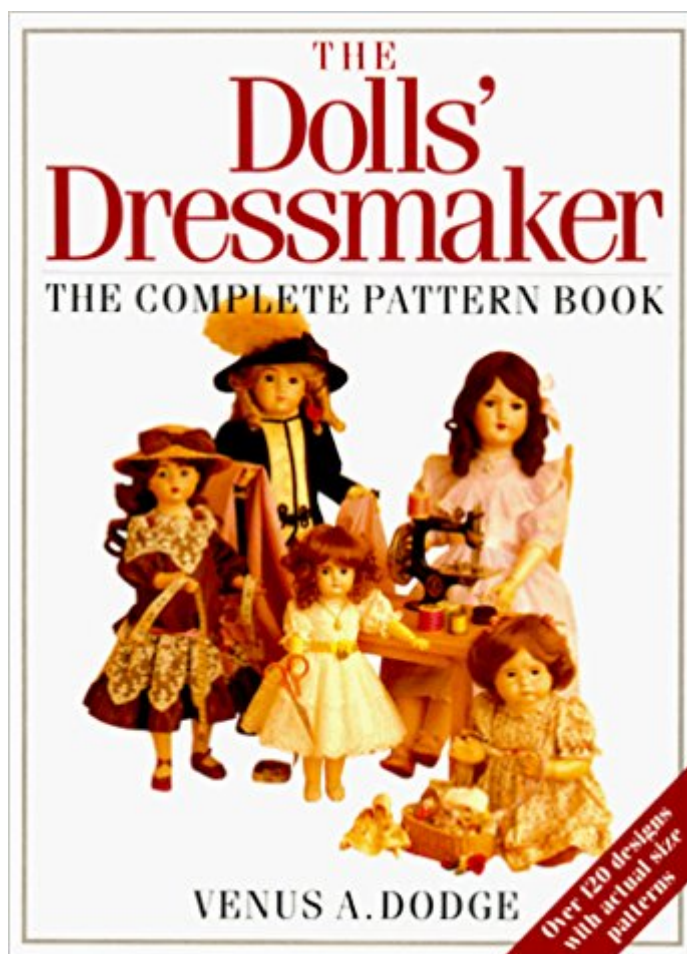


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# The Doll's Dressmaker: The Complete Pattern Book



## Synopsis

In this collection of more than 120 dolls' dress designs, from modern outfits to period costumes, all the patterns are of actual size and ready to trace off the page and use. They fit dolls of 10 to 25 inches (28 to 63.5 centimetres), and can be altered to fit other sizes. Many of them are intended for the beginner, while experienced dolls' dressmakers should find the more elaborate period costumes an interesting challenge. The book contains making-up instructions, advice on technique and guidance on achieving a professional finish on a small scale. The author's other books include "The Dolls' House DIY Book" and "Making Miniatures", both written in collaboration with her husband.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a book for reading once, twice, three times, and then going back and using it as a reference. Patterns in various sizes. I've already tried one and it was excellent. The sewing instructions assume that you know what you are doing, so this is definitely not for beginners.

This book is full of great patterns which can be copied and enlarged or made smaller to fit your doll. I sew for very small dolls so I needed to reduce them but it only took a couple of tries to figure out the proper sizing. I actually bought it for the instructions. The author gives detailed instructions and lots of sewing hints which are helpful when working with such small projects. I'd rate this book for any level of sewing. The beginner will perhaps not be interested in some of the more difficult patterns but if they continue to sew they'll grow into it. The intermediate and advanced stitchers will

be tickled with the detailed instructions and the opportunity to add their own touches to the patterns and really make them their own.

I own many books about dressing dolls, but this one is the only one I would vote as the "Ultimate". Everything you need to know to make that perfect doll outfit or wardrobe is covered, with well written directions and patterns that are simple to understand and well drawn. A wide range of styles are included and not only clothing but accessories, hats and shoes as well. I borrowed this from a friend and after looking at it for one day I placed my order. An invaluable reference and source of inspiration!

It's a very nice book with directions and really nice pictures. Great for a collector even if one is not a seamstress. Books like these are hard to find sometimes. It is of very good quality, paper, printing and photography.

I am terrible at making my own doll patterns so purchased several books to help me out. They are great and would recommend.

Ms. Dodge has done a beautiful job of creating a book full of ideas, drawings and illustrations. There are actual tracable patterns in four sizes, BUT they must be adjusted for the individual dolls for which they are being used. For most of her ideas, I have had to alter other patterns which I know actually fit rather than using hers. I appreciate her ideas and directions. This book is not for the beginning seamstress unless she happens to have an exactly sized/shaped doll. Additionally, there are a few parts of the instructions which are difficult even for an advanced seamstress but doable and the clothes are beautiful once completed. Her historical knowledge of styles and fabrics is helpful.

I'm so glad to have my own copy of this book. When I was a little girl, around 7 years old, I checked this book out from the library, and from it made a pair of doll shoes out of scraps of fabric and cardboard and glue. My mom still has those shoes to this very day. It's true that this book doesn't include step by step instructions on making specific dresses. It's made more to inspire your imagination and creativity and to give certain skills to help you accomplish that. It also tells how you can alter the patterns to fit the type of dolls that you are trying to fit, such as altering the neck line and the arm holes, etc. I love the pictures. You could spend hours looking at them. This book is a

great one to have in your collection.

AMAZING!!Thank you!Per my daughter - "It is her favorite gift ever" because it inspires her to do her favorite things- to read and to learn to sew.Thank you for being the ONLY gift that actually arrived as it was supposed to.Appreciate you!!

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