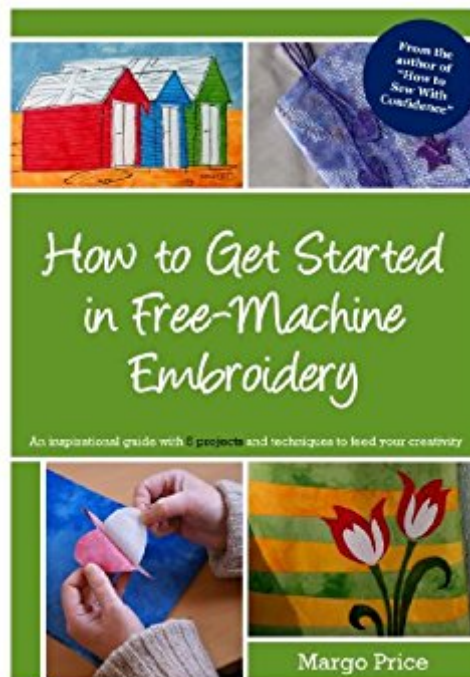


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How To Get Started In Free-Machine Embroidery



Synopsis

Do you want to be more creative with your sewing? Do you want to learn how to get more from your sewing machine? Do you lack the confidence to get started in machine embroidery? "How to Get Started in Free-Machine Embroidery" provides the ideal jargon-free beginners guide for those who want to explore free-machine embroidery. With a collection of creative sewing projects and individual sections for mastering basic techniques, this book guides you, step-by-step, through the basics of free-machine embroidery. In this book, Margo Price shares her tried-and-tested techniques and sewing projects, perfected over ten-year's experience of running her own sewing business "Time4me Workshops". The practical ideas presented in this book will provide essential reading for anyone wanting an easy-to-understand introduction to the fascinating world of free-machine embroidery. Find out if your sewing machine is capable of machine embroidery. Cheap budget machines that claim to do it all may disappoint. A basic machine with a few basic functions, if it is sturdy, may be all you need to get started. Get familiar with your sewing machine and how it works. Becoming confident with a sewing machine takes time and practice. You don't need to know it all to begin with but keep striving to make regular progress and acquire new skills and techniques. Discover the essential threads, needles and fabrics you will need for free-machine embroidery. Using quality tools and materials will ensure you are not disappointed. Poor, cheap or inappropriate threads, needles and fabrics will undermine all your hard work. Learn by doing. Many sewing books start with lots of information and theory which can be overwhelming. In this book you will begin working on projects straight away. In this way you will learn and improve in manageable chunks, and will not be put off by too much information. Discover how to embellish your appliqué designs. Get creative and turn simple appliqué designs into custom designs or personalised gifts for your friends and family by using free-machine embroidery. Discover how to write with a needle. Add words, names or other text to your sewing creations by using free-machine embroidery techniques. Even without a programmable machine you can learn to embroider your sewing projects with confidence. Learn how to do free-motion quilting. Finish off your quilting projects in style by learning how to do free-motion quilting. Create formal or informal designs or find your inspiration from nature. Learn how to draw pictures with your sewing machine. Free-machine embroidery can be used to create wonderful freehand sketches or line drawings. The possibilities are endless when you bring your own distinctive flair to your sewing. Learn how to use dissolvable fabrics. Dissolvable fabrics can be used to make your own machine-stitched lace, adding attractive lacy borders to any sewn item by trapping pieces of fabric between two layers of film.

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Customer Reviews

I'm still reading it, but I like the author's style. She is practical and experienced-she's taught machine embroidery. I can hand embroider and love it, but wanted to learn how to use my old faithful sewing machine to do some of the embroidery. I didn't want to spend a lot of money on a new machine. She starts right from the basics and doesn't miss a thing-the machine needles needed, the foot needed, the kind of fabric and thread to use are all covered. And she provides some practical assignments to do. I feel I'm not alone and that I will learn all I will need by the time I finish the book to continue and get on to some of my own designs. It's not an expensive book either. In getting the right embroidery foot for your machine, you can go online and look up your machine and which embroidery foot it takes and then order it online. That's what I did within a few pages of her book. Step-by-step, she guides you and it gives you confidence that you are learning from a very good teacher.

I'm not new to sewing, but have never tried free-machine embroidery. Though there are a lot of nice, free tutorials online, I found they were missing the most basic steps and was getting frustrated trying

to learn. This book really didn't tell me anything I never heard of (use of needles, winding a bobbin, using stabilizers, etc), but it was important to understand the "why" of those things in terms of this technique. I found the author to be basic and thorough, while also sharing her obvious skill, technique, and love for this art form. This was exactly the missing piece I needed to get started - her step-by-step style was perfect for me. Also, the fact I could get this on Kindle was another plus. I am looking forward to practicing this technique!

I find these "How to" series pretty easy to read, although the print could be a little larger, and the author has written in "layman's" terms which makes the content easy to understand. She has thought of everything you will need, not only with regard to materials and equipment needed, but also the type of light, chair, and glasses, (if you wear them). There are plenty of lovely projects to do, graduating in difficulty, but instructions are pretty clear. A must-have product.

This is a nice beginner's guide for those looking to pick up some machine embroidery skills. I am a casual crafter, mostly knitting, and haven't done any embroidery in a while, but I found Price's guide comprehensive and extremely helpful. The projects she provides are useful and helps to build the skills to accomplish more and more difficult designs and projects. A nice little step-by-step book that includes pretty much everything you need to know to get started. I highly recommend it.

This is just what I've been looking for! I'm a complete novice in machine-free embroidery and I've read several texts that have far too much in them that I don't understand. This really did take me through everything I needed to go through step by step in a way that I really understand. I'm really getting to grips with it now and it's all thanks to the authors of this book!

This guide is excellent for beginners who are looking to learn sewing. It's easy to understand & includes everything you need to know regarding this trade. It also goes through the fabrics, machinery needed to do your own sewing. There are also step-by-step projects with clear & concise instructions to keep you busy, from novice to experts level. Recommended how-to guide for complete beginners.

This is a comprehensive guide that will take you through not just the basics, but the steps, the cautions, the must do things and the absolutely don't do things of machine embroidery. There are

tips that will make your embroidery projects both successful and fun. After all, if it isn't fun, why do it? Just one of many examples: Anyone who has done the least amount of sewing, either hand or machine, knows that some thread is "fuzzy". But did you know what kind of problems that will cause? Other than breaking easy, I had no idea of the other issues, and how they make such a mess of your embroidery. You will learn what to look for and how to avoid the problems to begin with. I read a lot of self-help nonfiction books; I just have a curious mind that way. Margo Price's book is not just a cut above - it is a clear superior stand out. Recently there has been a strong trend for short, shorter, and ultra-short "ebooks" coming out. They are really nothing more than barely a glorified counter top brochure obviously based on at most a couple hours of internet research where the author clearly does not really know the topic. This book is the opposite of that trend. This book is a well thought out, fully fleshed out, in-depth walk through all of the pieces you will need to be successful. It is based on literally years of experience - "little things like using an egg timer, or wipe down the needle with surgical spirit, or needle burrs, or a | or a |. The attention to all the little details that will make your project fun or frustrating is a delight to find. Not only does it have the details for successful embroidery, there are a couple beginner projects at the end of the book. It is obvious that Margo Price is an experienced teacher because she patiently shows every step on a doable yet increasing challenging set of practice pieces moving on to a nice project that anyone would love to have when it is finished.

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