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Polka dot wool felt and can't-miss-it metallic thread help this big-eyed boy fly. But what's the strongest part of our adorable e-reader sleeve? We sewed the front and back panels together with coordinating thread. Then we carefully felted around the stitches to make them disappear.

TABLET TOTE

When you tuck your tablet in for the night, it'll bring sweet dreams with this custom-designed carrying case. Cut the appliqués from sheets of wool felt, and add the embellishments (a mix of seed beads, decorative stitches and sequins) before you needle felt them into place.

We got a bit carried away with this bevy of bags and we think you will too. Combine your favorite colors and patterns to create a handbag that's handmade and uniquely yours.



A. Paisley Petals When you want a felted look with lots of dimension, you might want to skip the felting needle. Instead, stitch your felted appliqués into place with a sewing needle and coordinating embroidery floss. B. Clutch Me Cut appliqués from ready-to-go sheets of wool felt, and then needle on loose wool roving to create the detail. Add gemstones and beading as desired, and then glue to a readymade felt clutch.





C. Corner Bloom Cut a flower from ready-to-go wool felt. Felt on loose wool roving to create shading, patterns and detail. Then add beading and decorative stitches. Glue to a store-bought bag and—oh, love it! **D. Best Bud** This stunning evening carryall features pre-cut wool felt shapes (hearts, leaves and flowers), layered and stitched into place. We used seed beads and zipper teeth—yes, zipper teeth—for detail.





GOOD BOOK

Deep thoughts deserve a pretty place to land—like here in this sweet, felted journal. Make a simple wool felt cover to fit around a store-bought blank book. Then add layered wool felt appliqués, topped with sequins and beads. PS: There's no by-the-book way to make this project, so have fun with the details.

STICK WITH IT

This pretty needle book is made from rectangles of wool felt, bound with a ribbon. We added a pre-made felt flower to the front (it came already beaded), along with a petite wooden spool. *Tip: Wool felt is great for needle storage, since it contains lubricating, rust-repelling lanolin*.





OWL BE HERE

Whooo loves this owl-bedecked tablet sleeve? Everybody who sees it! This piece is made from simple shapes, cut from our ready-to-go wool felt sheets. We jazzed it up with some decorative stitching and a handful of beads. Yeah, you might say we went owl out.

BRANCH OUT

Want to create an intricate art look like the one on this breathtaking fringed bag? Use chalk to lightly draw your design on the felt, and then carefully needle felt over the drawing. When you're done, you can add details like beading, seguins and decorative stitching.



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SHOE IN

Use a blanket stitch to join a pair of petite felt circles for this girly coin purse. But first, needle felt a simple high heel design to one side—we added velvet ribbon and pearl trim for dimension. And don't forget to leave room for a zipper. Let the shoe shopping begin!



STRIPE LIFE

For this shiny chevron design, cut out a set of those famous zigzag stripes from sheets of wool felt. Then layer as desired, and sew to a readymade felt bag. Now add decorative stitching: lazy daisies, stem stitches, blanket stitches and chain stitches too—all with metallic floss, sequins and tiny seed beads.

POSH POUCH

Felted details sans the felting needle? Coming right up! Try an off-the-shelf wool felt purse, jazzed up with readymade felt balls, a handful of colorful beads and a bit of bright-as-can-be embroidery floss. *Tip:* We made the strap ourselves with beading supplies from the Jewelry Department.