

Encyclopedia of Sewing

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Adele P. Margolis : Encyclopedia of Sewing before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Encyclopedia of Sewing:

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AAwesome book. It's an older edition but still appropriate for today's sewing needs. Gives lots of info and
instruction.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Haze HammettThis book has all the
information you will ever need about sewing. Well written and organized.13 of 13 people found the following review
helpful. Favorite sewing bookBy J. DaughertyThis is a great (and great big) garment sewing reference with clear and
precise directions. There's a lot of specific instruction on pattern alterations for size, with a large entry on the subject in
general (see part of that in the photos) and then specific entries for areas like sleeves, the back, etc. Despite the ton of
info, Margolis gets to the point in a way that makes you feel like she's in the room with you, helping you along, and
her methods work well for me. If I could only keep one sewing book, it would be this one, because of the number of
things it's clarified for me, and because it comprehensively covers everything I can think of (well... everything but
some notions and machine functions that weren't yet available), in entries that range from short definitions to several
page long explorations. Here's a short entry so you get a sense of her style:"Lining Stay: Lining may be used as a stay
to hold fullness in place and to prevent stretching or "bagging" of the outer fabric. It can be greatly aided in this by the
character and grain of the lining material. Whenever possible, use fabric with little "give." Or cut the lining on
crosswise rather than lengthwise grain, particularly in a skirt. Cutting the lining in this way utilizes the
nonstretchability of the lengthwise straight of goods across the hips where it is needed most. It also makes it possible

to use the selvage as the finished lower edge instead of making a hem."(ETA: I bought this online cheaply in mid 2015. The price has varied wildly, jumping up then falling again if no one buys it for a few weeks, so if it's currently more expensive than you're willing to pay, I'd perhaps check back later.)

All your sewing questions answered! The book has over 1000 how-to entries arranged in alphabetical order with detailed step-by-step illustrations.