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9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. I am so happy I bought this bookBy Mimosal am so happy I bought this book!!! This was exactly what I was looking for and exceeded my expectations. This is a book for recreating classic dresses by sewing them yourself and includes the patterns and detailed sewing instructions. (It is not a historical overview book about the LBD.) I have purchased other pattern books and while I learned basic techniques, the patterns were not interesting at all.This book, however, had both modern recreations of iconic dresses (which

means they are practical for wearing now) and variations on those dresses. You can also combine the tops and bottoms of many of the dresses to create even more looks. I have initially bookmarked 7 items to make, three orig. dresses, two simpler updated dresses, and two staple pieces, a pencil skirt and a cowl neck blouse. These will use a variety of fabrics as well, from crepe de chine and stretch lace to wool or cotton twill. I didn't expect that all the sewing techniques used in each dress (like types of hems, sewing a zipper) would be also detailed with instructions (separate from the individual dress instructions), so that was a bonus for me as a newer sewer. I was concerned the patterns themselves would not fit back into the envelope attached to the book, but they are easy to fold heavy-weight newsprint paper, not tissue paper, so no problem. Thank you to the author!! 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. I am so pleased with this book! By Terry M. I am so pleased with this book! There are many projects here that I can't wait to make. The first part of the book is a primer on solid sewing fundamentals. This is a great resource for beginners as many of these skills will be used as they progress in their sewing journey. Also a good review for those who have been sewing for a while. The patterns included are well drafted and in a format that is easy to trace. The directions do not cut corners. They set the sewer up for a beautifully constructed garment. I made the Mary dress and am so pleased with my final results! If black is not your thing, there are variations for each dress in another color way and a twist on the original black dress. Overall, this book is a great addition to your sewing library. The projects are presented beautifully, and who would have thought so many ideas and variations could come from a book on black dresses! One last thing I love about this book, the large card board binding allows the book to lay flat on your sewing table as you are working on your dress. I highly recommend! 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. I like the fashion history and am a nostalgia buff of ... By Karen L. Hantsche I sew for other people, so getting this many patterns with many sizes is a real steal. I hope to be able to use the pieces interchangeably. I like the fashion history and am a nostalgia buff of the movies. The pattern pieces look pretty basic, but patterns have become very expensive to buy, so I would recommend this to anyone who likes to improvise and create new looks.

Coco Chanel, Audrey Hepburn, Grace Kelly. . . . Each of these women had an influential take on the most classic wardrobe staple of all: the Little Black Dress. In this chic sewing book, patternmaker Dolin Bliss O'Shea pulls inspiration from famous LBDs throughout history including Mary Quant's mod mini, a classic wrap dress worn by Liza Minelli, Princess Diana's smart A-line, and more and offers patterns for reinterpreted versions that are perfectly stylish. Including 10 full dress patterns with sewing variations to make 20 garments in all, a primer on sewing techniques, vintage photographs of style icons, and full-color shots of the finished pieces, this book has everything fashionistas need to bring timeless style right into their closets.

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