



SO MUCH FLEECE... AND SO LITTLE TIME!

Craft a houseful of soft, fluffy projects using a brand new batch of vibrant colors and trendy prints. These adorable ideas will get you started!





« bottle coddle

These stripes stand for fresh, fabulous, make-them-in-a-flash accessories! The simple drink sleeve is a strip of fleece that was measured and cut to fit around a standard sport bottle. We stitched a single seam at the back, and we left the edges raw. And to finish? We added a pair of iron-on monograms, available in the Wearables Department.



≈ get zipped She's a tween-scene queen... and she needs outerwear that complements her crown! Zebra print is the star of this hip little hoodie, sewn using McCall's pattern #6158. We used pops of bright pink fleece for accents.

≈ by a tusk Let's celebrate your soft spot for all things fuzzy, wuzzy and wild! This playful pachyderm was sewn using Simplicity pattern #2921. We went for eye-popping pink and can't-miss-it zebra.



Fun with FLEECE!



on the house

You know fleece for cozy jackets and snuggly slippers. But did you know that you can turn fleece into fun and affordable décor? It's true! Try this comforting fabric for one-of-a-kind lampshades, fabulous fluffy pillows, cushy no-sew throws and more!





» **of note** Musical fleece is a treat on this off-the-shelf corkboard (available in the Crafts Department). We simply wrapped the board, securing the fabric to the back with hot glue. Then, we added an oversized fleece bow and a fleece owl “appliqué.” Cute!

» **pick a pillow** If you’re looking for snugly, you’ll want to go for fleece! It’s the perfect fabric for a pile of cozy little throw pillows. And there are no patterns required! Try easy patchwork on a simple heart. Or go totally no-sew with a pair of basic bolsters, simply tied off at both ends.



« shade aid

You’ve gotta love this noteworthy accent lamp. To get the look, strip away your shade’s existing covering. Then, work in sections to stretch strips of musical fleece across the bare frame, hot-gluing as you go. Glue on a fringed trim for finesse, and finish with a fleece owl, cut from a coordinating print. What a hoot!

» flaunt a flower

Soft makes sense on a casual accent pillow. That’s why we made this one out of fleece! There’s no pattern needed for the no-fuss design—not even for the freestyle flower. The bloom is made from a single strip of felt that was gathered, pinned into position and hand stitched into place.





« **balled up** Team colors? Can do! This sport bottle sleeve features a strip of bold yellow fleece. We measured and cut it to fit the bottle. Then we glued on rows of coordinating ribbon. An iron-on soccer ball appliqué (available in the Wearables Department) and a simple seam along the back... and we were done! *Tip: For added interest, try trimming the edges of your bottle sleeve with pinking shears.*



≈ **cover to cover**

Let's make a blanket statement. Cozy throws are no sweat when it comes to fleece! This colorful piece features squares of fleece that were fringed on all sides. We used the fringe to knot the squares together for a unique "patchwork" effect. That's right, it's totally no-sew!

« **claim to frame**

This is a "tail" about texture. We turned an off-the-shelf photo frame into a touching accent with the addition of some adorable paw print fleece! Fabric and trims were simply glued into place. It's a no-sew project!

» toasty toes

Little toes twinkle when they're wearing our adorable printed fleece. These sweet little slippers were sewn using Simplicity pattern #2278 and a quirky peace sign print. Mom may want a pair too!



Tip: If cut parallel to the selvage, thin strips of fleece will curl when stretched. Try cutting some simple strips—approximately 1/4" strips should work well. Now, carefully tug on the edge of each one. Instant curly-edged embellishment!

» vote tote Can fleece go high fashion? Oh, yes! Just go for trendy patterns—flashy animal prints, for example—and bold, bright, over the top color. This fashionable zebra stripe tote certainly fits that fleecy description. It's sewn from Simplicity pattern #2806.



