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***Fabricate: 17 Innovative Sewing Projects  
that Make Fabric the Star***  
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Uncompromising crafters who won't settle for traditional fabrics can learn to make exciting alternatives with ***Fabricate: 17 Innovative Sewing Projects that Make Fabric the Star*** (Interweave, April 2009, \$22.95). Whether you're a recessionista or recycle-mama, or just an adventurous sewing enthusiast, you'll find in ***Fabricate*** ideas for transforming retail fabrics or revamping materials you already own with techniques that are easy to do and don't cost a lot. Get inspired to rethink what fabric can be.

Drawing on haute couture and modern fiber art, ***Fabricate*** uses classic and modern techniques to create interesting custom fabrics that are used in a dazzling array of fresh, stylish, yet practical must-have items to wear or to decorate the home. Readers are taken step by step through all of the processes, from inspired ideas to stunning finished product. This book takes simple materials and transforms them through texture, substance, visual interest, witty adornments, and clever embellishments.

In addition to the cloth-making techniques, 17+ projects showcase what can be made with these unique fabrics. All techniques and projects are shown through detailed step-by-step photography and illustrations.

From a laptop case to evening bags, an elegant wrap to a flirty skirt, a floor pillow to whimsical curtains, ***Fabricate*** shows how to create unique effects with pleats and crinkles; puckers and tufts; cut-and-fray fabric techniques; laminates that add colorful, versatile, and playful layers; surface embellishment techniques like cording, appliqué, and crazy stitch; heat-treated techniques like burn-out, burn-away, and fabric etching; and, fabrics designed with solvy and repeating notions like rickrack, hooks and eyes, and zippers. Projects include:

- **Ruffled Flowers Clutch:** Every inch of this fabric is covered in ruffled flowers made from strips of recycled wool sweaters.
- **Crinkled Pleats:** With a bit of folding and twisting, this fabric that never lies flat makes a beautiful scarf or table runner.
- **Fused Plastic:** This fabulously fused and collaged fabric is made by ironing together old plastic grocery bags and dry-cleaning bags.

- **Tumbled Frays:** Made from denim that is folded, cut, and frayed, this rug is not only a pleasing surface to walk on, it's also easily washable.
- **Applied Felt:** Wool felt is one of the most versatile and easy-to-work-with materials. Since there is no worry about finishing raw edges, the sky is the limit for these whimsical and versatile appliqués.

Beginning and expert sewers alike will be thrilled to find that sewing just got creative, beautiful, and artful again. For crafters, sewists, or readers who are simply fabric-obsessed, **Fabricate** will take the addiction to new levels.

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