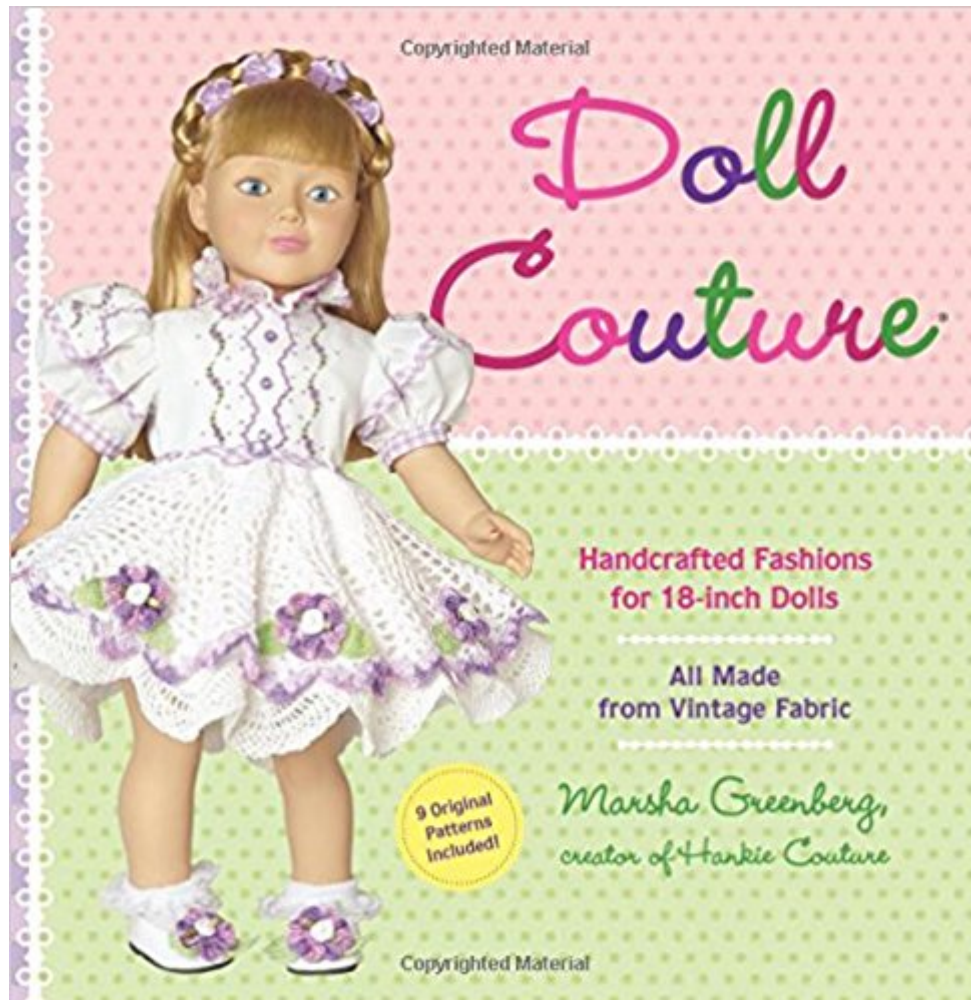




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Doll Couture: Handcrafted Fashions For 18-inch Dolls



Synopsis

Hankie Couture creator Marsha Greenberg shares her extraordinary gift for transforming vintage fabric into one-of-a-kind doll fashions. Now you can make them too! Doll Couture is an exquisite collection of fashions for 18-inch dolls—everything from dresses to pants, jumpers, blouses, and shoes—meticulously crafted from vintage handkerchiefs, table cloths, tea towels, laces, linens, pillowcases, table runners, and much more. Doll Couture showcases more than 100 of Marsha's unique fashions and accessories. It's more than a beautiful photo album though; the book includes 10 original patterns and sewing instructions so you can get started turning fabrics you already own into new and beautiful creations. Presented in stylish, sophisticated photographs modeled by a doll of Marsha's own design, and accented by sensibility quotes that highlight the designer's philosophy and aesthetics, Doll Couture sets the stage for a fabulous world of doll fashion. It's time to get started transforming your own treasured heirlooms or colorful flea-market finds into unique fashion ensembles!

