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Fa La La La Felt: 45 Handmade Holiday Decorations



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Synopsis

'Tis the season to make felt crafts-fa, la la la la! These 45+ festive Christmas projects will bring joy to crafters everywhere. Created by successful online designers from around the world, the adorable items range from a sweet garland of little birds to super-cute matryoshka doll ornaments. All can be made with simple sewing techniques, and there are both no-sew and eco-smart options, too. Both indie and mainstream crafters will love these fresh new ideas!

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Customer Reviews

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I LOVE this book. I like creating things from felt (all types) and the ornaments and gifts in this book can be made in regular felt or woolfelt. There is nothing in this book I didn't like. I plan on making the trees (on the cover), the various little felt birdies (really cute), some of the ornaments. Anything in here would make a nice little gift, too. The layout of the book is nice and the pictures make one drool! If you like felt crafting and have basic sewing and embroidery skills, you will like this book.

Okay, so I'm not a felter, but I bought this book from because I liked the cover. To my knowledge, it is only available in printed format. There were some truly adorable felting projects contained in this book. After I read the instructions, I realized the projects appeared much more complex than they actually were to assemble. This is a wonderful project book to use in working with children, elementary school age and up. Plus, how can you go wrong with felt, right? It's so soft...I truly wanted to make every project in this book. However, I don't have enough time to do all the things I'd LIKE to do, so I donated it to a North Dakota library that has a great children's book section. My sister-in-law, the librarian, held it hostage at her house for a month, just so she could ogle at all the fun stuff. In addition to this book, I also ordered a few other felt books by the same authors, who present many unique ideas. The photographs are beautiful, and the format, font, and layout of the book are aesthetically pleasing. Plus, you learn how to MAKE STUFF for Christmas! With felt! What could be better?

I bought several holiday craft books in the hopes of making some new decorations this year instead of buying things. This is my favorite book by far. Not only are the designs adorable and fresh, they also are attractive and charming! In my other books, some of the ideas sound good but the end result looks a little too kindergarten-y. Not so in this book! I cannot wait to get started making things. The book itself is put together beautifully. The pictures, the formatting, the fonts! About the only thing I would wish for would be a spiral binding so I could lay it totally flat and make copies of the patterns a bit easier. Still, I have a feeling that my future is going to be filled with a *lot* of felt!

Such a wonderful array of projects for easy to medium level sewing skills! I have had so much fun making lots of things out of this book for Christmas this year. All of my friends and family have been wowed at the variety of things I have made, and the projects are not hard. Many of the projects work for non-Christmas themed sewing as well! Cutting and sewing goes pretty fast and there is lots of room for creative interpretations or embellishments. I would say I have medium level hand sewing skills, and a variety of the ornaments took between 1 1/2 and 3 hours from start to finish of the project, with creative stitching and decoration included(some took even less time). I had a couple of 10 year old girls who had never sewn before working on the owl ornament , and their creations turned out great! The primitive sewing made the ornament look that much more endearing. And the girls were tickled with their results! This book was a GREAT way to spend some quick holiday crafting time to get some very lovable results.

I borrowed this book from the local library and then loved it so much that I bought it. The peppermint garlands and clothespin bird ornaments have been big favorites for everyone that I have made them for. The materials to make everything are easy to find and inexpensive and the directions are easy to follow. The photographs in the book are clear and the instructions are very easy to understand. I can't recommend this book enough!

I was disappointed with projects. The cover item was the only one I would consider making. The patterns make be okay for a youth, but were very basic and unfinished for someone who does a lot of work with felt.

This was a really fun book! Most of the projects are ornaments, but there are a few stockings an a few more decor items. All of the projects look pretty easy. I made ornaments for my husband's coworkers for Christmas and they all loved them. You can't get better than hand- made!

I purchased this book because I have a toddler with another baby on the way, and it hit me that standard christmas tree decorations are not going to work with us this year (I don't really want my son choking on broken bits of glass orbs or otherwise breaking the stuff). I figured, hey, felt decorations won't break when my kid gets to them! So far I've started one of the projects and it's very easy (little russian dolls), fun, cheap and requires little crafting ability (which is good, 'cause I'm short on it). But the dolls are sooooo cute! It would also be awesome as a source for holiday craft party ideas. I just wish I had time to organize one of those.

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