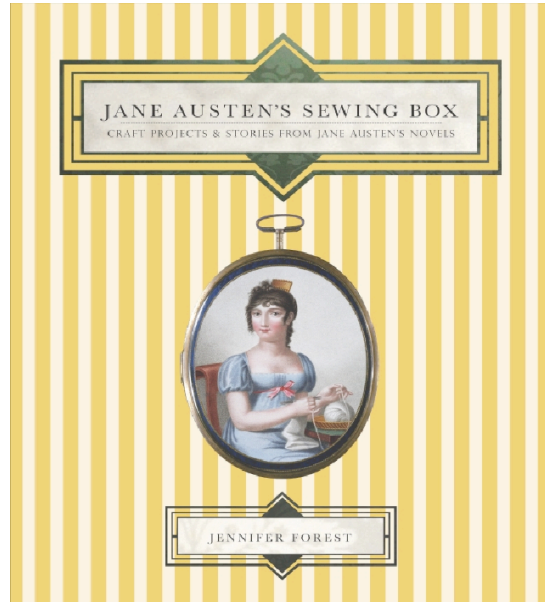


# Jane Austen's Sewing Box

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## The Book

For all lovers of craft, history and literature, the beauty of the Regency era is brought alive in *Jane Austen's Sewing Box*. With craft projects set in their historical and literary context, women's work of the Regency era is brought to the modern crafter in a new and innovative way.

18 projects including sewing, embroidery, netting, painting, paper craft and knitting are drawn from Jane Austen's novels. All projects are modelled on:

- the projects worked by Jane Austen's women in her novels,
- the work of her circle of acquaintance noted in her letters, and
- original objects from the Regency era.

*"My Mother desires me to say that she will knit one for you, as soon as you return to chuse the colours & pattern."* Jane Austen to Cassandra Austen, 1807

Each project is accompanied by extracts from Jane Austen's novels, historical background explaining how and why women were making the item, full colour photographs, illustrations and step-by-step instructions to allow you to easily make your own Regency inspired project.

The projects are both objects of beauty inspired by the Regency and useful for our contemporary lives. Using a range of techniques and readily available materials and tools, the projects are easily accessible for all skill levels and interests.

*"Yes all of them I think. They all paint tables, cover screens and net purses."* Charles Bingley, *Pride and Prejudice*

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