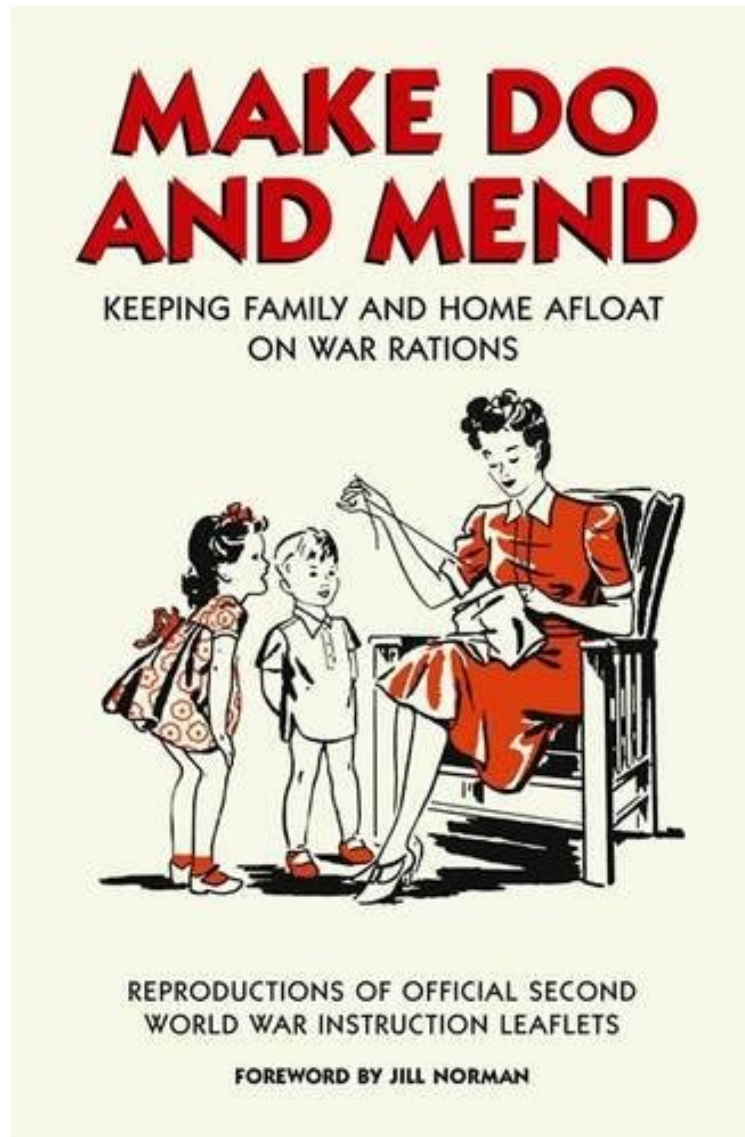


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Belken This book contains a number of articles from the British Government during World War II that advised the citizens on how to mend clothing and extend its life. During WW II England had severe shortages of basic items due to the war effort and the Germans sinking their supply ships. The people had to make do with what they had and these shortages continued for several years after the war. I personally do not sew, my wife does and this book was for her. I DID read the book and it is, even to me, an interesting book. Even I could understand many of the instructions. This book is a very interesting look into life back then and makes you realize how bad things were for them. Like I stated in the title some of the advice in this book can't be used today but a lot of it can and that makes this book worth what you paid for it. I highly recommend it. 10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. WWII rationing making do By bayou gardener Interesting read, like stepping back in time to see what a real family was faced with during WWII. Love the practical advice, was hoping for more wide ranging tips on frugality, especially in terms of victory gardening. What it did will give tips on making clothing last, reusing what you have on hand and how to save on fuel. While our home fuels have changed, the mentality can be adopted and tips used that will help keep the bills down. 9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. A stitch in time saves nine. By C. Neubauer I love learning how our ancestors did things. I have been practicing darning my husbands socks when they would get a hole in them. Found out I was almost doing it right when I bought this book, now when I darn the appearance is so much better.

With the nation's industrial output concentrated on the war effort and a clothes ration in place by June 1940, basic clothes were in short supply in wartime England and high fashion was an unknown commodity. Adults were issued as little as 36 coupons a year to spend on clothes, but a man's suit could cost 22 coupons, a coat 16, and a lady's dress 11. The need to recycle and be inventive with other materials became more and more necessary, and so the government issued a series of leaflets containing advice on how to make fabric and clothing go the extra mile. Reproduced in this intriguing collection, these pamphlets included tips on recycling curtains into dresses and instructions for turning old sheets into underwear. Covering darning, patching, knitting, and more, this is a nostalgic look at the innovative thriftiness of the 1940s.