



The World War 2 Sewing Challenge

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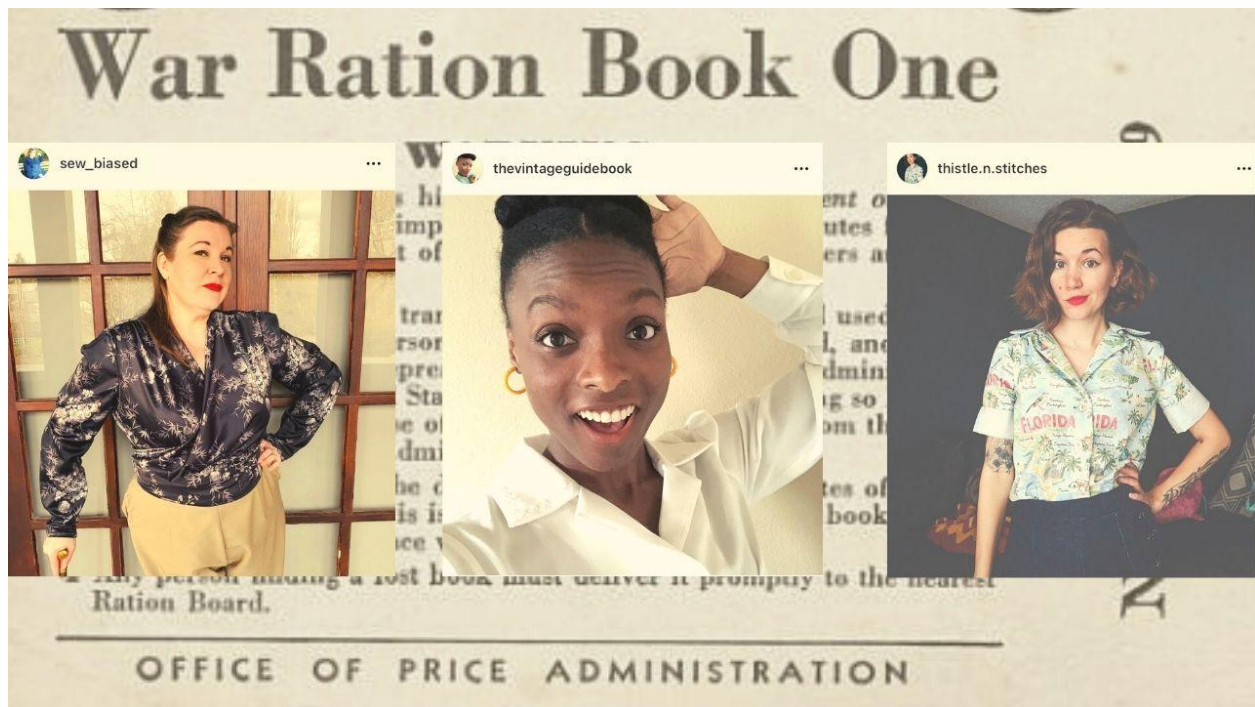
Make a garment of any era using the rationing
restrictions of WWII

Any skill level, any style welcome. Hosted by Sew Biased,
The Vintage Guidebook, and Thistle'n'Stitches

- **Materials:** Cotton, Rayon, Wool, no silk or Nylon, no Leather, metal, lace, embroidery, bows, braids, ruffles, non-functional buttons, elastic.
(Except Recycled materials)
- **Dresses:** no more than 5 buttons at least 4" apart, no more than 2 box pleats or 4 knife pleats, no more than 2 pockets (no flaps), no more than 6 seams in the skirt, hems no more than 2", maximum length 45", maximum sweep of hem 74"
- **Evening Dresses:** Same as other dresses, maximum length 59", sweep of hem 144"
- **Trousers:** Maximum length 45", bottom width 14.5", no more than 2 pockets, no zippers, no turn up cuffs, no buttons on pockets
- **Suit Jacket:** No waistcoats/vests, no more than 25" from neck to hem, no more than 1.5" hems, no turn up cuffs, no more than 2 pockets, no more than 8 buttons, no double breasted jackets
- **Coats:** Same as suit jackets, also Straight coat 44" in length, 64" sweep of hem, Fitted coat 45" in length, 64" sweep of hem, no epaulettes, capes
- **Skirts:** Length 30", sweep of hem 66", no more than 4 yards of stitching, no more than 2 pockets, no tiered skirts or all-round pleats, no more than 6 seams, no more than 2 box or 4 knife pleats

