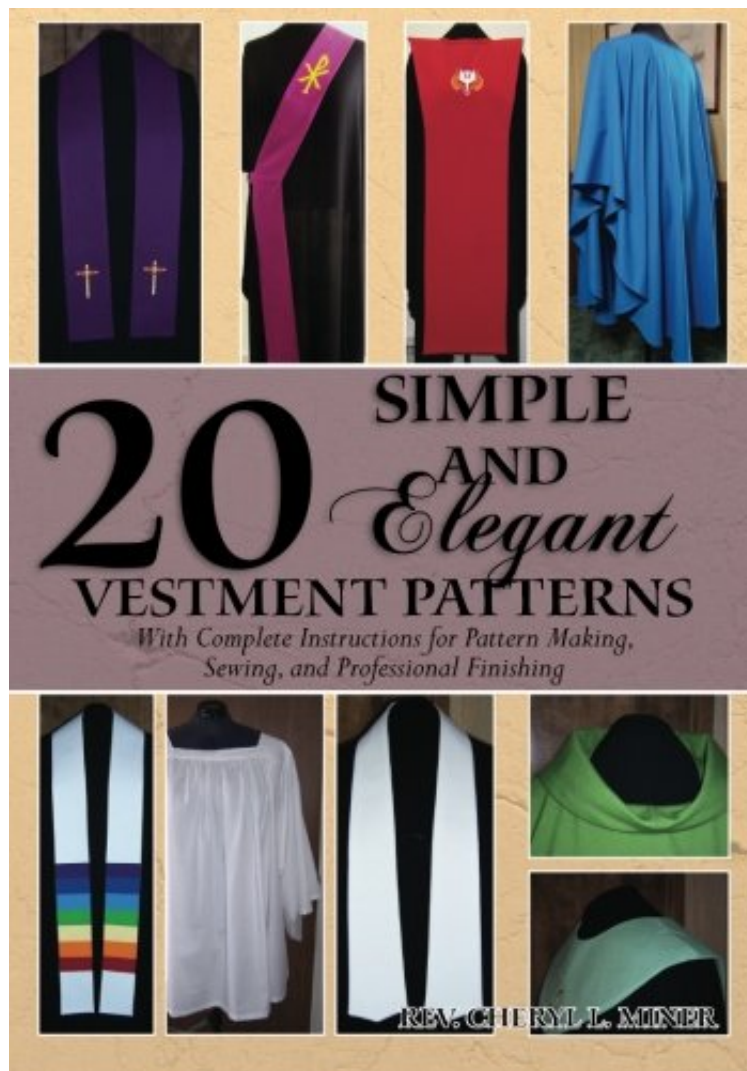


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this book. Small congregations that have a need for new vestments and a limited budget, this is for you. The average sewer that can complete a commercial pattern can do this. If someone has one of the fancy embroidering machines, you can save thousands by doing it yourself... this book will help you do it. If you're really nervous get a few old thrift store sheets and try the pattern that way, but you shouldn't need to. Out of several books that will come up under search or recommendation, this is the one for your \$, look no further. Update 6 May 2015 After having made a lot of these items, I will add these comments. \*No it isn't enlarge or tape together and use patterns. You will have to draw/draft some of your own. It's not difficult to do this. As I said, if you are an accomplished enough sewer to be able to sew up a commercially bought pattern, you can and will be able to make these patterns then sew them. \*a lot of clerical garments are based on or descended from medieval style clothing. A lot of that was actually quite simple in construction. An Alb can be quite simple or quite complex. This book has for a fairly simple one. It can still be quite elegant depending on the fabric or fabrics used and how you finish it off and embellish it. \*I recommended the old sheets trial, if you are at all not used to sewing things, make your pattern and try it with some old rummage sale or thrift store sheets... in fancier circles it's 'cutting a muslin for fitting'. Muslin is an inexpensive cotton cloth, and used sometimes as the 'dry run' garment to check fit, make alterations, and otherwise sort your pattern before sacrificing the expensive fabric. \*prewash fabric if it won't be 'dryclean forever'. That will save you grief and a lot of work. Some stuff does shrink and shrink strangely even if it's said to be 'sanforized'. Also in case the dye isn't colorfast as it should be, washing it separately first will get that sorted. \*buy more fabric than you think you need. You may never see that stuff again, they may run out, quit making it, etc. And it can cover you finding a strange issue with shrinkage. \*This isn't a first time you ever sewed book of instructions. Sew a few Simplicity patterns first and not the 2 hour wonders or the 'patterns for dummies', if you need to build skills. \*no there aren't color pictures. I found the ones in there to be just fine. \*yes there's some repeats in the finishing steps. Still. Overall this book has still been worth my \$ many times over. I recently sewed up a few quilted stoles from a pattern in here, and they turned out beautifully. Two days and \$40 to make four, versus \$400 each, order and they show up in a few weeks. (First I made the quilted fabric, then quilted it to the backing, and used the pattern from the book to get the shape of the garment from the fabric I produced. The book just provided the pattern for the fabric after I created it--and yes I sacrificed an old sheet to fit the pattern before I cut the quilted sandwich) 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Using this to make Deacon Stoles for our formation class By Morgan Penn I used this to make deacon stoles. It was not exactly clear in sewing together since she said to match sides and sew. What she means is to sew long end to long end when sewing the sash to the tails. