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# Doll Fashion Studio: Sew 20 Seasonal Outfits For Your 18-Inch Doll



## Synopsis

Make adorable outfits for an entire year of fun adventures and special occasions! 20 fully illustrated seasonal outfits with easy-to-follow instructions. 3 pattern sheets featuring 100 full-size patterns. Bonus! 8 simple accessory projects for young beginners. Tips from the author for making simple pattern alterations.

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## Customer Reviews

My granddaughter received an American Girl doll for her birthday and I was looking forward to making her some of the cute outfits in this beautifully photographed book. However, I've found mistakes in the pattern and/or directions on each of the three dresses I've attempted. The pattern for the bodice of the Recital Dress must be adjusted to make the front match the lining. I assumed since I had paid for the patterns, they would be right and never thought to measure the pieces before I cut them. Deconstructing the bodice and making the necessary adjustments solved that problem. The Sunny Day Sundress was just a matter of placing the straps where the picture shows, not where the directions state. But the skirt of the Birthday Party Dress can only be fixed by purchasing more fabric and starting over. The front and back skirt pattern pieces have straight bottoms, tops, backs & center front but the side seams are slanted. Assembling them results in something resembling the bottom of a hexagon and seams that come to a point. This looks nothing like the illustration in the directions. I cut the points into curves, hoping that would help, and was about to go on with the bottom ruffle (which I'd already cut) when I realized it would be much too

short to look anything like the photograph of the dress. Once again the directions were in error. I'm not exactly new to sewing but I don't have experience drafting patterns which is why I BUY them! Two stars for the large variety of lovely doll clothes but don't assume you can just cut out the patterns (after you trace them since they're printed on both sides of the paper) and follow directions.

I borrowed this book from the library but have also ordered it from . I like the seasonal variety of cloths but wanted to warn others about pattern mistakes. So far I have made the summer dress and the summer Pjs. The dress fit my granddaughters American Girl doll perfectly, but waist on the pj pants were much too small. They didn't fit over the poor dolls hips(kind of like me trying on jeans, but I digress) I had to alter the patten and decided to make a casing for the elastic instead of just sewing to the waist. I had yet to receive my own book which is on back order. Just beware. Measure before you cut out any pattern, especially bottoms.

I borrowed this book from the library as well as others from J.H and other authors. I also bought a few patterns from Simplicity and McCall. This is in my opinion the best value: the most current and adorable kid designs, and a wide enough selection. I made several outfits for my grand-daughter's Target Our Generation doll which runs 1/4 inch wider in the waist than the American Girl doll (pattern book intended for a 11" waist AG doll) . I had no problems as I was careful to keep my seams to 1/4 inch. You may need to add a little to side seams as well as neck to waist length. I used a light table( glass top table with lamp underneath, or pattern sheet taped to glass door)to trace the pattern on manilla folders, then quickly used the templates to trace it again on paper, cutting off the seam allowances and taping the sides seams of the resulting pieces. This allowed me to quickly check the fit without having to make a muslin. The outfits turned out very well, The manilla template is sturdy enough to trace quickly around on the fabric for several outfits. I did not have problems with directions. Everything is pretty much spelled out. The key is to be precise at this scale and to sew flat as the author explains very well. Check the 2 videos corresponding to this book by searching Joan Hinds Sewing with Nancy. Note the outfits took me more than 30 min :-). I am so thrilled with the results that I plan to buy the book for my daughter.

This is a wonderful book for sewing 18" doll clothes. I have made a couple of outfits and in the process found a mistake or two. I would say that you have to be an experienced sewer to use this book. I saw Joan Hinds on a PBS sewing show and she showed how to make 18" doll clothes in 30 minutes. I thought there might be one or two of those items in this book but no such luck. I do sew

and the outfits I have made are very cute. This is just not a book for a beginner.

I purchased this book to make outfits for my granddaughter's AG doll. One of the main reasons that I bought this was because it stated that the patterns were included. What they DIDN'T tell you is that the patterns are printed on BOTH SIDES of some huge - 3 foot- pieces of paper. It states on the pattern piece that if you want all of the patterns you can trace them onto other paper!! There are 100 pattern pieces and it would take a lot of time to trace the pattern pieces if you want to be able to use all of the designs in this book. I think that the publisher should have made ALL of the pattern pieces available to cut out without having to trace them. I would be willing to pay a bit more for this book if this was available.

I love this book. I make doll clothes all year to donate, and I have all Joan Hinds books. I am happy with all of them but the thing I like the most about this one is that there are a lot of dresses. Also, there are lots of ways to vary the designs. The styles are very up to date, and really cute.

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