have" book for intermediate and advanced sewers. The only problem I had was in the actual patterns that DON'T have the seam allowances OR hems added. It was clear that the seam allowances had to be added, but it was not as clear that the hem

allowances were also to be added. Once that was clarified, the patterns went together beautifully.

I sew clothes for my boys and the shorts, pants and hoodie in this book made it worth the price. The patterns are easy to find on the pattern sheets, outlined with frixion highlighters and taped to a sunny window and you can trace the highlighted pattern easily. Don't forget to add your seam allowances before cutting the traced pattern, they aren't incorporated in the pattern you trace. Erase the frixion highlighter marks with a medium hot iron and you're ready to fold and reuse. This is a popular book and there are many tutorials online if you get stuck on some of the instructions. I am still new to sewing apparel (I have quilted in the past), and the shorts came out better than I could have imagined. Though I did have to make a size smaller than what he wears from the store. He is a size 5T and I had to take in the size 4 pattern to fit him.

You get so much for the price! This is my third Japanese sewing book, and once you get used to tracing the patterns and adding seam allowances, it is quite easy. I put rolls of children's easel paper, tape in a window and trace. I made the long flaired shorts in a pink linen for my daughter. They are great for school because they look a bit like a skirt, but are great for playing in and easy to make.

I cut out and attempted to begin pattern h, the Pin-tucked Blouse. The instructions in this book are difficult and hard to follow. You must guess at the steps and leaf back through pages of the book to find instructions in previous patterns - no reference to a page number or pattern, so you must take your best guess. In the end I used the pieces that I had cut and made a shirt that worked for my daughter. I would consider myself an intermediate sewer - I have made several garments and various home decor/personal accessory items. I have followed all types of tutorials and patterns, this one just had me backwards. I am very hesitant to attempt any other patterns from this book even though all the designs are exactly my style.

I have made half a dozen patterns from this book already, on the way to making most of them, I imagine. The patterns are easy (many are variations on other patterns- simple dress is one pattern; shortened version becomes a tunic, another version has flutter sleeves) and have all been winners. I think the patterns run true-to-size but only if you remember to add those seam allowances! (I forgot to do so a couple of times and things turned out on the small size.) You really could make a very serviceable wardrobe just from this book alone, and of the course the book itself is just lovely. A

valuable purchase for anyone who enjoys sewing simple, timeless children's clothing.

These are perfect. Okay, not perfect but nearly so. The instructions are incredibly detailed, the patterns - clear, the styles - timeless. I've not looked at the dvd yet, but if it is like the book it will be great.

I was a bit worried reading the other reviews because I'm not familiar with Japanese patterns and adjusting for seams. The book has measurements for size 2,4,6,8, but I think the sizes are the larger 3-10 as the description states. I made the tiered dress in the smallest size for my tall 2-year-old and it is huge! It looks more like a size 4/5. I'm not sure if it's the style of dress or sizing. I will say that it is beautiful. The making of the patterns were much easier than I imagined. The book was pretty straightforward with the pictures/descriptions. Adding the seams were NBD. I'm an intermediate sewer and I would say the pattern and dress took about 3 hours (with some stop/starting).

Seriously Japanese patterns are the best, most versatile for kids! Now to have these instructions in English is icing on the cake!

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