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Useful sewing advice, not much else By Sarah As other reviewers have pointed out, there are no actual patterns--it's more like a verbal description (with some illustrations) walking you through the process of constructing each item. (They are, however, made from simple shapes that are pretty easy to make yourself once you know what it's supposed to look like.) This is a useful companion volume for those who want to make vestments and who already have a good understanding of their style, symbolism, and proper use and fit. The sewing information is good. Unfortunately, there isn't much advice on when and how the various vestments should be used, which is just as well because it is often rather idiosyncratic (and in some cases just inaccurate or incorrect). For example, wearing a "wedding stole" in the colors of the wedding party is presented as a standard practice. It isn't. I'm sure there are people who do it, but in my tradition it would be either wildly inappropriate or just plain silly. If you don't know enough to tell whether or not it would be appropriate in your tradition, you're probably better off ignoring everything but the sewing advice.

20 Simple and Elegant Vestment Patterns is a step-by-step guide for making patterns to make beautiful, unique and affordable vestments. It takes the mystery out of vestment making and makes sewing vestments a joy. In this book, you will find step-by-step instructions for making your own vestment patterns, sewing the vestments, and finishing your vestments with the professional touch. For beginning and experienced seamstresses and tailors alike, 20 Simple and Elegant Vestment Patterns will enable the creation of clerical vestments, deacon's wear, choir stoles, and much more. Included in the book are patterns and instructions to make: Preaching Stoles, Overlay and Tapered Stoles, Curved Stoles, Traveling/Visitation Stoles, Wedding Stoles, Rainbow Stoles, Tippetts, Deacon's Stoles, Byzantine Deacon's Stoles, Reversible Choir Stoles, Chasubles with plain necklines and rolled collars, Dalmatics with plain necklines and rolled collars, Albs with plain necklines and rolled collars, Hooded Albs, Scapulars, Surplices, Cottas, and Hooded Amices. For the experienced artist, 20 Simple and Elegant Vestment Patterns is full of ideas, hints and tips for how to give your vestments the truly professional touch.

About the Author Rev. Cheryl L. Miner has been a minister for over 20 years. While in active ministry, she became aware of how expensive ministerial vestments are. When Rev. Cheryl retired from active ministry, she was inspired to use her previous sewing and design experience to enable her fellow clerics to make their own vestments. It is her hope and prayer that this book, which is the fruit of four years of vestment designing and sewing, will allow everyone in the ministry to be beautifully vested without having to make a big dent in their budgets.