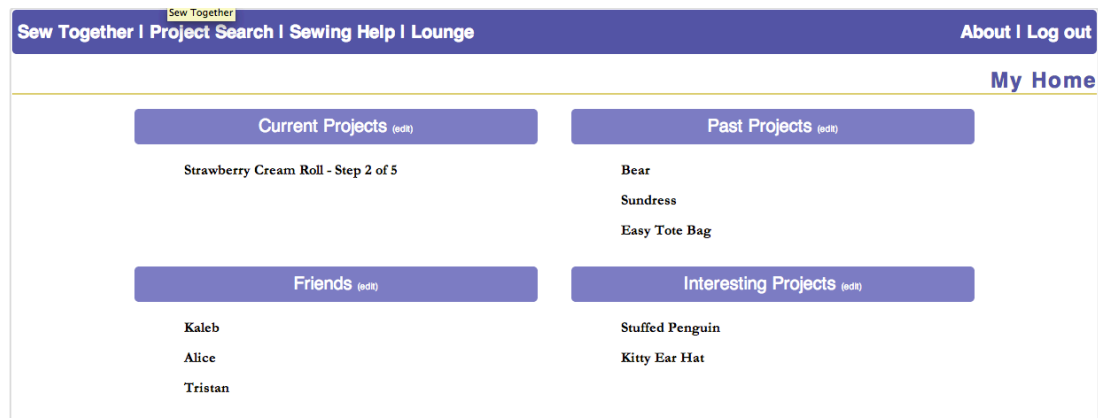


Heuristic Evaluation: Good Unless Intended

Yonglin Wu: No collaborators

Main page



1. Current Projects not clickable

Severity: minor

Heuristics: Learnability

Comments: When I hover mouse over the four major sections (“current projects”, “past projects”, etc), it looks like it’s clickable but it’s not. Also it is unclear what the “edit” means: does clicking on the “edit” lead you to the “edit page” of current projects?

2. Text highlighted when hovering over

Severity: good

Heuristics: Learnability

Comments: I like the fact that the texts of the Projects(eg: “Strawberry Cream Roll”) are highlighted when hovering over, which gives feedback to the user that it is clickable.

3. Choice of four major sections

Severity: minor

Heuristics: Efficiency

Comments: It seems a little odd that your four major sections on the homepage consist of three Projects sections and one friend section, which is somewhat counter intuitive and hard to navigate. Usually the different sections are all similar or all different. I suggest you put three different project categories in one “project” sections and put the “friend” section on a separate page.

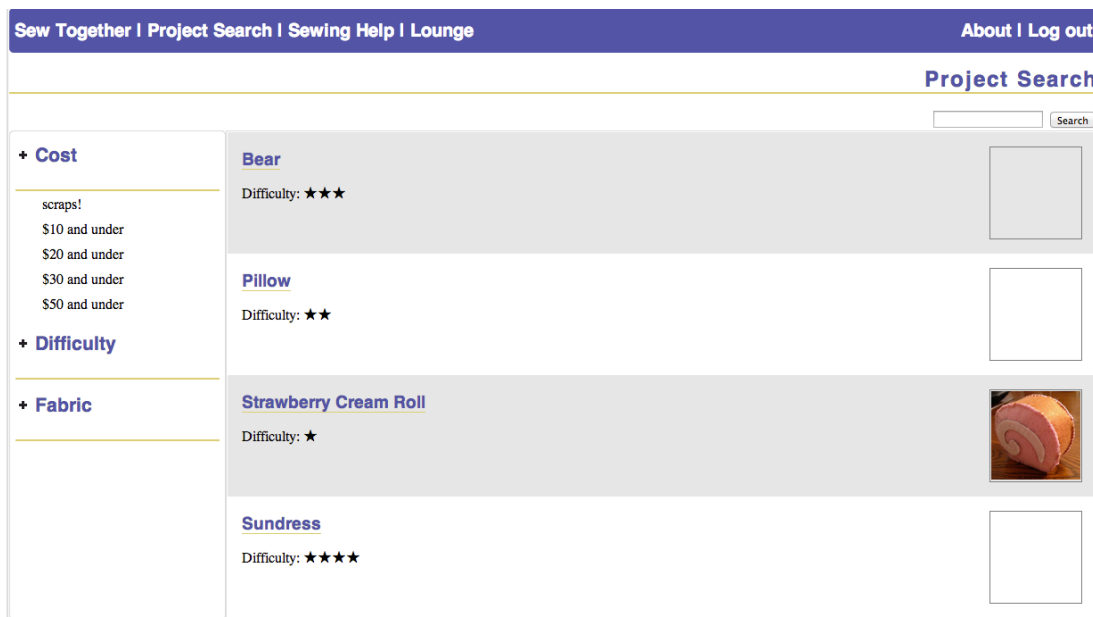
4. Listing contents directly on the homepage

Severity: cosmetic

Heuristics: graphic design

Comments: On this page, all the projects under each category are listed out directly. What will happen if there are a lot of projects? Will the page keep expanding, as the list grows longer? It is not a problem right now and it looks just fine, but keep this in mind.

Project Search Page



5. Filters not efficient

Severity: minor

Heuristics: efficiency

Comments: The filter section on the left side of the section is a good idea, but it can be improved. For example, in the cost section, the user can highlight both “10 and under” and “20 and under”, which is inefficient since the first one automatically includes the second one. Suggestion would be only highlight one selection.

6. Cost and fabric info not shown on the listing of projects

Severity: minor

Heuristics: internal consistency

Comments: It is good that difficulty is shown for each project on the right side, but at the same time, why not show the cost and fabric as well? It is not consistent to show on but not the other two.

