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**Koko Yamase : Cut-Up Couture: Edgy Upcycled Garments to Sew** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Cut-Up Couture: Edgy Upcycled Garments to Sew:

59 of 61 people found the following review helpful. Very cool indeedBy nsewusThis is one of the better, more interesting refashioning books.It is photographed and styled beautifully in the way Japanese pattern and fashion books usually are.In fact, perhaps a bit too pretty as I'm sure the black and white photography in the first half of the book makes the sweatshirt makeovers appear extra elegant. If I have one complaint it is that for these designs to really take on the elegant appearance as represented in the book, you can not use any old sweatshirt you find at the thrift shop. Your materials should be in pretty good/ like new condition to start for the sweatshirt makeovers. However, the interesting variations on mens dress shirts and ties in the second half of the book are far more thrift store/ used clothing pile friendly.Overall, the refashions in this book have an edge on many other books of this type. These are very chic things a younger person or adult can wear with individual flair and style. Even if you don't plan on making

the projects, you may really appreciate the clever pattern manipulations. As someone who sews, this book gave me some nice ideas! That alone makes the book worth buying and a very cool add to a sewing library. 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. One of the best refashioning books I've added to my library. By Monika GI've been sewing for a very long time, and raiding thrift stores for special goodies has been a pastime of mine for about 5 years. This book will definitely get you to look at the men's section completely differently. Usually, I'll just pick up ties to turn them into skirts, but this opened my mind to t-shirts, sweatshirts, and button-down shirts. Every project is pretty creative. The instructions are good, but they are lacking in some of the more difficult projects. If you're an experienced seamstress, though, you can figure it out pretty quickly. If you're a beginner, the first chapter will be the easiest to follow as far as instructions go. The first chapter had me blown away. All the ways of refashioning t-shirts and sweatshirts was really a refreshing read. The section about men's shirts was less impressive, but nonetheless full of great ideas. The scarves and neckties chapter leaves something to be desired, but the projects are pretty unique. It's not often that a sewing or craft book impresses me enough to earn 5 stars, but this book is a winner from start to finish. 16 of 17 people found the following review helpful. Pretty Nifty -- Plus Sized Reviewer By StellarSeaCow I purchased this despite being hesitant after another plus sized reviewer said that this book only had two designs that someone with a larger figure could wear. I honestly couldn't disagree with that reviewer more. Sure there are things that a larger person may be uncomfortable with wearing, but the majority of outfits are fine. I am a size 22 (and am 22 years old too) and I had no trouble with doing and wearing the couple of things that I have made so far. With the tank tops and things that show more skin I just wear a more modest tank top/a fitted T underneath. I wore one of them today and was asked where I had purchased it from. The designs and tutorials are really easy to follow and pretty straight forward. They're also super easy to modify and out of the 34 designs I can see myself making 30 of them and regularly wearing 25 or so. If you're someone who frequents upscale thrift shops (or well ones that are located in fairly affluent neighborhoods) then finding the supplies to need to make the stuff isn't too hard. Even though if you're bigger it may take more shirts. If you're someone who likes to dye fabric/stud/embroider then you can truly make some cool pieces that will wow people or at the very least get tossed a couple of compliments.

Cut-Up Couture is a cutting-edge design book that teaches how to use the copious fabric in men's clothing items to make 34 innovative garments and accessories. The simple sewing techniques showcase how to turn men's shirts, t-shirts, and sweatshirts into beautiful dresses, ruffled blouses, draping tops, and gorgeous jackets for women. You'll learn how to cut, re-sew, and re-shape clothing into cherished garments that resemble trendy, urban boutique findings with lessons in creative "upcycling" and stylish yet simple sewing. Plus, several of the garments in Cut-Up Couture are reversible or can be worn in several ways, such as a dolman-style top that transforms into a skirt, or a skirt/cape variation. Explore a wealth of innovative advice and inspiration for making each project inexpensive, and still very chic. The stylish projects featured are for beginner and advanced sewists or for those simply interested in fashion design.

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