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before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Sew U Home Stretch: The Built by Wendy Guide to Sewing Knit Fabrics:

106 of 106 people found the following review helpful. Very basic, yet doesn't cover some important foundations!By Katelyn AllersI found this book very disappointing (particularly because I really enjoyed the original Sew U). The patterns are very boxy, so I found it more useful to use a knit sloper from elsewhere (i.e. burdastyle) rather than the included patterns. I've made the basic dress, "butterfly dress", hoody, and boatneck, and found that 1) the alterations suggested in the book do not result in anything that looks at all like the pictures and 2) some of the pattern pieces (i.e. hoody lower band) were incorrectly sized or labelled. In addition, this book doesn't cover one of the most important (and frustrating for beginners) topics: stabilizing, which is so key for having success with sewing knits. Also not covered: top stitching with a double needle, which is by far the best way to get a nice hem if you have a conventional sewing machine.7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Good enoughBy SaucyI am an intermediate woven fabric sewer, but I have never sewn with knits. The book covers the basics about sewing with knits i.e. how to mark notches etc. The author realizes that not all beginning knit sewers can/want to purchase a serger so her sewing instructions include sewing only on a sewing machine. The problem I have with the book is that it tends to jump around when you start to look for sewing instructions. There is no consistency with seam allowances either. When I went to make the basic tee it is not marked on the pattern where you would add length and she doesn't say whether or

not to do a gathering stitch when I set in the sleeves. I wrote her and did not receive an answer. If you are writing a book to novice knit sewists, then clear instructions are critical. Maybe I am spoiled by Colette Patterns. I have written them a few times when I have a question about their patterns and I receive a very quick and detailed response to my question. Even with the patterns that are included in this book, it's really not worth the money. IMO Google searches and blogs would have produced the same amount of help. And please, if there is someone reading this review that has an answer to my sleeve question, I would be grateful for your help. 58 of 59 people found the following review helpful. 5 Stars, but...By CustomerI give this book all the love it deserves because there is nothing like it out there and serger friendly patterns are hard to find. I am learning a TON from this book, but there are some things I wished she had covered. She shows how to alter patterns to make different types of garments, which is great. I wish she had gone a step further to show how we can alter these to fit better. Like making fitted t-shirts or tapered sleeves. The sizing in her patterns is generous. I made the boatneck T and unlike the picture, it came out frumpy and boxy. I just kept taking it in at the seams until I liked it. Hemming will make or break the looks of your knit garment. She goes over a few methods, but I had poor results with all (I don't have a coverlock machine). She completely left out twin needle stitching and the benefits of stabilizing your hem as you serge it. Overall, if you are just branching into knits like I am, get this book. You will love it. Just use it along with other books on serging and sewing with knits.

Looking to give your wardrobe some pizzazz? Start sewing! Like knitting before it, sewing is being reclaimed by a new generation, one that celebrates individual creativity. Fresh on the heels of her first book, Sew U, which focused on sewing with woven fabrics, Wendy will now teach the creatively inclined how to make perfect t-shirts, dresses, and hoodies, all with soft knit fabric. She'll take your sewing to the next level, providing step-by-step instructions (both for sewing with a serger and without) and patterns directly from her own studio. And with tips on how to alter T-shirts and clothes you already have, you'll soon be revamping all your clothes to make fabulous custom creations.

About the Author Wendy Mullin is a self-taught seamstress whose hip clothing line Built by Wendy has found fans amongst musicians, artists, and actors such as the Beastie Boys, Natalie Portman, Drew Barrymore, and Pharrell. She was tapped by Wrangler to reinvigorate their label and created the new Wrangler 47 line. Originally from suburban Chicago, she currently lives and works in New York City. Eviana Hartman is an editor at Nylon magazine, and was formerly a fashion writer for Vogue and Teen Vogue. She lives in Brooklyn, New York.