Post your creations to Youtube, Instagram, or elsewhere with the hashtag
#wwiisewingchallenge

Overview



This challenge is hosted by [@sewbiased](#) [@thevintageguidebook](#) [@thistle.n.stitches](#)

with the intention of building community by challenging ourselves to use rationing guidelines and a make-do and mend mindset. The guidelines are based on the UK Rules in 1945.

Helpful Links

1. [Pinterest Board- Thistle N Stitches](#)
2. [Rationing Guidelines UK- List](#)
3. [Info about Rationing](#)
4. [WWII Museum Rationing](#)
5. [Wartime Knitting Trends](#)
6. [VA Museum Knitting WWII](#)
7. [Blog about using Rationing Coupons](#)

Info Graphics:

WORLD WAR 2 CHALLENGE

- Make a garment that meets the rationing rules of World War 2
- Any era, any style, any skill level welcome
- Post your finished project by May 8th (VE Day!) and we'll share it!
- Hosted by Sew Biased, The Vintage Guidebook, and Thistle'n'Stitches

MATERIALS

- Cotton, Rayon, Wool, no silk or Nylon, no leather
- No metal - zippers, buttons, buckles, etc.
- No lace, embroidery, bows, braids, ruffles, non-functional buttons
- No elastic
- No more than 4 meters of stitching total

TROUSERS

- Maximum length 45", bottom width 14.5"
 - No more than 2 pockets
 - No zippers
 - No turn-up cuffs
 - No buttons on pockets
- (assuming UK size 12, adjust as needed)

DRESSES

- No more than 5 buttons, at least 4" apart
 - No more than 2 box pleats or 4 knife pleats
 - No more than 2 pockets (no flaps)
 - No more than 6 seams in the skirt
 - Hems no more than 2"
 - Maximum length: 45", sweep of hem 74"
- (assuming UK size 12, adjust as needed)

COATS

- Straight coat: 44" in length, 64" sweep of hem
 - Fitted Coat: 45" in length, 64" sweep of hem
 - No more than 2 pockets
 - No more than 8 buttons
 - No double-breasted jackets
 - No epaulettes, capes, turn back cuffs
- (assuming UK size 12, adjust as needed)

EVENING DRESSES

- No more than 5 buttons, at least 4" apart
 - No more than 2 box pleats or 4 knife pleats, no pockets
 - No more than 6 seams in the skirt
 - Hems no more than 2"
 - Maximum length: 59", sweep of hem 144"
- (assuming UK size 12, adjust as needed)



BLOUSES

- No more than 1 pocket
 - No more than 7 buttons in long-sleeve, 5 buttons on short sleeve
 - No more than 1 button per cuff
 - No epaulettes or capes
 - Max sleeve width 14"
 - Length from neck to hem 22"
 - Prohibited styles: Dolman, balloon, and leg o'mutton
- (assuming UK size 12, adjust as needed)



SUIT JACKET

- No waistcoats/vests
 - No more than 25" from neck to hem
 - No more than 1.5" hems
 - No turn-up cuffs
 - No more than 2 pockets
 - No more than 8 buttons
 - No double-breasted jackets
- (assuming UK size 12, adjust as needed)



SKIRTS

- Length 30", sweep of hem 66"
 - No more than 4 yards of stitching total
 - No more than 2 pockets
 - No tiered skirts or all-around pleats
 - No more than 6 seams
 - No more than 2 box or 4 knife pleats
- (assuming UK size 12, adjust as needed)



PLEASE COME

- This list is not meant to be proscriptive - if you can't find the right fabric, we'd love to see you anyway
- Adjust for your body, and do your best. We'd rather see more people try this out than a few people who have to get it perfect!
- Tag us and the [#wwiisewingchallenge](#)