

felted & fabulous

{CREATIVE INSPIRATIONS free FROM HOBBY LOBBY \bullet }

A. On the Ball Make a statement with a giant felt bead perched on a bezel ring base and dotted with gemstone brads. You can make it in a snap if you use a premade felt ball.

B. Play by Ear No-fuss felt beads—roll roving into a ball, and punch with the felting needle—are key to these feather-light ear wires. Connect them with eye pins, and voilà!

C. Feel the Beat Felt some love into a beaded puffy pin. Make the look beat true with yarn, metallic embroidery floss, seed beads and a single pearl.







To suspend a felt appliqué from a chain, glue loops of ribbon to the back of the appliqué. You can slide the jump ring onto the loops and connect the jump rings to the chain.

WOOL & WEAR

Paisley Day Make a series of intricate paisley appliqués (wool roving, seed beads and embroidery floss) to make this look. Then carefully felt them together.

OUT OF THE BLUE

Here's another way to make a trinket box: make a nice-size felt ball, and slice through it near the top. Work the larger half with your felting needle until you've made a bowl shape. Then reattach the smaller half with a hinge-like strip of felt.



WELL KEPT

This little trinket box started as a flat sheet of wool felt. We carefully sculpted it into a bowl shape as we felted. Then we made a scalloped lid (it's flat) and felted it to one side of the bowl. Embellishments: Beads, yarn, metallic floss, and premade felt balls.

HAVE A HEART

What's the fastest way to a needle felting nut's heart? Let's try a love note of a trinket box that's layered and beaded and stitched like there's no tomorrow. It just goes to show that anything goes once you've mastered the basic shape. Have some fun!



LIL' BUDS

Make a basic covered button (kits sold near the sewing notions) with a thin sheet of wool felt. Then glue on embellishments—we chose a dainty felt flower and a single gemstone—and adhere a basic stud earring base. Done!

GARDEN VARIETY

Layer wool felt cutouts on a simple felt pad to make this stunning bib necklace, gluing or stitching the components into place as you work. Glue a ribbon to the back, and add a second felt pad to hide the ends (and the stitches). Tip: Do beadwork before final assembly.





JUST GEO

Layer wool felt—we used a thick, all-in-one-piece as a base—to make this flirty geometric design. Then hand stitch down the center with coordinating embroidery floss. Now stitch on a jump ring to accommodate a basic ear wire, and you're anything but square!





RING PLEASE

A. BOWED OVER We blinged out this basic bow shape with tiny beads and some rhinestone chain. Then we glued it to an adjustable ring pad. Have you ever seen anything sweeter? B. BE A SQUARE How to make a standard ring pad accommodate an oversized felt square? A square stamping blank (Jewelry Department). Glue it to the pad, and you're good to go. C. GEM SPIN Jewelry doesn't get easier than this: a mound of wool felt, tucked into a filigree bezel ring base and dotted with a selection of well-chosen gemstones. It's a princess thing.

D. CLASSY BRASSY Create a two-toned wool felt base, circled with black nickel beads and topped with a vintage-style flower brad. We glued it to a 14mm ring and—oh the drama!

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BEST NEST

This fuzzy-wuzzy, barely-felted mound of roving made the perfect soft spot for an egg-like stash of beads and gemstones. Tip: If you want to be ultra-nesty, use your felting needle to work bits of real moss into the wool.

BLUE

Cut two three-petaled shapes from wool felt. Then stack, stitch and bead as desired. Cut a small circle of felt for a base, and sew it to the completed flower. Then glue the flower to a bezel ring base. It's big, but it's felt—so it won't weigh you down.



BEAD BLISS

Stack four heavily embellished layers for this hand candy. We made the gorgeous kaleidoscope-style designs on each piece with bright embroidery floss and clusters of shiny seed beads. Then we stitched the layers together and glued them to a ring pad.

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