

Welcome

to issue 111 of
Love Sewing!

Summer might be drawing to a close, but I hope the bright and happy makes inside this month's issue keep you feeling warm and cheerful as we head into autumn. As

we find ourselves needing clothes for both warmer and cooler weather, the gorgeous cover patterns in this issue will be perfect for both. The first, a special Love Sewing Jersey Girl pattern, is a versatile 4-in-1 jersey dress – choose your sleeve length and neckline style to suit any climate or occasion.

For the perfect wardrobe workhorse, look no further than your McCalls 8256 – a gorgeous gathered top with four sleeve options, making it ideal for all seasons! You'll never be short of a stylish top to wear if you hit your fabric stash with this one. See Amy Scarr's pretty green version on page 20 and Ruth Brown's incredible pattern hack on page 40. Alison Smith MBE shows you how to perfect the gathers in the neck binding on page 46.



Prepare for cooler days
on page 33



Take your M8256
pattern to the max on
page 40



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Our indie designers are here as always to offer inspiration and sewing joy. Sarah & Freya at Crafty Sew & So have treated us to a wonderful 1930s-inspired key-hole neckline dress on page 70. Julia Claridge of Bobbins and Buttons is keeping us warm and cosy with a stylish boxy cardigan on page 33, and we're thrilled to have *Sewing Bee* Serena's side split skirt on page 44.

All this, plus we have some fabulous home and accessory projects, great reads about independent pattern designers and the French Huguenots weaving history – who better to tell us than *Sewing Bee*'s Frenchman Raph! Our panel of industry experts deliver the usual hearty dose of advice and inspiration, with Claire-Louise Hardie providing a wonderful tutorial on how to alter patterns for a rounded tummy, and Elisalex solving all your zip dilemmas.

As always, write in with your makes and comments to 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!
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