

Fa la la la Felt: 45 Handmade Holiday Decorations

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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The Projects in This Book Are Just Too CuteBy L. Lee StarrOkay, 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? 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Favorite holiday craft book! I love it!! By Jen T. 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 kindergarden-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! 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Easy, Wonderful Fun! By A. Karnes 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.

'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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