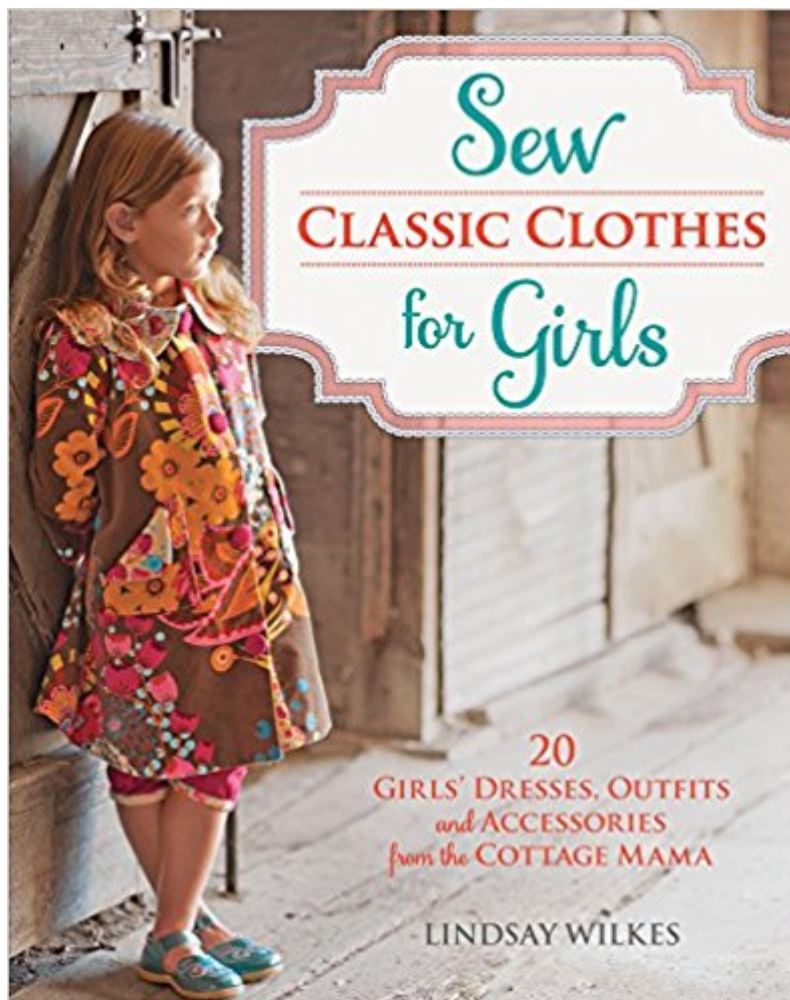




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Sew Classic Clothes For Girls: 20 Girls' Dresses, Outfits And Accessories From The Cottage Mama



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Special clothes for special girls! Delight in the details of these 20+ girlish garment patterns from Lindsay Wilkes, creator of The Cottage Mama patterns and blog. Featuring a classic, vintage-inspired aesthetic, you'll love stitching up an entire girl's wardrobe that's more than just dresses. Mix and match pieces to discover new looks, make complete outfits, and create a year's worth of customized, personal garments for your own little gal. Inside you'll find: Step-by-step instructions to make more than 20 garments and accessories. Materials requirements, cutting instructions, and patterns for sizes 12 months to 10 years. Patterns for coats, dresses, knickers, frocks, tops, and more. A "Getting Started" section to help you choose and pair fabrics, select tools, and brush up on garment-sewing techniques. A CD containing print-at-home patterns and cutting layout diagrams. System requirements for CD: Adobe Acrobat Reader to view PDF documents CD-ROM drive Free hard-disk space to save files"

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"This book is so pretty. From the gorgeous photos, to the well-thought out and detailed patterns, to the cheery fabrics, you just want to keep turning pages to learn all of Lindsay's secrets." -

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Lindsay Wilkes is the owner and creative force behind "The Cottage Mama": a successful blog, shop, and independent pattern brand featuring handmade, vintage-inspired children's clothing. She is from Algonquin, IL. Follow her online at thecottagemama.com.

