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The next big thing in jewelry-making...

Hand Felted Jewelry and Beads: 25 Artful Designs
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Loveland, Colo.: Felted jewelry is fashionable and gorgeous. It's showing up on runways, in department and specialty stores, and galleries around the globe in a range of styles from dainty flower pins to felted bead pendants. Now a felting frenzy is sweeping the country as crafters and fiber artists discover the fun and therapy in purposely agitating, pounding, and shrinking wool to create these sought-after felted wearables.

HAND FELTED JEWELRY AND BEADS offers a contemporary and artistic approach to this jewelry-making technique—and then takes it a step beyond through beaded embellishment. Starting with only a bag of raw wool, plus a little bit of soap, water, thread, and beads, it's easy to create striking jewelry pieces from felt, the versatile yet durable fabric that doesn't fray. Author Carol Huber Cypher (www.carolcypher.com), an expert feltmaker and teacher, has taken this ancient and simple craft to new levels of contemporary style, with 25 projects that are funky to elegant to amusing to classic.

HAND FELTED JEWELRY AND BEADS includes both needle-felting and wet-felting techniques covering flat, flat with a resist, three-dimensional, use of armatures and mediums, color, inclusions, shape, and texture applications. First-time felters will be guided into this creative and fulfilling fiber art while seasoned feltmakers will find inspiration and new tips and tricks to add to their repertoire. Readers will learn how to make the felted equivalent of lampworked beads, turquoise focal beads, mokume gane look-alikes, and so much more. Unforgettable pieces are the carved beaded bangle, the elegant Flower Lariat, compositions in felt and glass (strung necklaces and bracelets), and the imaginative Fall Foliage Garland.

Each project in **HAND FELTED JEWELRY AND BEADS** is presented with easy, step-by-step instructions, photos and illustrations, and alternative samples and suggestions to help create original designs.

“Felt is organic and humble and primal, yet ethereal and beautiful and sensuous. It is warm and soft and yielding, yet strong and hard and dense. No animal dies in its making. As a medium of adornment, felt combines the sensuality of fine fiber with the shapely qualities of sculpture. I remain captivated by the magical qualities of the medium, the sense of wonder that it instills in the novice, and the endless inspiration it offers the seasoned pro.”—Carol Huber Cypher

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Upcoming Carol Huber Cypher Appearances and Book Signings:

Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival—West Friendship, MD, May 6–7, 2006
Bead and Button Show—Milwaukee, WI, June 2006
Convergence—Grand Rapids, MI, June 25–July 1, 2006
New York State Sheep and Wool Festival—Rhinebeck, NY, October 2006
Lapidary Journal's Bead Fest—Philadelphia, October 2006

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