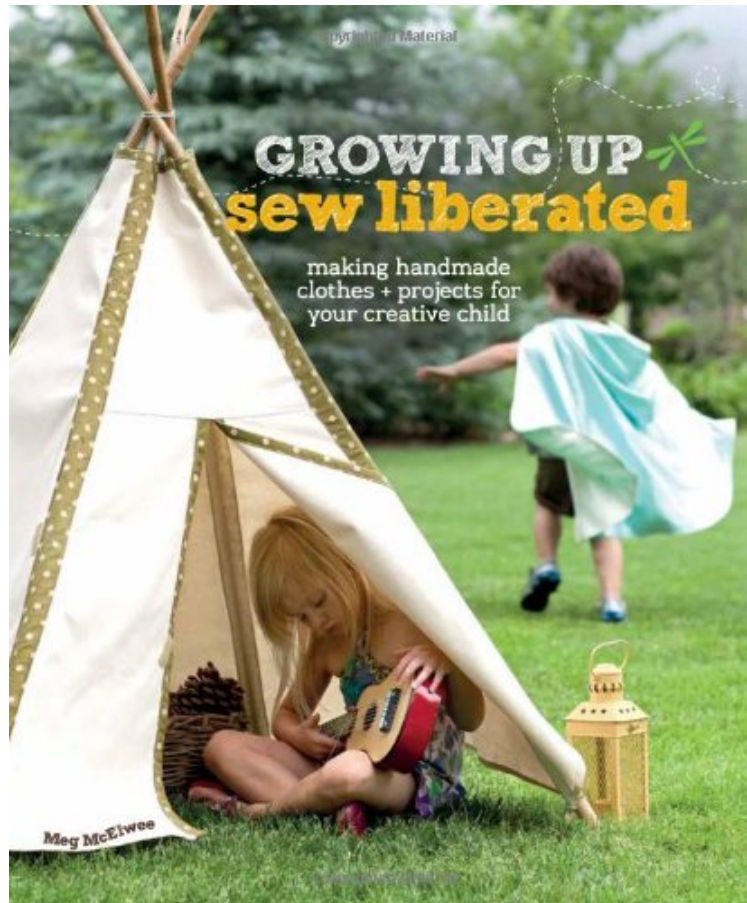


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37 of 39 people found the following review helpful. A really great craft and family bookBy Mrsc1345I just got this book in the mail today and immediately dove in to check out the latest craft book offering. I could immediately tell it was a great purchase and after I finished it I'm convinced it's one of the best craft books I've bought to date. (and I seem to buy everyone that comes out) The book comes with a big fat stack of patterns in the back, which I love, I hate paying \$\$ for a book and then having to draft my own pieces or slog to the copiers to print and increase 37% or whatever... And, it comes with patterns for things I will actually make! It has really great simple clothing patterns for babies to 5t, toy/activity patterns, outside play ideas, I know I will get a lot of use from this book. Perhaps the best

thing about the book is the little ideas and Montessori activities that she sprinkles throughout the book. This isn't a Montessori book per say, anyone can use and love it, but I really love the respectful Montessori method and these little ideas and reminders were great to see paired up with loving handmade ideas to make for my family. If you have young children and love to make things for them to wear, play, or use, then definitely buy this book! 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. The Teepee is my favorite! By Bee I really like this book and its patterns and designs are very clear. Even for a beginning sewer. So if you are and like to make some cute things for your kids, this is a good beginning. I have recently finished the teepee tent and I am very pleased with the result. I wished the book would contain a bit more room decoration for children. Or a bit more modern inspiration on color and fabric combinations. The fabrics and colors used in this book are a bit old-fashioned. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Great book with more than just sewing patterns! By Rae O This is a great book with very thorough instructions and really nice patterns. Beyond that, the author includes little snippets for Montessori-type activities/tips, which are nice to read through. So far I have used the book to make the baby bubble pants and the toddler crossover tee. The baby bubble pants are a nice roomy pant that will easily fit over cloth diapers and should continue fitting for quite some time due to the generous cut and elasticized ankles. The crossover tee is a really comfy pajama shirt and my daughter absolutely LOVES the tee! I have sewn up several of them and they are easy to sew up and look darling on my daughter. I can't wait to try more of the patterns from the book!