This is one of the very best books I have ever seen for creating clothing for children, The patterns work perfectly when you print them out correctly and put them together. That is a huge plus because there are other patterns out there that do not work at all. The directions in the book for the sewing techniques are clear and easy to follow even for beginning sewers. I have taught sewing and patternmaking for many years at a university and I was pleased to see a new author with not only such a creative way of putting together fabric and trims, but of giving clear instruction for the sewing so that anyone with even a tiny bit of common sense could do it and feel accomplished. I hope we see more from this talented new author.

I am not sure how to expand on so many great reviews on this book, except to tell you that "Sew Classic Clothes for Girls" is the first book of children's clothing patterns, ideas, etc. that has actually passed my daughters' "Mom Approved!" test. I have 3 young granddaughters to sew for and I have been reluctant to spend too much time making these little girl's clothes, as I also have 3 mothers that I have to please as well. My two daughters and daughter-in-law are all fashionistas and very picky and when getting this book out and asking the test question...."what do you think?"....I got the most positive feedback! So, yes, I have finally been set free to sew for my granddaughters, following the wonderful suggestions of combining patterns with the latest and coolest fabrics on the market! Lindsay has a true gift for putting things together and by the way....she sews, too! I have struggled with other patterns and books, as that is not always the case and being one of the "Older, in

age....younger in heart" sewers...I need to be able to be able to sew with patterns that deliver some high quality techniques and this book delivers just that! High quality!

If you enjoy sewing for a little girl, you must purchase this book. The designs are classic and very girly. Love the vintage feel to many of the dresses. If you haven't checked out Lindsay's blog or Facebook page, I would highly recommend. The women are very encouraging and can help you through any of the pattern questions you might have. Very lucky to have found The Cottage Mama, these great patterns, and a great sewing group.

Love the patterns, but wish that the large rectangles were just given as dimensions. I hate having to spend ages taping together and cutting out just to get a rectangle, very annoying. Also, there are fewer sizes than I thought. The Party Dress pattern (which inspired me to buy the book) did not have these issues. Last quibble, it would be easier to understand the instruction pictures if the fabric patterns were less busy. Great for idea photos, but hard to see the design details.

I love this book. I also belong to the Cottage Mama Facebook group - and if I ever have any questions about what I'm doing, I post my question and usually have an answer from someone in minutes! It's a great book with a lot of interchangeable clothing items. A word of advice - the patterns that need to be printed are on a CD that's included in the book. I worried that I would lose the CD, and since there's no way to replace just the CD, the whole book would be rendered useless. Therefore, I copied the CD onto my computer, that way I can print from wherever I am, and in case I ever lose the CD, I won't be screwed.

I gave myself this beautiful book for Christmas, and I have studied it from cover to cover. Not only is it beautiful to look at, but the step by step directions with each pattern make sewing a breeze! My biggest problem was just deciding which pattern I wanted to try first! I finally chose the smock top, and it was so easy and fun. I actually wanted to turn around and make it again!!! I have a 2 year old granddaughter, and I will be sewing through Lindsay's book for many years to come. May I also say that it is so nice to find patterns that allow little girls to look age appropriate. Thanks, Lindsay Wilkes, for this wonderful gift!

This book will encourage a new generation of people to sew for little girls! Fresh styles in exciting color-combinations are presented in a clear and easy to understand way! It's refreshing to have a

book relating to sewing that really allows even a novice to learn how to design, create, and actually be proud of the results! No stuffy-sewing- rules to follow, just techniques that build sewing-confidence and clothes that girls will love to wear! A new classic!

Well written book with beautiful clothes and pictures, but the patterns are at least 20 pages to print yourself with one pattern being 42 pages! While the book says "20 girls dresses, outfits, and accessories" there are only 7 patterns on the CD. It is simply just a mix of other pattern pieces to make a different outfit.

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