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- Step-by-step photographs take the head-scratching out of sewing.
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Review

"Tilly Walnes breaks down handmade clothing in an approachable, fun-to-read way. Each chapter contains a project, beginning simple with a scarf and ending with an impressive lined dress. Plus Tilly provides variations to make the project your own and suggestions for making sewing not only a hobby, but a lifestyle. Sewists of all skill levels will enjoy this beautiful book."—*Sew News*

About the Author

On a whim and feeling the urge to fill a creative void, TILLY WALNES signed up for a three-day dressmaking course. It was love at first stitch. Her newfound joy in sewing her own clothes--but lack of friends who could also sew--led Tilly to start her blog, *Tilly and the Buttons*, so that she could share her experiences and swap tips with other would-be dressmakers. Within three years of first threading a needle, Tilly's blog is the most popular sewing blog in the UK and she appeared as a contestant in the first season of *The Great British Sewing Bee*, the only contestant to design and draft her own garment designs. Between teaching dressmaking classes at sewing schools in both London and Birmingham, Tilly is developing her own line of dressmaking patterns.

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