

# Welcome

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Love Sewing!

**W**hen I started learning to sew, I envisioned whipping up a wardrobe of bright summery dresses to twirl around in. Whilst I have loved making myself many happy warm-weather sewing projects, in more

recent years, I have grown to equally love sewing garments that are warm and cosy and make me feel comforted.

Considering our weather, it's a good job! So as the nights draw in and the temperatures drop, I see it as a splendid time of year when I can embrace the snuggly makes and enjoy relaxed nights in.

Our cover patterns this month are the perfect mix of a stunning project for year-round happiness, and a cosy make to feel great wearing at this time of year. First up is McCall's M7969, which I'm sure you'll recognise! This dress has been incredibly popular thanks to its ease to make, versatility and... those fabulous sleeves! Turn to page 18 to see reader Jayne's cheery version. Plus, our resident couture sewing expert Alison Smith MBE shares how to do a full bust adjustment for this beautiful



dress on page 51 and Ruth Brown shows you how to hack it into a stylish top on page 58.

McCall's 8240, meanwhile, offers the warm snuggly make I'm talking about. It's also a fantastic opportunity to try some sewing techniques and fabrics you might not have used before. Explore sewing with sweatshirt fabric with our masterclass on page 22, and learn how to sew perfect plackets with Amy Scarr on page 62.

Like always, we have plenty more stylish dressmaking patterns from our indie designers to bring you further sewing inspiration and joy. Crafty Sew & So's quick-sew funnel neck sweater dress on page 72 is another great winter warmer and an opportunity to practise sewing with sweatshirt fabric. If you are making it on an overlock, check out Elisalex's helpful overlocking tips on page 35. Also, what could be better to make at this time of year than Julia Claridge's fabulous colour-blocked quilted jacket on page 31? It's cheerful, warm, on-trend, skill-boosting and an excellent stash buster, all in one brilliant project!

All this, plus more expert advice from Claire-Louise Hardie on pattern matching and a sneak inside some sewing sheds! We also have gorgeous home and accessory projects, including Ruth Brown's lovely hot water bottle cover for those cosy nights in I'm embracing!

As always, write in with your makes and comments to [letters@lovesewingmag.co.uk](mailto:letters@lovesewingmag.co.uk) or tag us on Instagram at [lovesewingmag](https://www.instagram.com/lovesewingmag). We love hearing from you!

Until then,

*Happy sewing!*  
*Michelle*

## Meet the TEAM



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