7. Search doesn't respond to pressing “enter”

Severity: minor

Heuristics: efficiency

Comments: The user needs to click on “search button” every time they need to search something, which is inefficient. A better way would be that the user can press “enter” to trigger the search.

8. Images not clickable

Severity: minor

Heuristics: efficiency, learnability

Comments: Intuitively, users want to click on the image and they expect it would lead them somewhere, either an enlarged picture or the description page of this project, but it doesn't do anything right now.

9. Listing all projects on the page when first starting

Severity: cosmetic

Heuristics: graphic design

Comments: Again, listing all projects on one page may or may not be a good idea. Problems may occur when the pool of projects gets large.

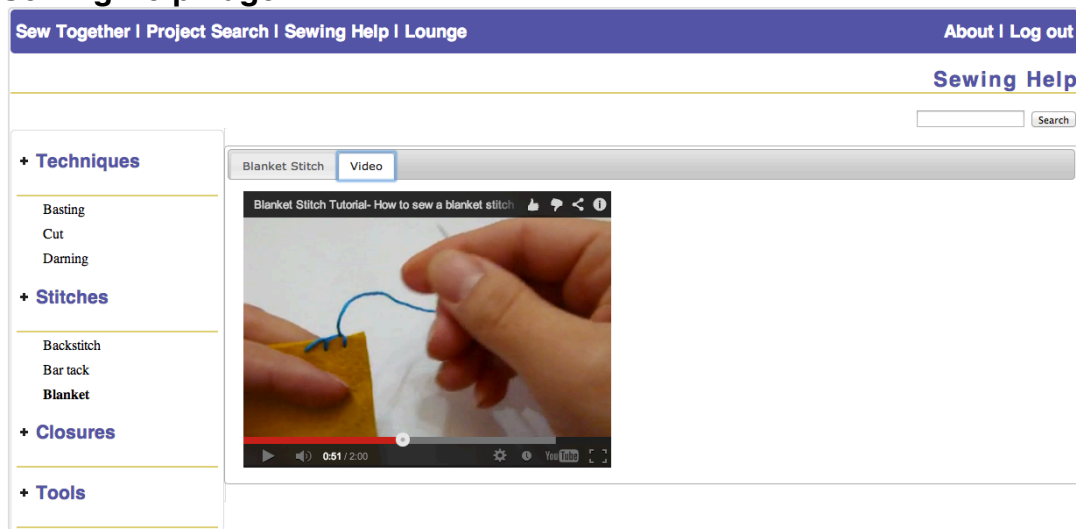
10. Alternate section colors for projects

Severity: good

Heuristics: graphic design

Comments: I really like that the projects on the left alternate their background color (gray and white), it helps to distinguish one from another while not adding too many colors to the interface.

Sewing Help Page



The screenshot shows the 'Sewing Help' page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Sew Together | Project Search | Sewing Help | Lounge' and 'About | Log out'. Below this is a search bar with the text 'Sewing Help' and a 'Search' button. The main content area is divided into two sections: 'Blanket Stitch' and 'Video'. The 'Video' section is active, displaying a video player with the title 'Blanket Stitch Tutorial- How to sew a blanket stitch'. The video player shows a close-up of hands sewing a blue thread into a yellow fabric. The video player controls show a progress bar at 0:51 / 2:00. On the left side, there is a sidebar menu with categories: '+ Techniques' (Basting, Cut, Darning), '+ Stitches' (Backstitch, Bar tack, Blanket), '+ Closures', and '+ Tools'.

11. Page align not stable

Severity: Cosmetic

Heuristics: graphic design

Comments: When I switch between "Video" and "Blanket Stich" sections on the left, the left filter bars jumps a little bit, which is unpleasant to the eye.

12. “More on blanket stitch” not noticeable

Severity: minor

Heuristics: efficiency, affordance, learnability

Comments: “More on blanket stitch” does not appear to be a link. It only highlights when it is hovered over. It should grab user’s attention in a less subtle way.

Lounge Page

Sew Together | Project Search | Sewing Help | Lounge About | Log out

Lounge

The lounge is a place where you can hang out with your friends and meet new ones as you work on your sewing projects!

Start a new lounge or browse through currently active ones:

General Sewing Chat 4-17-2013
Hang out while working on our projects!
There are 7 people currently in this lounge

Swing Dress Sew-along: Meeting 8
Topstitching midriff and finishing bodice
There are 3 people currently in this lounge

I have no idea what I'm doing
Neither do we! Let's hang out and commiserate together :P
There are 10 people currently in this lounge

My friends

Currently online

Kaleb
Alice
Tristan

Offline

Sewphia
CoolPerson123

13. “Start a new Lounge” too small

Severity: major

Heuristic: efficiency, learnability

Comments: Starting a new Lounge is an important functionality of this page. It deserves more attention. A novice user will take a while on scanning this page before he can find “start a new lounge”

Overall

14. Nice color scheme

Severity: good

Heuristic: graphic design

Comments: I really like your overall color scheme. You did a good job balance between not having too many different colors and making the page ascetic.

15. Wording on navigation bar not clear.

Severity: major

Heuristic: learnability

Comments: I like the top navigation bar, although it is somewhat unclear what each section on the navigation bar mean. What is “sew together”? It turns out to be the main page that contains both friend info and the users personal project. What is “lounge”? It turns out to be the a

place to find friends. I think changing the wording, as well as adding a “my profile” page and a “friends” page will help with this problem.