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Customer Reviews

Marsha Greenberg began sewing her own fashions at the age of eleven. Her love of fabrics, colors, and patterns continued throughout the years, and in 1978 she founded a women's sportswear company called Marsha, Inc. In the summer of 2002, after discovering a treasure trove of vintage handkerchiefs in a Pennsylvania antiques shop, Marsha made her first "Hankie Couture" dress—and hasn't stopped since. Marsha and her husband live in Encino, California.

I have collected vintage fabric items over the years and always wondered what to do with some of them. I love to make clothes for 18 inch dolls and this seemed like the book for me, and it is. The photos are wonderful and the directions are easy to follow. There are so many cute ideas in this book it is hard to pick one to work on first. If you have vintage items that are damaged and you were thinking of getting rid of them look at this book first. You can take those items, cut out the damaged parts and create a new item that you can display on a doll, or give to a little girl to enjoy. I recommend this book to doll lovers, home sewers, and any one who enjoys just looking at a great book. I think granddaughters would just love looking at the pictures. Don't know why but I especially like the outfit on page 66.

Marsha Greenberg is living my dream, and now it is in print!. This delightful book made me giddy over a use for my vintage linens. The very evening I received the book I went to my sewing room. Every page makes me smile and Marsha is a delight to converse with as well. I'm blessed to not need the patterns, but what a bonus! Even directions for shoe creation is included. At first I thought her dolls look like Valerie Bertinelli, but seeing her picture, now I think she modeled them after her lovely self. I don't recall a book I have so enjoyed spending time with in years. I have included a picture of one of the dresses I made inspired by Marsha.

This book is absolutely excellent and follows the format of the first book! There are patterns in the back of the book so there is no guessing on sizing as I have seen in other doll pattern books! The sewing instructions are again clear and easy to read!! I am just as thrilled with this book as I am with the first book, Hankie Couture. The dolls that were designed for Marsha's creations are absolutely gorgeous as well! Overall, I am totally excited and am thinking of venturing into sewing as a result of Marsha's creations and books!!

Already having the Hankie Couture, was it necessary to have this book too? ABSOLUTELY!!! Beautiful pictures of the artistic composition of these doll clothes! Quite a feast for your eyes! So much inspiration, I really LOVE that there are shoes, purses, hats, and even a lamp shade too! Not a bit goes to waste. Your doll could have it all. Such a one of a kind gift of what you love. I wish there was an easy way to make decisions of where to start. Thank you Marsha Greenberg for another beautiful book.

Oh my goodness! As a fan of the 18" dolls, and being taught to sewing by making doll clothes when I was younger, PLUS being a collection of hankies, doilies, tea towels....oh my! Full size tissue patterns are in the back pocket and this book is LOADED with ideas. What a great way to preserve some of Grandma's tea towels and vintage linen. Love it, love it, love it!

I love this book. Beautiful photos, lots of ideas and patterns included! Really worth the money.

A charming book full of delightful doll outfits made with or embellished with vintage linens. Even if you don't sew, examining all the photos of napkins, doilies, pillowcases, placemats, hankies, etc. will be a real treat. Seeing them made into dolly duds is even more fun. There's a packet of full-size patterns for 18-inch doll garments at the back of the book, and all of the ideas presented could be readily adapted for other size dolls. Finally there's a use for those vintage goodies I've been collecting for eons.

This book is perfection in the making for...what a personal testimony it reflects on this author's creativity. Marsha Greenberg has triumphed yet with her now second couture book. This, as the first, reflects how tremendously industrious she is. Every page is a work of art as she beholds an eye for colors, breadth of playfully combining numerous textures of cloth, crochet, ribbon, embroidery into exquisite delights. Enjoy this treat of treats....well worth every dollar paid.

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