Bring joy, creativity learning to your sewing with fabulous kid-friendly projects! Meg McElwee puts her signature sewing style into gorgeous children's clothes and creative activity-focused designs. From simple clothing to toys, *Growing Up Sew Liberated* is packed with innovative, playful sewing patterns. Follow the structure of a child's day with 20 projects including: Getting up and getting dressed: comfortable clothing patterns such as T-shirts, sweatshirts, and pocket pants. Homemaking and cooking: projects for engaging children in helping around the house and for in the kitchen, such as aprons, bibs, and placemats. Playtime: indoor and outdoor activities are celebrated with dolls, a cape, a satchel, and a tent. Bedtime: snuggle in for a night in cozy pj's and a sleep sack. Meg adds in suggestions for projects and adventures for kids and adults to explore together and tasks that children can accomplish on their own. Includes a techniques section, how-to photos, extra tips and tricks, and a bonus full-size pattern section. *Growing Up Sew Liberated* collects designs, activities, and ideas that are perfect for adding creativity into the daily life of sewists, children, and families.

"Rarely, though, does a book make my heart race in the same way that it does every time I open my copy of *Growing up Sew Liberated*. The photos are dreamy and gorgeous, but it's the projects that really speak to my racing heart. This book is full of patterns and instructions to make all of the things that my daughters want." - Stefanie Japel, *Craftsy.com*"The clothes are cute but not cutesy, and they look super comfortable, too. The playthings are made with learning in mind - the author is a former Montessori teacher - but they aren't earnest. The dolls and capes and play tent would doubtless provide all sorts of room for imaginative play." - *CanadianLiving.com*"I loved her first book, so I knew this one, which is devoted to the littles, would be fantastic too. And it is!...full of beautiful things to sew. Many of the projects are just right for gifts as well. I would enjoy making all of them and I know they would all be well received and loved." - Meg Spaeth, *ElsieMarley.com*"One of my favorite things about Meg's blog (and this book) is that her writing and designs are infused with experience from her years as a Montessori teacher. I love reading about how she has translated that training into parenting... Throughout the book Meg has added wonderful tips and ideas for play, learning, and involving children in household tasks that are really inspiring." - Rae Hoekstra, *Made-by-Rae.com*"I have a new favorite sewing book! The book is full of playful and easy sewing projects to make for children... *Growing Up Sew Liberated* is interspersed with great nuggets of wisdom about play, art materials, and learning. As a longtime reader of Meg's (since back when she was blogging as *Montessori by Hand*), I see the former early childhood educator coming through here." - *The Artful Parent*"*Growing Up Sew Liberated* is a fantastic sewing book, but more importantly it is a guide to deepening our children's love of nature through creative play. Every project has a purpose. A child's need for rhythm and sense of wonder are main themes throughout the book, and it is a wonderful insight into how to create a natural rhythm for any family." - *Rhythm of the Home*"This title is full of inspiration, practical sewing instruction for family projects, lovely photos, and comforting advice about creating family rhythm." - *SimpleHomeSchool.net*"INCREDIBLE! Meg has merged her early childhood education background, with her pattern making skills and mothering experience to produce a book that is filled with gorgeous clothing destined to become your child's favorites...the instructions and patterns are always straightforward so even if you don't have lots of sewing experience you can go forth with confidence." - Maya Donenfeld, *Maya\*Made*"The perfect inspiration for summer sewing." - Blair Stocker, *Wise Craft*"*Growing up Sew Liberated* is beautifully written and styled in a manner that will inspire both you and the little ones in your world. The sewing projects have been thoughtfully put together and nestled among them are tips and ideas on connecting with your children through play and creativity." - Jennifer Casa, *JCasa \*handmade*"This book is not only great resource for patterns and projects but also wisdom on family life, rhythm (one of my favorite topics), and teaching - to name just a few." - Nicole Spring,

Frontier Dreams" Do you follow Sew Liberated [the blog]? Then you probably know what a sweet, kind, creative woman Meg is. What I love most about this book is that you can see her personality in it. You can just feel it through her writing and kid-friendly projects." Dana Willard, Dana-Made-It.com "All of Meg's patterns have a timeless and classic style while keeping the fun and creativity of childhood play as their focus." - Joanna Johnson, author, Phoebe's Sweater "A collection of adorable items to sew for y