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# Felt Fashion: Couture Projects From Garments To Accessories



## Synopsis

Felting is an ancient craft that enjoys an endless variety of forms and uses. Felt Fashion captures the art and sophistication that is possible with handmade felt, while keeping it simple and attainable for anyone to master. Whether it's a collar or an entire dress, each project is irresistible and brings felting to an entirely new level. The author demonstrates several basic felting techniques including: basic wet felting, needle felting, nuno, and punch needle felting. For the more advanced fiber artist and sewer, she provides patterns and instructions for original clothing designs including vests, jackets, and skirts. Felt Fashion is a standout from other felting books for its scope, originality, and its distinct ties to couture.

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## Customer Reviews

Of all the books I've purchased recently about the art of felting, none, until this one, have given much specific information about the material - wool. Jenne Giles' book has a wonderful section on materials which I found very informative. Especially with regards to why some types of wool may not be appropriate for different projects, etc. Jenne makes it clear how each type of wool behaves and how it reacts with other materials you want to incorporate into your work, such as specialty wools, silk fibers and plant fibers. She also manages to enlighten the student without removing the "magic" that comes from that moment when your design holds together and becomes fabric! When I first began this journey of learning the craft I looked at this book and decided it was too "advanced" for me. I was wrong! It has some beautiful pictures of what artists have done with felting (including the

author), however, it gives some very nice instruction on projects that can easily be done by a beginner. With each project in the book she adds a bit of information about going steps further to create an advanced version of the project; showing what else can be done with a little more effort and practice. In fact, I enjoyed Jenne's book so much that I contacted her to have a class. I was lucky to catch her for a one-on-one class before her busy season started and have now gained more confidence with handling the materials and tools to begin creating some pretty fun stuff. You will not regret adding this book to your collection.

Felt Fashion by Jenne Giles is a beautifully illustrated book that every Felter will enjoy owning. It has easy to follow instructions which are very detailed. There are numerous projects from "up-cycled" clothing through the addition of felt; to more advanced techniques in garment making. This book covers a lot of ground, with something for everyone. Jenne combines innovative felting techniques with dye colors, fiber combinations, and patterns to make captivating felt fabric, from which she designs and constructs pieces that are truly wearable art. She captures the art and sophistication that is possible with handmade felt, while keeping it simple and attainable for anyone to master. Jenne shows us how to make a collar, a necklace, or an entire dress, each project is irresistible and brings felting to an entirely new level. She shows several basic felting techniques, including basic wet felting, needle felting, Nuno, and punch needle felting. She also teaches methods for embellishing ready-to-wear items with fashionable felted accents. She provides patterns and instructions for original clothing designs including vests, jackets, dresses, and skirts. Felt Fashion is a standout from other felting books! I love the flower scarves and flowers from her book and I am going to try a few projects from this lovely inspiring book. Jenne is a San Francisco-based artist whose work ranges from traditional fine arts and crafts to innovative performance and installation art. She received her B.A. Degree in Art and Art History from Rice University in 1997. After working professionally in the arts and trades she began her own business, Harlequin Feltworks, in 2007. Harlequin Feltworks is dedicated to creating unique pieces of wearable art combining painterly color, sculptural form, folk art and costume. Jenne's innovative work pushes felt to the cutting edge of fashion and design and is truly wearable art. She is self-taught in the art of felting and is very proud of this fact. Jenne sells her art on ETSY as well as the Artful Home, a shop I adore.

Sorry a write in spanish!!!el libro está genial tiene variedad de propuestas, son muy fáciles de hacer y además ponen el paso a paso en fotos, realmente es muy favorable mi evaluación.-Tiene fieltro húmedo, Nuno, indumentaria, accesorios y teñido. In english with google translate...The

book is great to have variety of options are very easy to make and also get step by step in photos, is very favorable indeed my assessment .-It felt wet, Nuno, clothing, accessories and dyeing.-

I have mixed feelings about this book. Let's look at the good points first. It's colourful, there are some good ideas here. There is a good introduction to fibers and equipment. The general felting instructions are excellent. I am not keen on all the upcycling section, I don't think the ideas are that great but the passementerie could be put to good use. The garments section is interesting, some of the shapes I do not like. It would be a case of making a pattern yourself and using the techniques as you wish. The kimonos and jackets look bulky under the arms. The accessories section is probably the best. All in all this is worth buying. This review first appeared on Karen Platt's book review website.

I've been a big fan of Jenne's work for a long time and have been anxiously awaiting this book's release. You will not be disappointed with this purchase... Beautiful photography, easy to follow instructions, very thorough. There are numerous projects from "upcycled" clothing through the addition of felt, to more advanced techniques in garment making...This book covers a lot of ground, with something for everyone. I can't wait to pull my wool out and try the seamless jacket.

There are relatively few felting books on the market unless you are looking for school and child based projects. The description of this book on-line was a good guide as it implied the book provided many ideas for felt projects. Many specific craft objects are quite bizarre but the point is that the book offers a large number of felting techniques and good explanation of the felting techniques.If someone wants a felting book on techniques and enjoys going to the edge in felt crafts, this is a terrific book. If someone wants a good array of felt techniques, this is also a terrific book.

Without being able to peruse a book it's hard to know if it's the right one to order. This one is very nice. It repeats a lot of what I have in other books (bought from you!). I would definitely recommend it for someone starting in this medium.

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