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# Heartfelt: 25 Projects For Stitched And Felted Accessories





## Synopsis

Felt and felted accessories are hot! Teresa Searle shows how knitted and recycled knitted felt can be transformed into a wide range of unique accessories using simple decorative embroidery techniques and appliqué. The book starts with an introduction to the processes involved in the projects:-How to make felted knitting by hand or with a knitting machine-How to felt knitting and recycled sweaters in the washing machine -How to appliqué felt motifs using your sewing machine and other simple machine techniques-How to hand-appliqué using blanket stitch and other easy decorative stitchesThen goes on to show step-by-step photos and complete directions for over 24 stunning projects including: Russian Hat & Pull-on HatBunny Slippers & Baby CoatScarves & MittensHandbags.& Purses3-D Roses used for jewelry and other accessories With its full color photography and wide range of appealing projects this book will appeal to all the sewers, stitchers, crafters or quilters who want to learn how to make felted accessories and how to embellish. The smaller projects are easy to create- each project has a box indicating the time needed. In addition they present an opportunity to recycle pieces of flat knitting or sweaters by turning them into felted knitting and using the end results to create a wide variety of beautifully embellished projects for both adults and children.

### **Book Information**

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#### Customer Reviews

Hurrah, you don't have to knit in order to felt! If you enjoy crafting with recycled wool knitted items, you'll love this new book. The projects are simple and inspiring, colorful and joyful. It transcends

ages, inspiring me at 38 and my son at 7. This would be an inexpensive hobby with some reasonable profit potential. Start-up costs are low to none. You need scissors, needle, threads, thimble and ratty old wool sweaters to recycle into wool felt (by washer.) Many of the designs require a sewing machine, though if you were familiar with embroidery, you could handstitch instead.

This book is exactly what I was looking for; a how-to book on fun felt projects. I am new to the world of felt and all it encompasses. Much of what I have found seems boreing to me; old-style and/or too crafty looking. This book is different, it has crafty, fun, funky, cute and colorful projects.What I like:-detailed, easy to follow instructions-great step-by-step pictures-very colorful and inspiring-information on felt/felting that I have not found elsewhereHere's a list of some of the patterns:-baby earflap hat (+2 adult hats)-bunny slippers (+ another pair of slippers)-iPod case-little purse-back pack-mittens-baby coat (super cute!)-plus many moreOne thing to note- most of the patterns given need to be photocopied and enlarged. The book gives percentages to increase by, so this may be a point of interest for some of you.I am super glad I bought this book and look forward to the many uses I will get out of it. It would also make a great gift.

This is not an ordinary felting book. It does have projects that can be done by a beginner, but mostly offers projects and ideas for intermediate/advanced crafters. Owning an embroidery machine is also an advantage for many of the projects. I really like this book, it offered ideas to do things with felt that I hadn't tried or even thought of trying. If you've worked with felted wool already, this is a great book.

I really like this book. You will not be sorry if you buy this. Lots of great projects with complete directions and a finished look to all of them. There are backpacks, scarves, purse, bags, gloves, hats all perfectly embellished.

This is my favorite book of many purchased for the purpose of artistically crafting useful things out of old wool sweaters. There are many great designs with patterns here, for things I am eager to start making out of the many washed and felted thriftstore sweaters I've collected! Some of the surface decorations are not to my taste, but there is lots of inspiration is in the basic designs. These are designs for objects one would pay good money for in high-end botiques - not cutsie crafts that are not much good to anyone! The directions are quite clear, with good illustrations. Several decorative

patterns sewn on to the projects do require a sewing machine that can do free-motion embroidery. But with creativity, one could adapt these designs for hand-sewn embellishment.

I bought this book after borrowing it from a friend because of the variety of projects and ideas for embellishments. I am a fairly experienced knitter and have felted other projects.What this book provides: a collection of creative patterns that makes use of recycled woolen clothing or machine-knitted swatches. The author says hand-knitted "fabric" can be used, but may prove disheartening to see how small it gets once felted. (I plan to handknit my stuff, anyway.)What this book does NOT provide: A detailed set of hand knitting instructions, like the number of skeins to buy, size of needle, how many stitches to cast on, how to make a stockinette stitch, how big a swatch to knit. Those details are left to the individual knitter.I do recommend the book, tempered with reservations about its audience.

Cheerful and filled with inspiration. Excellent instructions that are easy to understand and so many great projects. I have a felted hat that a dear friend made for me and I love it! There are smaller items to get the reader started and lots of colors. This book will help me to create cute wearable items for grandchildren. I recommend it!

I needed some ideas and help making mittens and shoes from felt. This little book had it all. I haven't been able to duplicate the machine embroidery the author uses to add pizzaz to her creations but I am trying. Practice makes perfect.

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