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***Simply Needlefelt:
20 Easy and Elegant Designs***
by Jayne Emerson

Create beautiful felted items using easy techniques in ***Simply Needlefelt: 20 Easy and Elegant Designs*** (Interweave, April 2009, \$24.95). Jayne Emerson, co-author of ***Simply Felt***, brings her eye for color and form to needlefelting by machine or hand to produce stunning textiles to wear or decorate your home.

Simply Needlefelt introduces crafters to the creative possibilities of needlefelting through 20 innovative projects in a range of fabrics and textiles, including fiber jewelry, flowers, coasters, cushion covers, scarves, sweaters, blankets, bags, book covers, and more.

“As a textile designer, the idea of creating textural and decorative embellishments without actually threading a needle is incredibly exciting,” says Emerson.

Begin with an introduction to tools, materials, and basic methods, then launch into fashioning unique projects using various texture effects. With clear step-by-step photographs and illustrations plus gorgeous project photography, ***Simply Needlefelt*** is both an inspiring and practical book offering an exciting range of new projects with tips and tricks to achieve professional quality design with ease.

Each project section illustrates a different technique, broken down into the following categories: fabric appliqué, 3-D felting, weaves and braids, yarns on fabric, fleece to fabric, reverse effects, pleating and tucking, and needlefelting knits.

Each project that features machine needlefelting also includes tips or alternatives to create the project by hand. Emerson is aware that not everyone will own a needlefelting punch machine and also that some people prefer to work by hand, so she has tried to ensure that all projects can be worked either way.

Swatches and samples display new techniques and ideas, followed by projects and variations.

If you're a needlefelter, fiber artist, art quilter, or mixed-media artist, or if you just have an interest in needlefelt, you'll delight in this technique-and-project guide.

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