

# Welcome

... to issue 115 of  
*Love Sewing!*

**S**eason's Greetings! I'd like to wish each and every one of you a wonderful festive period filled with happiness, love and... sewing time!

Whilst it might be dark outside, there's plenty of bright and happy makes inside this special Butterick issue to bring some joyful colour to you and your wardrobe. Our first cover pattern, Butterick 6779 dress and jumpsuit, gives us two fantastic garments for everyday and special occasions. If you haven't sewn a jumpsuit before, it could be a great New Year's resolution! See page 42 for a helpful guide to achieving the perfect fit with Alison Smith MBE.



*Dress to impress  
on page 15*



*Jump into the new year  
on page 20*

2023 might also be the year for trying your first Palmer Pletsch tissue fitting. Our second pattern, Butterick 6850, uses this helpful tissue fitting method to achieve the perfect fit on an elegant princess seam dress. Our lovely reader Rachel tried this method for the first time, and you can see the gorgeous outcome on page 18.

Plus, we have plenty more fabulous dressmaking

patterns from our indie designers to bring you further sewing inspiration and joy. Crafty Sew & So provide the perfect pair of culottes to swish into the new year with on page 30, and Julia Claridge brings us a wonderful snuggly jumper dress you can whip up in no time on page 38.

All this, plus our panel of industry experts deliver the usual hearty dose of advice and inspiration as always. As a special festive treat, we have an incredible prize up for grabs from the team at Janome. Head to page 34 for a chance to win an AirThread 2000D Professional Overlocker worth over £1,000! Wouldn't that be a brilliant start to the new year!

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



*Michelle*

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