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Sewing Clothes Kids Love: Sewing Patterns And Instructions For Boys' And Girls' Outfits



Synopsis

This is a book of colorful and imaginative children's clothes to sew, designed with kids in mind. The authors are designers and owners of two popular pattern companies for kids' clothes: "Farbenmix and Studio Tantrum, known in the sewing community for their creativity, versatility, and fit. This collection of exclusive patterns, included with the book, offers step-by-step instruction for making boys' and girls' clothing with a variety of fabric styles and decorative embellishment including embroidery, patchwork, and trims. The patterns for pants, tops, skirts, and dresses include variations for long and short hemlines and sleeves, various necklines, and adjustable lengths. The patterns are sized from 18 months to kids' size 12.

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Customer Reviews

I've been waiting for this book to come out since Nancy first mentioned it on her blog. As a devotee of Farbenmix and Studio Tantrum patterns, I knew that this book was going to be something that I wanted. I prefer these patterns for several reasons: they have great fit with growing room; the designs are easily adapted to be simply made or given the full-on embellishment treatment; the designers seem to think "outside the box" when creating their patterns, resulting in garments that are dynamic in motion and fit beautifully with an original twist. I really like this book, it does have its drawbacks (as any book does), so I'll list the Pros and Cons as I see them in order to give a balanced review. PROS: -10 multi-sized patterns, 3 or 4 of which are not available as separate patterns and some which are being discontinued for the cost of 1 or 2 if purchased individually. You

can't beat that deal.

The girls who make Farbenmix/Studio Tantrum patterns have written a book! and it comes with PATTERNS! I just got it today, so I haven't studied it in depth, but looks great so far. Unlike some of the other reviewers, I happen to love the busy prints and whimsical stylings that are the hallmark of Farbenmix patterns. There is lots of ruching, gathers, and trims for lots of texture and visual interest, but you can also make toned down versions of their patterns which are very stylish and wearable as well. The book has lots of really amazing full-color illustrations and from the looks of it, the directions (and accompanying drawings) are much more comprehensive than what you get with the regular Farbenmix patterns. I have never had problems with the patterns before, but I've seen people lamenting their lack of clarity, so this seems like it would be a big improvement for beginning sewists, especially. The only thing I'm not liking (and it's relatively minor) is that the patterns are printed on normal pattern tissue paper instead of the heavier white paper that individual Farbenmix patterns come printed on. It will make repeated tracings more difficult, for sure. I understand that the individual Feliz pattern and a few others--Imke, Insa & Dortje, maybe?--are being discontinued, but they are included in this book, so you can still buy them and really it's cheaper this way. The fit of Farbenmix/Studio Tantrum patterns, and the ease with which they come together is so far superior to any of the "Big 3" patterns, I don't even waste my money buying them any more. The patterns in this book each cover sizes 18mo-2T to 11/12. Additionally, the first third of the book covers proper fitting, pattern alterations, and even instructions for making a dress form.

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