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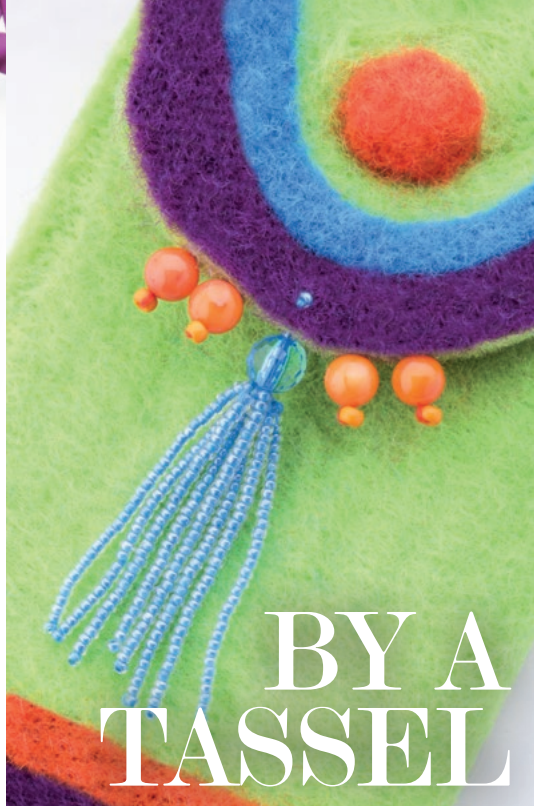
All that e-stuff is here to stay. So turn your love of needle felting tech-ward—think adorable cases, sleeves and cozies. We'll get your juices flowing with six inspiring design ideas.

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Bright is the new black! That's why we started this phone cozy as a sheet of lime green wool felt. We felted on strips of wool roving to create the stripes, and then we stitched on the beads and the handmade tassel. **Strap:** Cut slits in the sides of the case, and knot on a ribbon. **Clasp:** Add a brad-style magnetic closure, and hide the prongs with a mound of felted roving.



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## POLKA PAISLEY



We felted the turquoise spots to this happy pink phone case—we carry pre-dotted wool felt, if you'd rather go that route. The appliqué were cut from sheets of wool felt and highlighted with bits of wool roving. **Beads:** Stitch the tiny ones on before you felted the appliqué to the case, and add the bigger ones after. **Strap:** Stitch on chain from the Jewelry Department.

# LOVE BIRD

This little hoot is happy to hold your phone—the squinty eyes mean he’s smiling! Needle felt the eyes first, then the layered feathers, and then the wings and beak. When all the components are in place, you can add the decorative stitching. We used blanket stitches and split stitches (in the eyes).



Hey, we’re hip to the tech craze—and so are our trendy, needle felted designs. These ideas lend crafty charm to everything from smartphones to e-readers. For more felt inspiration visit [hobbylobby.com](http://hobbylobby.com).

When you’re done with the details, you’ll join the front piece to the back piece. We used a blanket stitch for this. It’s a sturdy stitch that creates a fun finished edge. And don’t be shy. Choose a standout floss (like bright yellow), and let those gloriously chunky stitches be truly part of the design.



# SEQUIN-FIALLY

For extra shine, try a mix of seed beads, decorative stitches and sequins. You'll have layers of lush, boutique-style detail for your effort. When the appliqués are in place, add some extra embellishing to outline the design—we chose more sequins and a bit of metallic floss.



# TABLET TOTE

When you tuck your tablet in for the night, it'll have sweet dreams in this custom-designed carrying case. Cut the appliqués from sheets of wool felt, and add the embellishments before you needle felt them into place. **Tip:** When it comes time to join the front of the case to the back, try felting the edges together instead of stitching.



# SWEET BEAK

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, and carefully felted around the stitches to make them disappear.



# OWL BE HERE!



Whoooo 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. You might say we went owl out.

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