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*Shrink your knitted masterpieces on purpose and create stylish felted projects*

***Felt Forward***  
***Modern Designs in Knitted Felt***  
**by Maggie Pace**

Loveland, Colo.: Maggie Pace brings a modern approach to the popular craft of felting, with her fresh color scheme; unique, useable projects; and inventive ways to add felt to just about anything, in her new book **FELT FORWARD: MODERN DESIGNS IN KNITTED FELT** (Interweave Press, November 2007, \$21.95).

It seems that every knitter has tried shrinking her knitting in the washing machine over the past few years, and why not? Felting, the art of shrinking, is the latest craze in the crafting world. Knitted felt projects knit up quickly, mistakes are hidden when felting occurs, and felt is stylish for wearables and home décor.

In **FELT FORWARD**, Pace—proprietor of Pick Up Sticks!—shares 20 contemporary projects that will find everyday use for the modern crafter. One never-been-seen before technique is knitting onto rings or hoops, then felting them to create unique, sturdy shapes that can be combined to create belts or handbag structures. Another Maggie Pace original design idea is displayed in a charming handmade pillow, where she quilts knitted pieces together, felts them, then cuts away pieces of the fabric from the top layer of felt to reveal negative shapes beneath.

“Maggie Pace is truly a one-of-a-kind designer who is taking the craft in new directions with her clever designs and inventive techniques,” says Amy Clarke Moore, editor of *Interweave Felt* magazine, which features Pace’s “Conjoined Ring Purse” on the cover of its premier issue.

Projects in **FELT FORWARD** include soft and comfortable felted tops, purses and tote bags, colorful embossed hats, jewelry, mukluk-style boots, pillows, modern home accessories, and even a strand of felted lights.

**FELT FORWARD**'s designs are showcased in a contemporary color palette and feature a range of fibers from alpaca, angora, and acrylic. Pace's friendly step-by-step instructions, beautiful photography, and detailed illustrations make it easy to achieve beautiful results.

**FELT FORWARD** gives anyone with basic knitting skills the tools to create one-of-a-kind designs. While the tools and techniques are simple, the shapes, colors, and materials of these designs give them a sophisticated, urban feel that brings felt into the twenty-first century.

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**About the author:**

**Maggie Pace** began making knitted felt in 2003 and immediately fell in love with it. Her company, Pick Up Sticks; produces patterns and kits of her trademark three-dimensional flowers as well as hats, bags, and other items, which can be found in yarn stores across North America and in Europe. Her first book, *Felt It!*, was published in 2006. She lives in Oakland, California.

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