≈ weave wish

Leftover fleece should never go to waste! Here's a great idea for your scraps. Try weaving strips of this fun fabric into a store-bought basket... any woven basket will do! It's quick and easy... but oh, what a difference!

≈ jar joy

Jazz up a storage jar with just a little fleece! Pick up a crocheted headband (available in the Wearables Department). Then, cut some simple flower shapes out of coordinating fleece. Layer the flowers with fleece strips, as shown, and knot or stitch to the band. Now, slide it on!

≈ write on

Sometimes it's okay to judge a book by its cover! One peek at this fleece-covered journal says "fun, fresh... and perfectly fuzzy!" We didn't sew a stitch on this simple project. We stiffened the fabric with fusible web before trimming it to size, folding it around an off-the-shelf blank book, and securing the folds with hot glue.



≈ **to boot** Her toes will be toasty, and she'll look good too! Simplicity pattern #2278 was the inspiration for these fleece-lined booties. We expanded the measurements of the kid-sized pattern to fit adult feet, and we tweaked the construction to show off our classic damask print.



≈ **cape quest** This quick-stitch, no-pattern-required poncho began with a simple square of fleece (approximately 50" x 50" for the look we wanted). We folded it in half to form a triangle and cut a half circle in the center of the folded edge. Then we finished all of the edges with coordinating trim, hand-stitched to secure. *Tip: Want to get a little fancy? Try adding a simple hood. Cut a rectangle of fleece to the desired size. Then, fold in half. With folded edge at top and right sides together, sew down right side of rectangle. Turn right side out and sew long edge to neck hole of the poncho.*



» wrap it up

Add a little fleece to some off-the-shelf accessories. Line a basic wooden crate—we hand-embroidered the simple label, or make a basic cup sleeve. With this versatile fabric, you decide how much you'll sew!





« **think drink** It's another cup sleeve, and this time it's got "dear old Dad" written all over it! We measured and cut some cozy gray fleece to fit his favorite thermal coffee container. Then, we added some handy iron-on letters (available in the Wearables Department) before sewing things up with a single seam.



« hats off

Let's hear it for fleece on the farm! This quirky tractor print will be a hit with the little ones in your life. Let it ride on jackets, scarves, blankets... or a sweet little stocking cap (Simplicity pattern #2292).

≈ wild card

Discover a softer side of camo with this cute, cuddly rhino. He's all fleece from his happy horn to his teeny tail, and he's sewn from Simplicity pattern #2394.



≈ **that sack** Here's another quickie project. This drawstring sack was made from a rectangle of soft camo-print fleece. Simply fold it in half with right sides together, and stitch up the sides. Then, fold over the upper portion of the sack (approximately 1") to create a casing. Stitch the fold down, cut a slit to accommodate some coordinating cording, and thread the cording through the casing. Done!



» cushy canine

Some dog's day just got better! And it's all because of this comfy, fleece-covered pillow! There's no pattern required for this project. The top is one panel of fabric, the bottom is another, and the paw print border forms the sides.

We simply measured fabrics to fit a 28 x 28" pillow form.



« **best vest** We just love a project with pockets. That's why we chose to churn out a fully functional utility vest. We used go-with-anything gray for the outside of this fuzzy fleece creation, and we used a hip camo print for the lining. Love the look? Pick up Simplicity pattern #2479, and put your "vest" foot forward!

≈ **head on** If you're looking to match your hat to your scarf to your casual carryall, here's a little trick to get you on your way. Cut a quick strip of fleece—no need to finish the edges—to use as a hatband. What a great way to utilize your scraps!



Your favorite guy can flex his fashion sense with fleece too! He'll flip for rugged outerwear, preppy accessories and handsome carryalls.

≈ **carry through** Have fleece... will travel! This simple, but stylish messenger bag is sewn from Simplicity pattern #4391. Sophisticated brown fleece felt just right for the outside of the piece. And for the lining? We thought a peek of classic coordinating plaid was the perfect choice. Think bike commute or late night study session.



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