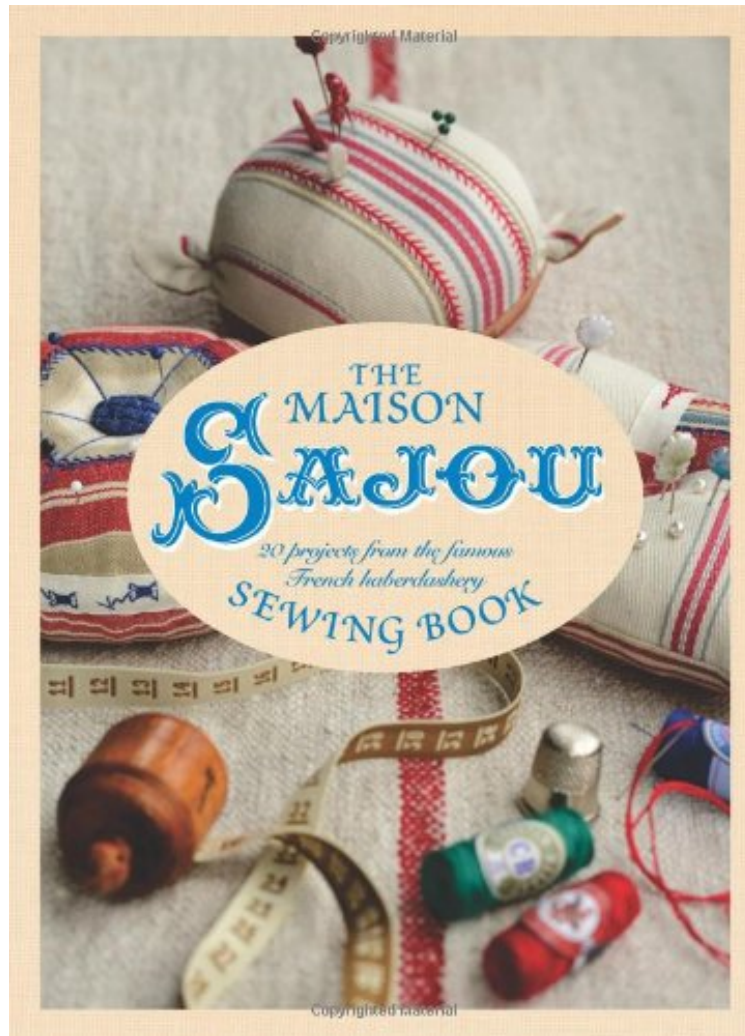


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**Lucinda Ganderton : Maison Sajou Sewing Book: 20 Projects from the famous French Haberdasher** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Maison Sajou Sewing Book: 20 Projects from the famous French Haberdasher:

20 of 21 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful book from Maison Sajou By M.S. Maison Sajou is a French haberdashery that sells beautiful supplies for hand embroidery and sewing. I have quite a few of their items and was excited to preorder this book the moment I heard of it. The book starts off with a discussion of materials and basic techniques. The projects are mainly for embroidery and hand sewing, although some parts can be sewn on a machine.

(The only stitch used is a straight stitch, so any machine will do, even my 1939 Singer.) The bulk of the book is the section for projects, followed by full-sized patterns for tracing. It wraps up with a brief glossary and a few blank pages of graph paper. The projects are mostly beginner/intermediate level hand embroidery, and none require complex sewing. There's a range of techniques, including cross-stitch and various other embroidery stitches, as well as drawn thread techniques. The style of the patterns is loosely drawn, like a sketch, and the stitching shown on the finished pieces is also very organic. If you like a lot of precision and tightly spaced stitches, this book is not for you. There are some beautiful traditional motifs, including strawberries, a running rabbit and a decorative alphabet for monograms. One thing I liked was that for some projects they show the original inspiration, such as old botanical prints. The photography is beautiful, but I felt the book design was too busy. I also felt that some of the patterns could use a little more detail. For example, the motif for the rabbit pillow is just an outline, but it requires quite a bit of shading. While I don't expect them to mark every stitch, some indication of darker/lighter areas would have been helpful. If you love beautiful sewing supplies, be sure to have a look at Maison Sajou, whose items are becoming increasingly available outside France. Its selection is lacking, but there are always items on Ebay, and there are several official retailers online. However, you don't need to use Sajou supplies for any project in the book. In my experience, Sajou stuff is beautiful and of great quality, but not much different from what you can buy for a much lower price almost anywhere else. If you want a taste of what they offer, I recommend their sturdy thread organizers, which are usually around \$14. (Warning: this may turn into an addiction) I like to buy the more decorative keepsakes from Sajou and shop elsewhere for actual project supplies. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. One Star By ebIs ok, very elementary sewing. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful By R. J. Elhardt This is a beautiful book. Reminds me of French General's beautiful books.

From bed linens and tablecloths to book covers and monograms, *The Maison Sajou Sewing Book* presents twenty embroidery projects designed to bring refined French style into your home. With straightforward step sequences, patterns, and templates, even the most novice sewer will find pleasure in the delicate embroidery of monograms, pointelle borders, and drawn threadwork. While the sophisticated design of these projects recall a time when embroidery was an everyday activity for many women, even the most intricate will take hours, rather than days. Lucinda Ganderton has written extensively on embroidery and sewing; her most recent work is *The Liberty Book of Home Sewing* (2011), undertaken with Liberty of London. She lives in Great Britain.

From the Inside Flap Twenty sewing projects inspired by the esteemed French haberdashery. Whether novice or seasoned sewer *The Maison Sajou Sewing Book* is for all those wishing to bring a little French refinement to their life and to their home. Twenty gorgeous projects are displayed alongside detailed illustrations, clear step-by-step instructions, and useful templates to copy or trace, ensuring you a beautiful, polished result. Stunning photography of finished projects and a heavenly selection of sewing accessories from Maison Sajou will inspire every home seamstress to start stitching. Lucinda is an experienced author who has written widely on embroidery and sewing. Her most recent book is *The Liberty Book of Simple Sewing* (2013), undertaken with Liberty of London. She lives in London, England. About the Author Lucinda Ganderton has written extensively on embroidery and sewing; her most recent work is *The Liberty Book of Home Sewing* (2011), undertaken with Liberty of London. She lives in Great Britain.