

IT'S FELT, BABY!

Whether you need a cute baby shower gift, a fun way to dress up a ho-hum onesie or a unique DIY project, we've got all the inspiration you need.



felt fashions

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GIVE IT A VEST

Fashion a bloomin' cool vest for your little one's dress-up stash or school pictures. For this corduroy beauty, we cut the base shapes out of sheets of wool felt and needle felted the flower designs right onto them. For dimension, we made two layers of the blue flower and felted them together. Then we added embellishments (we just couldn't help ourselves) and felted the appliqués to the vest.



FELT BUCKLE

In the market for some waist gear that's a bit lighter than the norm? Look no further than this almost-all-felt belt and buckle. For the belt, we needle felted strips of felt to cotton webbing and made holes for the prong. Then we blanket-stitched around it. The buckle is an embellished oval of wool felt adhered to a basic metal buckle (Craft Department). We made it sparkle with a mix of seed beads, crystal gemstones and a cup chain border.

LITTLE BOY SHOE

Don't worry—we've got footwear for the little man in your life too. The pattern for these argyle-style shoes was inspired by Simplicity Pattern #1710—but we couldn't resist modifying it a bit. Before sewing the shoes together, we felted brown squares onto the top pieces and added an "X" of white roving and decorative stitches.



FIT TO BE FELTED



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A. Give traditional black and white houndstooth the old heave-ho—and let it go funky and colorful instead! The key to this design is to cut out the base (blue piece) first and then layer on the pink and black patterns—they're needle felted to the base. **B.** We gave this snazzy number a bit of flair by needle felting wool roving onto the collar, a pocket and an epaulette—that's a fancy word for the piece on the shoulder. And we attached some gold trim for definition. Then we added handmade felt appliques adorned with heat-set crystals. **C.** We went with the less-is-more approach on this jean jacket. We simply made the flowers and leaves (all separate components) from wool roving and needle felted them onto the jacket. But not before adding some beads, of course. **D.** No one wants to show up at school in the same department-store denim every other girl is wearing. So personalize yours with fun felt patches. Choose your shapes and colors—we went with red and black leaf-like designs—and apply them to your favorite pair of jeans. But don't forget the heat-set gems! **Washing Tips:** Dry clean or hand wash in cool or cold water (a lingerie bag is helpful too). Do not use soap. Gently press out water without rubbing. Air dry on a flat surface.

PRETTY IN FELT



HOP TO IT Is there anything sweeter than a crown-wearing froggy perched on a plump toadstool? Um, no. Good thing it's easy-peasy to make your little lady her very own froggy friend. We simply needle felted the frog and toadstools right onto a ready-to-wear onesie. Now that's a toadally hoppin' outfit!

CROWNING AROUND You can't play dress-up without a pretty pink crown. To make one like ours, cut two crown shapes from sheets of felt. Sew a border of tube beads on one piece, and then needle felt the pieces together to hide the stitches. Then add blingy gemstones and fun felt appliquéés. An adjust-a-size hook and loop closure lets this crown grow with your little girl.



HAT CHANCE Here's a fun needle felt project you can hang your hat on! This adorable tiara starts with a sweet off-the-shelf pink baby hat. First, we stitched on a magenta brim for contrast. Then we cut a tiara shape from a sheet of white felt and stitched it to the brim. We finished with a decorative running stitch across the top for a pop of color.



PRINCESS CHARMING She's your little princess, so why not let everyone know it with this cutie-patootie onesie. Cut the letters from sheets of felt and attach them to the outfit (*needle felt them or apply fusible web*). Then add some darling decorations—we chose hearts, in-flight butterflies and dainty flowers. Hurray for girl power!

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