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# Knitting Never Felt Better: The Definitive Guide To Fabulous Felting



## Synopsis

Nicky Epstein's definitive and bestselling guide to felting is in paperback at last! Using ten chic garments and more than 150 stunning sample swatches, the ever-popular Epstein covers the top methods for turning wool yarn into vibrant and dense textures. This lavishly illustrated book is bursting with patterns, stitches, and techniques for lace, mosaics, cables, and more, along with Epstein's whimsical ideas for dimensional embellishments and an array of attractive home-décor projects.

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## Customer Reviews

Nicky Epstein is the bestselling author of *Knitting on the Edge*, *Knitting Over the Edge*, and *Knitting Beyond the Edge*, as well as *Nicky Epstein's Knitted Flowers*, *Knitting Never Felt Better*, *Nicky Epstein's Crocheted Flowers* and *Nicky Epstein's Signature Scarves*. She is one of today's hottest knitwear designers, and has gained worldwide recognition for her abundant creativity, groundbreaking sense of style and informative workshops. Her designs have been featured in *Vogue Knitting* and other knitting publications.

If you're a knitter interested in felting, this is the book for you. It is filled with different patterns and swatches. It has samples of felted yarns - before and after - including Lorna's Laces, Nashua Handknits and Plymouth Yarns. There are two pages on the felting process which include how-to's such as putting the felted pieces in a mesh laundry bag and stopping the wash cycle every few

minutes to check the process of your felting. Some pieces need to go through several wash and spin cycles to be complete. "A general rule of thumb is that the knitted piece will shrink by about one-third." Some colors may fade in the process but this depends on the yarn. "Stockinette and garter stitch are best suited for felting, because most stitch patterns are lost in the process." The book is filled with different swatches that can be used in the felting process as well as several patterns. These include single color and multi-colored examples. The Floral Coat is beautiful but I think it's beyond my skill level. "This loose-fitting felted coat with tapestry floral motifs is embroidered in duplicate stitch and has I-cord closures and buttons." The book also includes many embellishments that can be added to patterns to make them individual and unique. The Green Fair Isle Bag is lovely. It is a large size with two compartments in the front. The compartments are done with a Fair Isle technique. The book even touches on sculptural felting and shows a bowl with several types of fruit in it, all felted. If you want to try felting, this book is the way to go. Personally, it scares me a bit but I plan to try some of the embellishments and see what happens. I'm always worried that my felting will not fit to size. This book helps alleviate that fear by going through the process step by step. If you're at all familiar with knitting designers, you know that Nicky Epstein, the author, is an expert. Her books are always right on and often go to the edge of what knitters commonly do.

This book has some really cute patterns in it and the price is great.

As I expected

I bought 2 of these books - one for me and one for my dear friend. This book contains many ideas for adding that elegant felted touch. Shows technique and fashionable ideas. I originally checked this book out of the library and then decided that my friend and I needed this in our collection.

My knitting skills are sub par to my crocheting skills and felting hides a myriad of mistakes! I picked up knitting over the past few years and felting was a way to soften the look and, did I mention hide my mistakes? Nicky Epstein has many great books and this one is one of the best. I enjoyed making the items and felting them.

I love this book and find myself referring to it constantly for the knitted trees that I am making, and also because I am planning which project I will start next. All of the projects in this book require

felting.

I was in love with this book the moment I saw the cover and once I had it in my hands I never regretted buying it. Nicky provides specific instructions, suggestions and comments from her readers to help nail down the specifics for felting. There are also, templates, wonderful patterns and suggestions. I also like the fact that she tells you the actual yarns she used for the patterns. Even if you've never felted before (like me), you will be itching to get started. I've already done 3 projects and plan to do more.

Anything Nicky does is great. very inspiring and educational. I would recommend this to anyone who loves fiber art. Felting is fun to do, and give you a very durable product.

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