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The Sewing Machine Accessory Bible: Get The Most Out Of Your Machine---From Using Basic Feet To Mastering Specialty Feet



Synopsis

Whether you are a beginner or have been sewing for years, this book is packed with all the information you need to get the most out of your sewing machine, simply by changing the feet. • Everything you need to know about feet attachments, from basic feet such as the zigzag foot to specialty fabric and technique feet that will help you invent new design ideas for your sewing projects. • Work effortlessly with a full range of fabrics, learn great time-saving tricks, and experiment with a range of decorative effects by following the authors' creative "ideas files." • Includes a guide to needle, thread, and fabric choices and buying advice for choosing basic, mid-range, and top-end sewing machines, embellishers, and sergers.

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Customer Reviews

• 'Get to know your sewing machine' books are a dime a dozen, but few provide the extensive coverage of sewing machine accessories needed by both beginning and experienced sewers. Gardiner and Knight describe the wide variety of sewing machine feet in detail, and photos of each foot allow for easy identification: excellent. • Library Journal, Best Fiber Crafts Books 2011

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Bible, The Dressmaker's Technique Bible, and 200 Sewing Tips, Techniques & Trade Secrets.

As always, I review these types of books from the library before adding them to my collection. I had to wait 1 month to check out this one! This only the the 2nd book I've found to deal exclusively with machine feet; bar none - this is the best. Around 30 feet were reviewed & each foot included detailed pictures of the various things you could produce with the foot plus detailed pictures of exactly how to use the foot step by step. In addition, the book detailed how 1 foot could 'cross-over' to perform multiple functions. Lastly, the author included detailed pictures and part numbers for each foot - some of which I've already used to add to my collection! This book is a keeper. If you're like me, (I taught myself how to sew at 8 years old and have never had any training in 30+ years), I learned those feet can really help you out ;). I'm sure I'll use this book for years to come.

I purchased this book the other day and am very pleased that I did. It is certainly a book to keep near your sewing machine, especially if you have a Janome sewing machine. Most of the illustrations feature Janome presser feet which is a rarity to see in sewing books. Other brands of machine feet are also shown so you don't have to be afraid that the book won't be of help to you. This book is very well set up with Chapter 1 on sewing essentials including anatomy of a sewing machine and the different notions and gadgets now available to help you achieve sewing success. Chapter 2 presents Basic feet with pictures of each foot being discussed, ideas for at least 6 sewing techniques that the foot can do and step by step instructions on the basic use of the foot. Each different foot section is 2-3 pages long in full color with pictures that are large enough to follow techniques. Chapters 3, 4 and 5 are set up the same way only they deal with Specialty fabric and technique feet, Pretty edges and Fancy Stitching. The last chapter of the book is a buying guide for machines. Chapters 2-5 are the meat of the book and show many excellent ways to achieve different looks. If you don't have one type foot, you might find that you do have one that can mimic the same thing. You also might find that you will see feet that you want to put on your wish list or go buy immediately, as they will solve a particular sewing difficulty that you might have. I know I saw several feet that are on my wish list and seeing what they do and how they work helps me to know if they is something I really want. Some presser feet can be pricey so you want to be sure they are what you need to purchase. I have many sewing books and this one is the best for discussion of sewing feet attachments. This book is a keeper. For logical set up, great pictures, and thoroughness, this book gets five stars from me.

I was excited about this book and could hardly wait for it to arrive. I expect an 'Accessory Bible' which talks about 'Mastering Specialty Feet' to do just that. The book is probably good for someone who knows little about machine feet although I am not sure there is enough information, after telling you what a foot will do, to be able to successfully use some of them. The specialty feet that I wanted information on how to use were not covered at all. "The Sewing Machine Classroom" by Charlene Phillips does a much better job on how to use machine feet as well as an enormous amount of other useful information. I'd still like information on mastering and understanding how to successfully use specialty feet. I already know how to use basic feet.

This book is full of great tips for the beginners to advance sewer in you. I have been sewing for years and I still found tips that really helped me tackle my projects quicker. So for those who think that they have their techniques of working on a project down, they will find something very helpful in this book. I picked this book to refresh some techniques that I don't use often, to find out about some new gadgets that I do not currently have and to help achieve saving time and ease of working on my projects. You will find that there is always something you can learn new. I keep this book handy by my sewing machines and I use this book as a reference guide. I am finding that I am less stressed in completing what I am working on and the results are perfect

I bought this book to figure out how to use the 33 machine feet that I bought in a set from . There were several different sets for sale, and the book did cover most of what I had purchased. This book has very good pictures of the machine feet and explanations of how to use them. Most of this information was not in my sewing machine manual because these feet did not come with the machine and some of the feet are very similar looking.

This book introduced me to a lot of attachments I didn't already know about, so I'm glad I found it. Along with an introduction to various machine feet, it offers a quick introduction to other useful sewing tools and types of fabric that beginners would need to know about. It also offers suggestions on different ways to use the various specialty feet that go beyond what the foot was designed for, so that was a nice addition. Some of the information was a little too beginner for me, but I appreciate it because I remember as a beginner needing this information and not having it provided so cleanly. Overall, a thumbs up from me.

Recommended by sewing professor, then student approved. Spiral was worth the extramoney -

that being said, printers should move printing area over for bigger spiral margin. There is a glossary and trouble shooting guide such are helpful but the editors need to make a tear away or fold out summary visual list for quick identification of feet (is easy to flip through too), just a handy reference picture of all feet, each labeled, would be great. Pictures are plenty and clear to show the work that the foot can perform. They show Viking and Janome variations of feet as well.

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