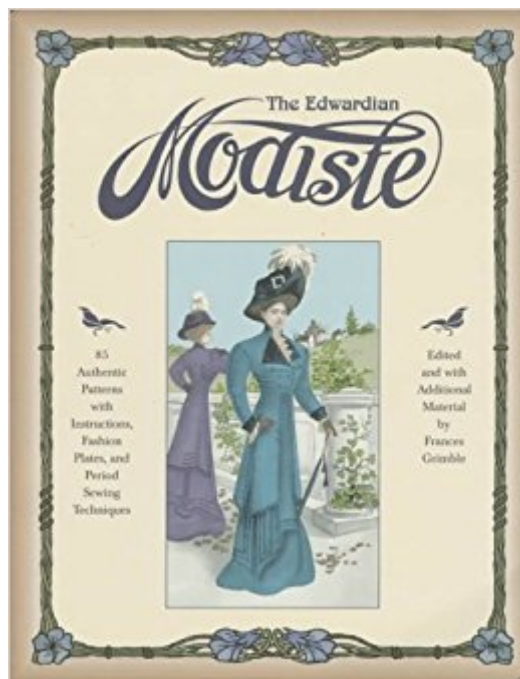


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# The Edwardian Modiste: 85 Authentic Patterns With Instructions, Fashion Plates, And Period Sewing Techniques



## Synopsis

The 85 patterns and 91 fashion plates in this book were reproduced from rare originals of the 1905 American Garment Cutter Instruction and Diagram Book and 1907 1909 issues of the quarterly American Modiste. These publications were used by both professional dressmakers and amateurs. They offered sophisticated fashions, artistic illustrations, fashion columns describing the latest styles, and pattern instructions. They also provided the ability to create patterns for the wearer's individual measurements with the American System of Cutting. Using special rulers that eliminated arithmetic, even untrained designers could enlarge pattern diagrams to the correct size. A full set of printed rulers and detailed instructions are provided for readers who wish to use the American System. Also included are instructions for enlarging the patterns by projection, plus carefully selected sections from a 1907 sewing manual, The Complete Dressmaker.

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## Customer Reviews

As an amateur historical costumer this is an invaluable resource. Looking through fashion plates and reading descriptions of fabric and clothing items is important but having access to actual patterns with the pictures is amazing. I've already created some of the patterns shown, and as a medium skilled dressmaker, the apportioning scales are fairly easy to follow and the patterns not too hard to adjust to modern figures without ruining the affect of the outfit. I do love the sections which are easy to traverse and easy to find. I know where to look for a overcoat and a chemise. I love this book!

An absolute necessity for your reenactment and/or period costuming needs. There are NO patterns, only diagrams on a graph so you'll need to enlarge them if you wish to make them up. A little tricky for the novice, but worth the time to work up as they are truly historically accurate.

This entire series from Frances Grimble is the most astounding amount of compiled research we've ever seen! A valuable resource for costumers, re-enactors, history aficionados, or anyone wanting a comprehensive look at these fashions and the culture surrounding them. I purchased the entire set for my wife (costumer, historian...) and we were completely impressed with both the quality of the content as well as the layout and organization of the series. Absolutely recommended...worth every penny!

I love this book. So beautiful, so detailed. I haven't tried drafting any of the patterns included yet, but the layout is great. My only complaint is how poorly it was shipped. Because it is a paperback my copy arrived with MANY bent corners and scratches and the only protection in the box was a couple of air pillows stacked on top of the items in the box. There was not a thing protecting the actual book. So I was pretty disappointed in that (I've had it happen to me several times with and am just surprised that more care isn't taken to ensure that the books arrive perfectly, the shipping boxes sure are nice) The book itself is really well put together and I would HIGHLY recommend it to anyone who loves Edwardian fashion, even if they didn't sew.

Love this book. Comes with a copy of the proportionate rulers needed to scale the drawings. Definitely recommend if you are interested in making period accurate costumes.

Finally a book with a enlargement system that really helps to transfer the diagrams in FITTING clothes. It's still recommended to make a fitting body first but I just made wider seams. Side seams 2 inch (5 cm) and the other seams 1 inch (2,5 cm). The waist size is way off for me but, in the book, they tell you this will happen (because most of us don't wear corsets anymore). I already ordered 3 more books of the same author :)

Being a costumer, I'm frustrated that there aren't enough "authentic" patterns, with the fine details that they had, being produced out there, except for the "Halloween-type" costumes. This is a great resource for patterns that have the look and period-correct construction techniques. Ms. Grimble

has chosen some truly beautiful ones from real vintage patterns to include in her book. I haven't had a chance to learn how to scale the patterns up yet, but look forward to it.

If you are interested in the history of fashion or a costume designer these books are for you. Pattern drafting knowledge is helpful but the books do have instruction to replicate the patterns. It's a fascinating trip through history.

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