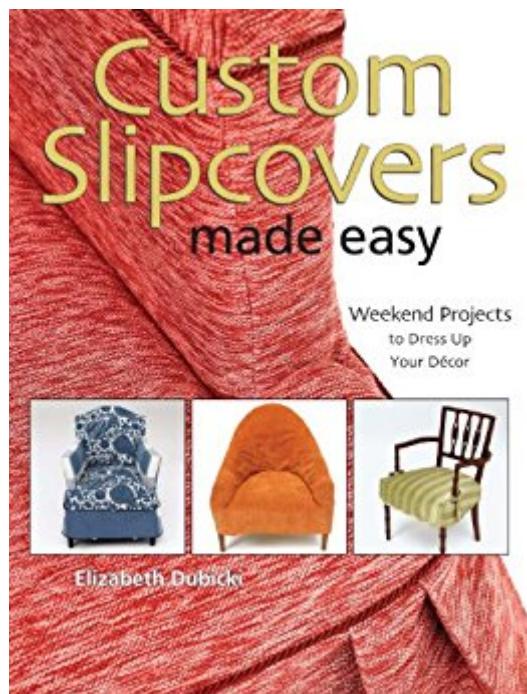


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# Custom Slipcovers Made Easy: Weekend Projects To Dress Up Your Décor



## **Synopsis**

Easy Slipcovers? Absolutely! Do you have the sewing skills, but aren't quite sure you can handle a full-blown slipcover project? Then Custom Slipcovers Made Easy is for you! Author Elizabeth Dubicki walks you through the measuring, fitting and construction, step-by-step, to ensure you achieve the results you are looking for. There's nothing left to guesswork, with chapters on: Choosing a style of slipcover and appropriate fabric for your project; How to measure and calculate yardage; Making welting, cushion covers, slipcover shells, skirts and zipper closures; Fitting and finishing techniques; Ten project ideas, incorporating more than 25 techniques will help you get started. And once you've mastered the techniques, you'll be transforming your "old favorites" into new favorites!

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## **Customer Reviews**

I bought both this book and Neubauer's Complete Photo Guide to Slipcovers (CPGS). I prefer this one. Custom Slipcovers Made Easy is in a spiral binding inside. The outside is hardcover. You can open the book to the page you want to work from, and it will stay open and flat. I love that. The pictures offer easy directions. Measuring is done on real chairs, muslin covers have dotted lines to

show you what to look at, layout directions are shown as are fabric repeats, directions are given for unusually shaped chairs, creative finishes are explained, and the end result is tailored. The appendix is full of charts to fill in for your particular chair. Charts cover furniture dimensions, cutting chart for shell/cushions/skirts, layout graphs for various fabric widths, yardage yield for bias, and shopping lists. The author even suggests photocopying these. Additionally, the author writes as though she is speaking to you. The book reads as friendly rather than as a textbook. She encourages you and makes you feel that you will be successful. Need more information about the author's skills? She writes for Threads, the penultimate sewing magazine IMO. I may check out CPGS on occasion, but this is the book I will really use.

I have been doing upholstery for myself for years, learned from my Mom, and by doing it myself. I learned many new ways of doing things from this book, that makes it much easier. I'd recommend it to anyone who is a DIY. Enjoy, it will save you a fortune!

The directions and photos are very simple and easy to use. This is the perfect book for me as a beginner!

The illustrations are excellent. Don't take the weekend project literally. Slipcovers are one of the most time consuming do-it-yourself projects a home seamstress can attempt. The advice the author gives shows her experience and is well worth heeding. My only negative- I would have liked more explicit details and illustrations on sewing in zippers and inserting velcro to close a project.

I am actually Lucy Leslie and am writing this from my husband's account. I am a novice sewer who made a beautiful, durable slipcover for my couch due to this wonderful book. I have a 20-year-old couch that is well-made, attractive, and above all extremely comfortable. I had gotten it professionally recovered one time which cost as much as buying a new couch. When that fabric wore out, I had decided to buy new. I spent a few days looking at all the furniture stores in town and nothing held a candle to my beloved couch. So I decided to slipcover myself. I have sewn clothes before and curtains. But I've rarely tackled zippers, never done piping, and constructing something without a pattern seemed completely out of my skill set. However, this book was well-written, had plenty of photos, and planned it out from start to finish. However, I do not want to sugar coat the process. The project took a number of weeks to complete and was one of the most mentally and sometimes physically demanding projects I've ever tackled. Also, there were plenty of mistakes. I

think my seam ripper got as much use as my sewing machine at times. (In fact, my only problem with the book was the author's advice to do seat cushions like an assembly line i.e. cut all the pieces, install all the zippers, etc. I would recommend doing a complete cushion from the start to finish to make sure everything fits.) I couldn't be happier with my "new" couch. Thanks to this book, I'm going to tackle my armchair next!

This is probably the best resource for 'do it yourself' slipcovers. It is VERY comprehensive and goes step by step all along the way. If you're considering buying a pattern or a book, I'd choose the book. It holds your hand at every corner (and seam).

I took this book out at my library and I looked it over really good. I found the instructions very easy to understand. I have several projects waiting for me and I know this book will let me get them finished. The instructions are very good. I have been holding back on making slipcovers and now I know I can do it.

I think that the projects in this book are only "made easy" if you already have a thorough understanding of sewing techniques. For example, although zipper insertion is illustrated with photos, the presentation would be very difficult to follow if you did not have previous experience with inserting zippers. In other places, steps in various processes are assumed rather than explained fully. I am a fairly experienced sewer and am able to follow the instructions, but I think it would be challenging for a novice. Also, the styles displayed are largely outdated (at least in my world). All of that said, the photo illustrations in the book are helpful, and this book does cover a number of techniques that would be helpful for someone looking to slipcover traditional pieces of furniture.

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