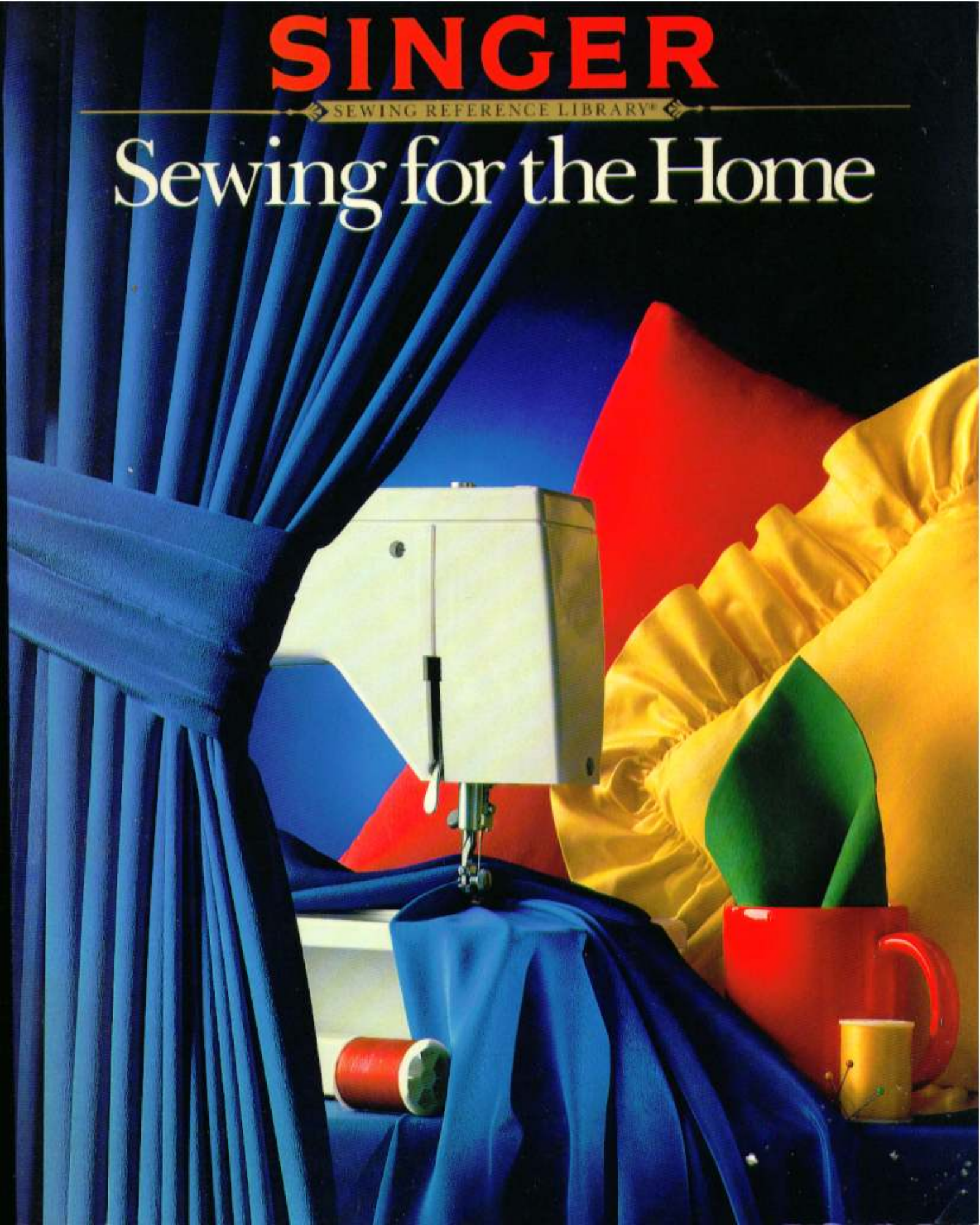


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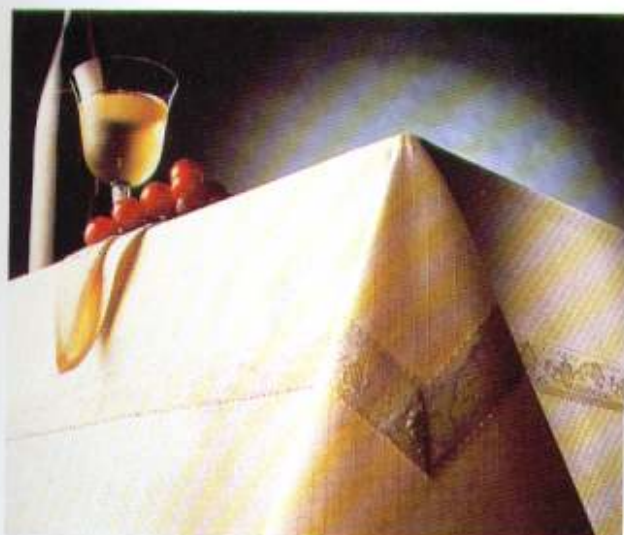
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How to Use This Book

Sewing for the Home has a wide selection of decorator home fashions for you to sew. In making these items, we have considered cost, simplicity of construction, ease of care and coordination of colors and patterns. We have also considered the amount of time involved; many of these projects can be completed in an afternoon or evening. Also included are designer customizing hints which you can incorporate into your home decorating projects.

Home Sewing Basics

We start with the basics of fabric and color selection, then show you how to use your sewing machine and its standard equipment to achieve the best sewing results. You will also learn about optional machine attachments that make home decorator sewing faster and easier.

Instructions for many of the projects include alternate sewing methods and suggest timesaving techniques such as fusible web to join two fabrics, fusible backing to stabilize a tieback, or hook and loop tape to close a pillow.

Before you begin to sew, read the information on pages 4 through 21 to acquaint yourself with the basic techniques of home decorator sewing.

Step-by-Step Guidance

This book is divided into four project sections: windows, pillows, tables and beds. For windows, we give instructions for standard favorites such as pinch-pleated draperies and ruffled curtains, along with directions for many other window fashions including five Roman shade variations. Pillows range from simple knife-edge styles to pillows with flanged or Shirred edges. For tables, learn how to make a reversible tablecloth, quilted runners, bordered placemats and six different styles of napkins. Make

a bed comforter for your bed or cover an old one, then sew pillow shams and a dust ruffle to match.

At the beginning of each section is an overview of the section. This includes how to take accurate measurements for the projects and what to consider when selecting fabric and sewing aids. Cutting directions are detailed at the beginning of each project. For easy reference, fabrics and notions required to complete the project are included in boxes labeled **YOU WILL NEED**.

The step-by-step instructions that are given are complete; you do not need to purchase additional patterns. The photographs that accompany the instructions show you how the project should look at each step of its construction.

The sewing techniques you learn for one project can be applied to others. The same method is used for making ruffles on curtains as for pillows or bed accessories. The technique for mitering corners on a tablecloth is the same as on pillows or placemats.

Easy Home Decorator Projects

Experienced sewers can manage any of the projects we have designed; other projects such as knife-edge pillows, shower curtains, napkins or roller shades are suitable for less experienced sewers.

To inspire your creativity and help you visualize finished results, the projects throughout this book are made with coordinating fabrics. You will see how one fabric can be used for many different projects. Start with one project as the focal point of the room, then turn leftover fabrics from larger projects into attractive, coordinating accessories.

We hope the step-by-step guidance, practical shortcuts and designer tips given in *Sewing for the Home* encourage you to design and create your own home decorator fashions.

