

# Dedication

Because this book documents the technology of the Bishop Method of Clothing Construction, the author dedicates it to the late Edna Bryte Bishop and to Kitty Rotruck.

- To Edna Bryte Bishop for developing the most realistic method of clothing construction that has withstood the test of time.
- To Kitty Rotruck for sharing her talents generously, for her inspiration, for being my mentor. Kitty worked closely with Mrs. Bishop for over 20 years, adheres to the Bishop Method principles, and is the foremost clothing construction teacher in the United States. She constantly researches new fabrics, interfacing, notions and equipment, and then adapts her findings to the philosophy that is "Bishop Method." She shares her results generously with her students.

The technology that became known as the Bishop Method of Clothing Construction was developed by Edna Bryte Bishop, a woman well ahead of her time. It evolved from her rich background of training in education and custom-house establishments combined with the time and motion efficiency of factory techniques. From the trade she learned that a garment must look professional so the consumer will want to purchase it, and that it must be made with a minimum of labor in order to realize a profit. In the trade this efficiency is accomplished by a sequence of operators, each doing the same process every day. In the Bishop Method of Clothing Construction, one operator does all of the processes in a very carefully-planned sequence so the entire garment is built in units.

The Bishop Method of Clothing Construction is based on perfection, starting with correcting the grain of the fabric. This same perfection is carried through the pattern adjustment, the cutting, marking, stitching and pressing. Many guidelines are given to make this perfection simple and easy to learn. The Bishop Method involves maximum use of the sewing machine, and eliminates pin and hand basting.

Through the application of a carefully-planned sequence of these learning procedures, it becomes a METHOD OF LEARNING TO SEW. Bishop Method of Clothing Construction is concerned with what you are LEARNING: about the fabric, the pressing equipment, the sewing machine, and your figure. This knowledge will last you the rest of your life, and bring joy to your sewing as never before!



Edna Bryte Bishop



Kitty Rotruck