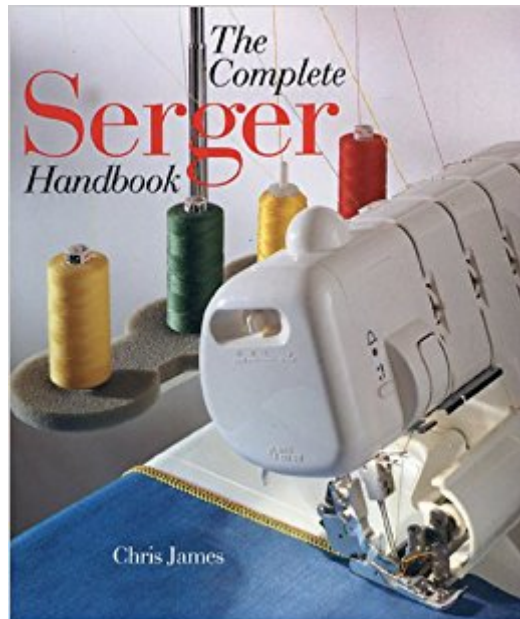




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The Complete Serger Handbook



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Writing this work has given James the opportunity to encapsulate the techniques she has developed during 15 years of teaching. The result is a concise guide to the serger and serger techniques. Major sections of the book include identifying the parts of a serger (with photos of each part), serger accessories, types of threads, threading and testing the threading, learning to regulate tension, and techniques. Throughout, James emphasizes using a knowledge of serger threading, needles, and tension to solve any problems relating to stitch formation. A good purchase for public libraries. Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Sergers are GREAT but you either take to them right away or find them frustrating. To avoid "serger

fail", this book is excellent and it was the first one I got when I bought a serger. Here's the contents: Can your Serger Replace a Sewing Machine, Getting to Know Your Machine, Threads Which Stitch Is Which, Threading and Rethreading, Tension Controls, Mastering Serger Techniques, Taking the Nonsense out of Knits, Rolled Hems, Flatlock, Oh NO My serger is SICK! Care and Feeding of your machine, BIG colorful sharp photos of stitches and threads and examples. I suggest you make a sample of each stitch your machine can do, staple the sample on a page and write down the tension and settings. Put these pages into a notebook. When you pull out your machine, you'll be ready to set it up without having to dig into memory to remember the last sewing session. Sergers are phenomenal on knits, make children's clothes in literally minutes and finish raw edges on materials like cottons and linen quickly and beautifully. I sew summer skirts in 20 minutes with my serger but I would not be able to do that without having this resource book handy.

I had always wanted a serger but I didn't know why because I never really knew what it did. This book really explains it in easy to understand language. It's full of tips and techniques for a variety of fabrics, applications and machines. I got this at the same time as my first serger. It makes an excellent supplement to the manual. A serger can go from a multitasking, valuable sewing must-have to a maddening wad of tangled thread torture device in a matter of seconds. This book is the only thing that came between my serger and a baseball bat on several occasions. If you're new to serging, get this and start reading it before you even open the serger box. Even if you're an experienced serger ("serger-er?" "Serger operator?"), I bet you'll find a lot of helpful info in it that you'll wonder how you ever did without.

I really like this book. It gives me an understanding of the different stitches and came in handy when using my serger. It goes into some detail, and explains things clearly. I am glad I bought it, I personally use youtube for instruction videos on how to use my serger, but this book is great for understanding basics.

If you are new to serging or have not experimented with your serger you need this book. I was amazed at what the serger would do since I hadn't played with one. It has 155 pages of must have knowledge to be able to get the most from your serger. You couldn't select a better book about serging.

was not more helpful than book that came with my serger. Already had this information. Was looking

for more, I am very disappointed with this book. Have ordered another serger book, looking for techniques and using presser feet - maybe better luck with another book :) Marion

Recently purchased the Brother 1034D serger. The manuals and CDs that came with the serger were very helpful but this great book was the most help of all. The author is very knowledgeable and very clear with explaining techniques and procedures and why things are done a certain way. If you are planning on buying a serger, I highly recommend you purchase this book with it. You will be thankful you did.

I think I'm going to really like this book. Just bought a serger and I'm scared to death of it, but the author seems to take fear into consideration. She begins at the beginning. I suspect this book will be my new best friend. (Sorry Sharon). The only reason for 4 stars is that I'm just getting started...stay tuned.

Not what I thought it would be. I was hoping for more detailed instruction on using the serger.

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