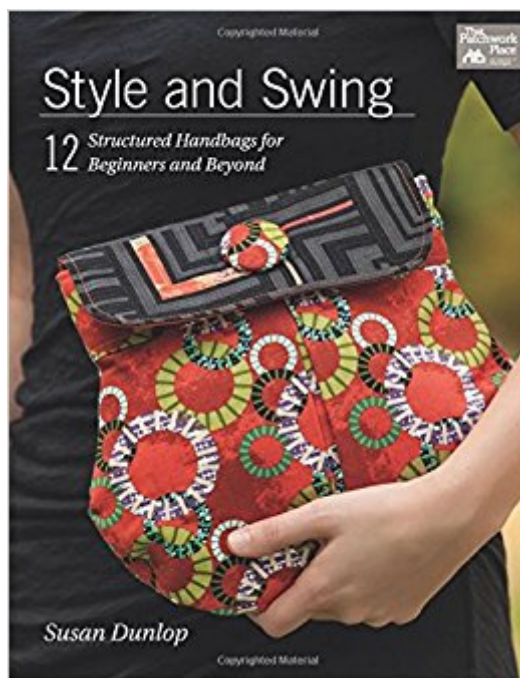


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# Style And Swing: 12 Structured Handbags For Beginners And Beyond



## Synopsis

You'll find plenty of reasons to sit down and sew these boutique-quality yet achievable bags and accessories. Everyone from beginners to experts can create an assortment of modern, practical projects for gifts or personal use. Start with a simple, elegant handbag and progress to more challenging designs; skill-level ratings are included. Step-by-step illustrated patterns for 12 attractive projects in a variety of shapes and styles. Stylish accessories include a pleated clutch, market bag, satchel, and wallet. Includes resource info and comprehensive how-to techniques; learn about tools, fabric prep, interfacings, linings, and purse hardware.

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## Customer Reviews

Susan Dunlop of Penicuik, Midlothian, Scotland, launched her sewing business, SusieDDesigns, in 2012. Her work appears regularly in Sewing World. Visit her at [SusieDDesigns.co.uk](http://SusieDDesigns.co.uk) and enjoy her blog at [SusieDDesigns.wordpress.com](http://SusieDDesigns.wordpress.com).

I love this book. I am a beginner with some experience making bags. I found the instructions to be easy to understand and follow. I made the cover bag with no difficulty and even added my own shoulder strap. I will buy her books in the future and make all her beautiful bags. I highly recommend this book for any sewer who loves to make bags from beginner to advanced. The introduction explains how to do everything and the project instruction take you back to that area when they tell you do something. Organized great with great bags.

Interesting bags with well written directions. I've made two from this book and expect that I will make more!

I just got this book today and am very pleased; well written with good pictures. It's very rare that I would ever like all the patterns in any book, but I like all her patterns.

Cute bags with easy instructions, lots of pictures. I cannot wait to make them. Bags make great gifts for friends and family for all occasions.

I love this book. The directions are very easy to follow. The bags are great!

This book has lots of beautiful bags and really easy to follow instructions and diagrams. I am new to bag making but went for one of the advanced beginner bags and was able to make it with no issues at all (see pic). The projects are rated by difficulty so you can start with the ones closest to your ability. It's one of those books where you will want to make several of the projects. I recommend it to anyone wanting to try bag making, or experiment with new styles.

The book begins with seven pages of helpful tips, tricks and explanations which include tools to have, fabric preparations, interfacing and sewing terms. There are 12 bags in total. Each project has a photo, a paragraph about it and the recommended skill level needed to create it. It also gives the size and the techniques needed to sew it. The material and cutting lists are clear and any tips are set off in a grey box. There are graphics to help you know you are on the right track and any templates needed are included at full size. The patterns include a pleated clutch, a market bag, a satchel and even a wallet with a zippered coin purse. The last page gives a short bio about the author. If you know someone who loves bags and sews, this will be a welcomed gift, that is if you can part with it. You may just have to buy two.

Susan's book showcases 12 projects including a wallet, satchel, tote, and clutch. I really liked the sections "Recommended Equipment and Tools" and the "Bag-Making Techniques": they take the guesswork out of choosing interfaces, boxing the bag base, and how to apply various bag closures. Each pattern provides detailed instructions and step-by-step diagrams. Susan's projects are great for every level of sewing skills, and we can mix and match features as we choose our

favorite ones in each bag. I love the clutch on the cover because the pattern can be whipped up in no time at all. Sometimes it is difficult to find a bag that matches a particular outfit - this clutch would be a perfect solution!

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