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Make it yours. This inspirational guide with DIY attitude has everything you need to know about the world's great T-shirt: how to cut it, sew it, deconstruct it, reconstruct it, and best of all, transform it. • Features more than 100 projects (plus 200 variations) for customized tees, tank tops, tube tops, T-skirts—even handbags, a patchwork blanket, iPod cozies, leg warmers, and more. • Not a DIY expert? Not to worry. More than one third of the projects are no sew, meaning anyone who can wield a pair of scissors can put a personal stamp on her wardrobe. But the sewing basics are here too: backstitch and whipstitch, gather and ruche, appliqué and drawstrings. • And the mission statement for *Generation T*: Ask not what your T-shirt can do for you; ask what you can do for your T-shirt. And then Do-It-Yourself!

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Becky says

Every single time I wear a shirt or skirt from this book I get LOTS of compliments. Plus, everything is made out of T shirts that you probably just have laying around the house. My only complaint is that many of the shirts or skirts are skimpy or seem to be designed for very thin ladies or aimed at young girls - for whom I feel many of these ideas are too revealing. However, it doesn't take much to lengthen a hem or raise a neckline. Either way, these ideas are fun and look great!

Rabbit {Paint me like one of your 19th century gothic heroines!} says

This book is more catered to a teenage audience, but it gave me plenty of inspiration and how-to. Also a decent primer on how to do basic diy and t-shirt surgery.

Unfortunately a lot of the t-shirt modifications are more suited for small breasts, so some of these things will be near impossible for me unless I heavily modify the original design in the book. Which is fine for me tbh.

I love diy and I love t-shirt surgery!

Kori says

Great place to start for recycled sewing projects. Projects range from beginner to experienced so there's a good mixture of difficulty levels in here to keep you entertained. The only complaint I have is that I think the finished projects look better and last longer with finished hems/edges, and I would use an iron to smooth down the seams. Other than that I really enjoyed this book. I get lots of compliments on my outfits. And once you've zipped through several of these projects you can easily alter or tweak the patterns to create whatever zany idea that pops in your head. Awesome book.

Molly says

I bought this because I knew that if I checked it out from the library, my desire to do something about the piles of old t-shirts that I've been hoarding would disappear as soon as my month with the book was up. As I stare at this book on my shelf, I am reminded of all the shirts that need to be made wearable and/or useful. I've done a few projects, some of which are wearable and most of which were educational to me in some way.

Here's what I learned from the book:

- You're going to want to practice on shirts that don't mean a lot to you, because your first few projects may not turn out as you like.
- The final projects may not be very durable. This may be OK if you're looking for a cheap thrill that isn't

wearable for very long, but you may not want to try it with souvenirs or other t-shirts with good memories attached to them.

-Many projects require large or XL shirts. If you're like me and have been purchasing sizes closer to your own girly size, you might have to go out and buy a bunch of XL shirts for lots of the projects so you can use the smaller shirts as decorations.

-After a few projects, you may, like me, decide that you really need a sewing machine to make these things look less sloppy. I know that cut-up t-shirts are by nature sloppy, but I would prefer that people say "oh, what a unique skirt she's wearing!" rather than "OMG, she totally made that herself. Look at the shitty stitching!"

-If you're going to make a skirt out of t-shirt material, remember that they have the tendency to stretch out and plan accordingly by adding a drawstring to every single design you make. I made several skirts that later needed drawstrings, and I discovered this after walking a mile or more in them and realizing that they would need to be pulled up frequently on the return trip. Awkward.

-When your family and friends learn about your new interest in repurposing old t-shirts, you may experience a sudden influx of material. Remember that you can be picky and that your local thrift store will have a lot of cheap and unique material to work with.

-You may ultimately decide that your aspirations aren't best met with t-shirt material and set your sights on other materials.

Overall, this book inspired a lot of craftiness. Once I have access to a sewing machine, I will do a lot of damage to the huge pile of t-shirts I've accumulated since I bought the book. I may put a hold on the pile, though, because I'm frustrated with the availability of inexpensive clothing that I will actually wear and I often believe that I could make the things I do want for a lot less. So we'll see what happens with my desire to learn to sew and repurpose old clothes. Thankfully, my mother is awesome with a sewing machine and hopefully will teach me a lot this summer when I get back home.

Alissa says

The Good: This book was fun to browse and had some cute ideas, although the projects would pop more if the photos were in color rather than black and white. Some of the styles were a bit dated while others, previously dated, have come back in vogue. In particular there was a modified "cold shoulder" project which, I understand, is the very height of spring 2017 couture.

The Not So Good: While I like this book in theory, practice is a different story. I do like a lot of the ideas. Some are super cute. Not that I'd wear others, but they're still cute. The "Bad" came when I tried some of the simpler ideas myself (*key word, "simpler"*). While I'm no Uber Crafter, I'm not a complete klutz either. I followed the instructions to a "T" (*PUN!!!*). And, ideally, I should have ended up with something just like in the book. Or at least close. Well... Lets just say I ended up with some very stylish-looking dustcloths that weren't good for much more than spreading furniture polish. I think my cat may have gotten ahold of one too. Bottom Line: If I couldn't successfully pull off even the easiest projects, I couldn't legitimately expect other average crafters to do so.

I can't say I recommend this one.

Mary says

Two new shirts in an hour last night ... truly entertaining!

As a seamstress, I am supposed to be above this. However, to the contrary, it's a great way to let out all the craziness and impatience that builds up working on bridesmaids' dresses and suit jackets. Wearing one of these t-shirt creations while stitching away at satin and tulle is a nice feeling. Not to mention how hot I look in that cover-photo halter top! Everyone needs to give this a shot ...

