

Welcome

to issue 110 of
Love Sewing!

Hello, August! The summer holidays are in full swing, and I'm making the most of the sunshine. It feels so good to be outside in my handmade dresses without the extra layers right now! We're embracing the warmer weather with our paper patterns this month, two stylish dresses perfect for the season. The first, Butterick 6551, is a mandarin collar dress with an elegant lean line. Its minimal seam lines make it a winner for showing off your biggest and boldest prints! Alison Smith MBE shows you how to perfect the mandarin collar on page 53, and see reader Leanne's gorgeous green version on page 20.

Our second pattern, Threadcount 2114, is a gorgeous gathered dress with an elasticated neckline and three great sleeve options. With a ruffle and belt as additional style options to incorporate, as well as three dress lengths to choose from, this

pattern can be used to create so many different looks – I am excited to see all the beautiful versions our readers make!

As always, we have plenty more inspiring dressmaking patterns from our indie designers to bring you further sewing joy. Julia Claridge of Bobbins and Buttons has designed the perfect self-draft jersey maxi skirt on page 72, which, whilst perfect for the warmer weather right now, will see you through to the Autumn days around the corner and beyond. Team it with Crafty Sew & So's pretty jersey peplum top on page 32 for a complete outfit that's easy, stylish and super comfy to boot. Julia's beautiful wrap dress on page 64 works well for special occasions as well as every day, and combined with Debbie Von Grabler-Crozier's occasion clutch bag on page 26 you're all set for a special event. You could then sew Juliet Uzor's fabulous Duster Jacket on page 42 to complete the look!

All this, plus our panel of industry experts deliver the usual hearty dose of advice and inspiration. We also have gorgeous home and accessory projects, Ruth Brown's top tips on sewing for children and a joyous interview with *Sewing Bee* winner Annie on page 10.

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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