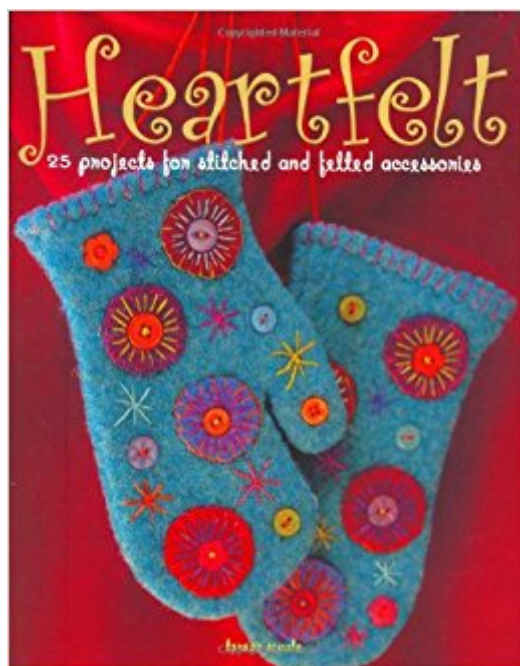


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Heartfelt: 25 Projects For Stitched And Felted Accessories



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 stitches Then goes on to show step-by-step photos and complete directions for over 24 stunning projects including: Russian Hat & Pull-on Hat Bunny Slippers & Baby Coat Scarves & Mittens Handbags & Purses 3-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.

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Customer Reviews

Teresa Searle is the author of Heartfelt and Fabric Jewelry. Her designs are featured in the top crafting publications. She lives in England.

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 in the basic designs. These are designs for objects one would pay good money for in high-end boutiques - not cutesie 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.

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 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.

A well done book complete with time, patterns, supplies and photos to complete a project out of recycled sweaters. Author has produced a great book for those starting out in felting of old wool sweaters. Some items are cute as a bug in a rug... whatever that is LOL... but just as cute as can be. One thing...you have to like to embroider as there is quite a bit of that. As for myself I will modify and do needle felting instead of the embroidery. Well at least not as much as the author as I want the project to take less time than the amount put into the embroidery. As an artist who sells her work time is important. I can not spend 5 hours on one item no matter how cute it is unless it is an item for a friend etc. but not for selling. The photos, patterns, time and supplies needed is great.

good illustrations

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.

I love this book! The patterns are exactly what I was looking for!

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.

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