Victoria Moore says

I don't know what impressed me more about 'Generation T: 108 Ways to Transform A T-Shirt' by Megan Nicolay, the myriad of ways the simple T-shirt could be redesigned or Nicolay's story about "the brooklyn tee party revolution". As I read her story at first I felt a kinship for a fellow thrifter, recycler and personal style advocate, then as I looked at her t-shirt ideas, I also became excited by this new chapter in modern dressing. I particularly appreciated the way she put her own spin on "punk" and "street" classics and included variations with some of the projects.

While each project was laid out to include a photo of a model in the garment, and instructions, I thought the "tees in the movies," "tee trivia" and other text added to the depth of the writing as effectively. Nicolay's prevailing message to "become a rogue fashionista by putting your own signature on each project you create" really inspired me and I can't wait to apply it to the "Classic Punk" tee, the "Tying Game" tee and the "Twisted Sister" tee.

Contemporary, with an independent edge, this book was a revelation for me and helped me realize I'm in control of my style even if it's in the form of a humble t-shirt.

Paula says

There are some good ideas in this book, but I've seen people manifest these designs in real life AND THEY DO NOT LOOK CUTE.

Man, there are some people who get inspired to cut up a shirt as instructed....but really SHOULDNT be wearing such designs.

There were also some designs I tried that worked and really looked cute, but there were other ideas that just made me look trashy no matter what I did.

I would like to try the rug idea one day...but that's it.

There are other books similar to this out there, this is NOT the end-all catch-all book but could be a good beginning to DIY reconstructivism.

Rachel says

I absolutely love this book. Unlike many 't-shirt surgery' books, this one includes very wearable projects, not

just skimpy midriff-revealing halter tops. There is a whole chapter on skirts that could easily be worn to a casual office. The wedding gown constructed from t-shirts is absolutely gorgeous. Many of these projects are simple enough for older kids to try - a great way to teach them how to sew, a life skill for which they will one day thank you. There are projects for guys, too! And all you need is t-shirts, cheap and easy to obtain from thrift and discount stores, or just clean out your t-shirt drawer and give your favorite tees a new life. Most of these can easily be done with hand-sewing in just a few hours. This is definitely a keeper. I loved it so much, I bought the sequel. Generation T: Beyond Fashion: 120 New Ways to Transform a T-shirt

Laura says

This book is a very cool idea, it's just the that follow through isn't that great. Most of the t-shirt designs in this book are things that I would never wear. They are sketchy and a little too revealing for my taste. There were several designs that I also thought looked impossibly cheesy and hand-made. I'm all for making your own style, but not when it looks tacky and cheap. There were a couple interesting patterns in this book, but not enough to tempt me. I would not recommend this book, it's overall feel wasn't very appealing and most of the t-shirt designs consisted of items I don't think half the general public would wear.

*Taken from my book reviews blog: <http://reviewsatmse.blogspot.com/2009...>

Unwisely says

Craffy books are hard to evaluate. I don't feel like I necessarily *read* them, per se, so much as flip through them. (There's generally not enough text to justify calling it "reading".) I'm not really a crafter, anyway, so I think I should rate them by whether they motivate me to do something. And this is the first one I've read in a while where I've actually done something about it.

After having "read" the whole thing, it sat on my library pile for weeks, then one night I suddenly started to modify some shirts. I did "Ties to Die For", and tried another t-shirt (which I realized mid-mod was just Not Going To Work). And then it was midnight and I went to bed, but, well.

Some of the tops are very cute, some are less my style, but three stars for motivating me to get off my butt and actually *do* it.

Raina says

This is my go-to book on altering tshirts. It's got a great introduction with sewing techniques, 108 specific ideas with photographs of techniques, variations on many of the ideas... Really great. The only thing which I think could improve the experience for me is some kind of an index. I feel the need to flip through the whole book every time I embark on a new project and it would be nice to have some kind of finding aid. Having a hard time thinking of a suggestion myself - maybe a few pages that have just thumbnails of photographs with each idea with a page number underneath? Good good stuff. If I bought books, I'd probably buy this one and dogear many pages.

Peacegal says

T-shirts? Uh, yeah, I have a few....million, it seems. Despite the fact that I have donated seemingly a metric ton of them to the Goodwill, they seem to be reproducing in my closets. I did chuckle at this book's advice on where to find t-shirts...these days it seems like you sneeze and you get a free shirt.

However, the dilemma eventually comes down to what to do with shirts you still genuinely like, but are too faded or threadbare to actually, well, wear anymore. I really want a t-shirt quilt featuring my favorite old band shirts, but I'm so afraid of messing it (and my treasured shirts) up irreparably, and I don't really have the cash to pay a professional to do it.

I found GENERATION T to be mildly helpful. I'm more interested in things like t-shirt pillows, quilts, and other non-wearable crafts, and this book was mostly about repurposing them into different types of clothing. As much as I'd like to walk around at work wearing Led Zeppelin or cartoon cat shirts, I don't think that's going to be approved anytime soon. The good news is that this book caters to the amateur. It carefully explains each step of the crafting process.

I do think GENERATION T needs an update. Its dated presentation, with mostly b&w pages and lots of '90s-era pop-culture references and fashion sense, is in need of a modern overhaul. I'm thinking color step-by-step photos of each project and more classic designs whose appeal won't go "out" so quickly.

Tif says

I am SO glad that I didn't buy this book. It was more like 108 ways to look like a trashy hooker punk rocker from the 80s. That said, out of the 108 things to do with t-shirts, I found 2 things that I am anxious to try.

Gaby says

Yep, I needed this book. Pretty much every t-shirt I cut prior to owning it made me look like a lumberjack or a long-haul trucker. Now, with the book's help (it doesn't laugh at me when I still mess up) I look like a bootleg NHL player with girl arms. So that's better, I guess.
