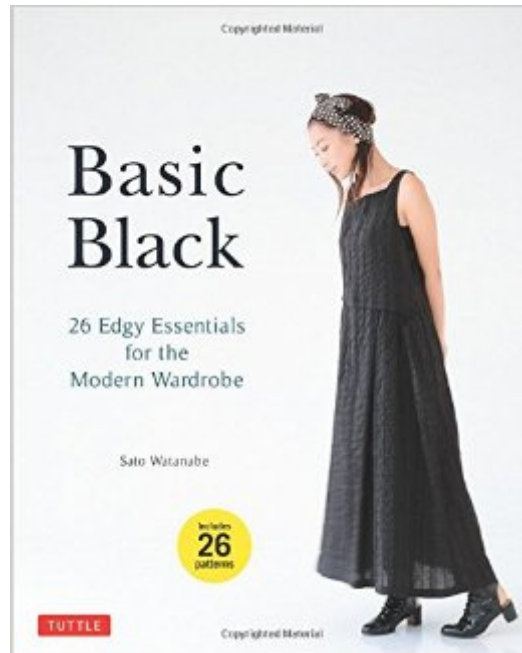


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# Basic Black: 26 Edgy Essentials For The Modern Wardrobe



## Synopsis

Sew chic, dark-toned clothes with this stylish sewing book and add a touch of originality to your wardrobe. Basic Black is the English edition of a classic Japanese sewing book which provides sew-it-yourself Western-sized patterns for 26 basic garments, along with detailed, easy-to-follow diagrams and instructions. Author Sato Watanabe has published many books that are favorites among Japanese sewing fans. In this book she shows you how to make truly professional-quality pieces easily and inexpensively at home. DIY Sewing designs include: Lace Shirred Blouse Tiered Sleeveless Dress Zip-up Vest with High Neck Frilled Shirt in Charcoal Flannel Short Coat And many more! All of the styles and fashion are easily customized to create your own personal style, and there is truly something for everyone and every occasion in this book "from a smart two-texture combo dress to a relaxed, bohemian tunic" and everything in-between. All the styles are thoroughly modern and practical, ranging from softly feminine or straight-line simple to smartly-tailored or loosely-deconstructed. Simple lines make these garments perfect for women of all ages and all sizes. This book includes a complete western-sized sewing pattern for each design that is easily adjusted to fit your body form. The understated, graceful designs in this book are ones that you'll come back to again and again.

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NOT for the new sewer. The styles are beautiful simplistic enough but the pattern is a very tough to read and figure out. It took a committee of my sewing friends to decipher the exact lines and

where to go. I like having all the sizes though. I plan on making something for myself and then something for my preteen granddaughter. Styles are wonderful and funky and simple.

Not quite what I expected. Beautiful photos but poor instructions. I will be able to make some clothing because I am a very experienced sewist. But my students who want to use these patterns will need a ton of guidance. The designs are not as interesting either as the book preview suggests.

The clothes are lovely but the instructions are extremely slim. Unless you are an experienced sewer, stay away. Most of the patterns, even for a jacket are about 4 lines long. I think I might attempt a couple of the simple dresses... Probably not in black..and it should come as no surprise that the sizing for Japanese sewing patterns is extremely small. I don't understand why when they translate it to English! they don't take the time to size up. A conventional medium, about a 14 in most patterns is an extra large here.

I just bought the Kindle version of Basic Black: 26 Edgy Essentials for the Modern Wardrobe, by Sato Watanabe. I thought I would be able to download the patterns and print them from my computer. But they are all on one giant page, instead of individual, letter-size pages. I suppose there is a way to have them professionally printed, but I have no idea how to go about that. The book is well written, and the designs are really fun. Thus the 2 stars. If I could print the patterns out and get started sewing tonight, I would have given it 5 stars. This book is useless to me without patterns that I can print out. I really wish there had been something in the listing about the format of the pattern download. I wouldn't have wasted my money. ETA: I contacted the publisher regarding the pattern download, and they were nice enough to send me a hard copy at their expense, so I've added a star to my review for that reason. It really is a very nice book. (I returned the Kindle version.) I just want people to be aware of the format of the downloadable patterns, so I'm only giving it 3 stars instead of the 5 stars I would give it otherwise.

I just finished reading and have decided which design to start sewing. However, I purchased the kindle version which appears to me to have been a mistake. I am unable to download the patterns - hence the book is kind of worthless without the patterns. I think and the publisher should ensure patterns are printable before offering an e-reader version of a publication.

Very Good.. all its title implied. only complaint they printed patterns on both sides so you cant just

use. one more piece of paper would make it everything you need. right now. no digital file, that would have been useful. otherwise VERY GOOD>

Wonderful edgy clothing. These patterns seem more complex than other japanese pattern books so I haven't yet attempted any. But I can read this book over and over because it's so beautiful!

This is an amazing collection of dresses and wardrobe pieces that you can wear year round. I am currently taking sewing classes and the instructor walked in wearing an item from the book. I told her I had been reading a book that had that pattern in it and we, in unison, cried out "Black Dresses." Wonderful pictures, nice outcomes. One caution, the pattern pieces are all on front and back of two big sheets of paper. Very hard to discern which pieces go with what and you had better be good at following "your" particular size line. I put thin interfacing down and traced my patterns so as not to destroy my originals.

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