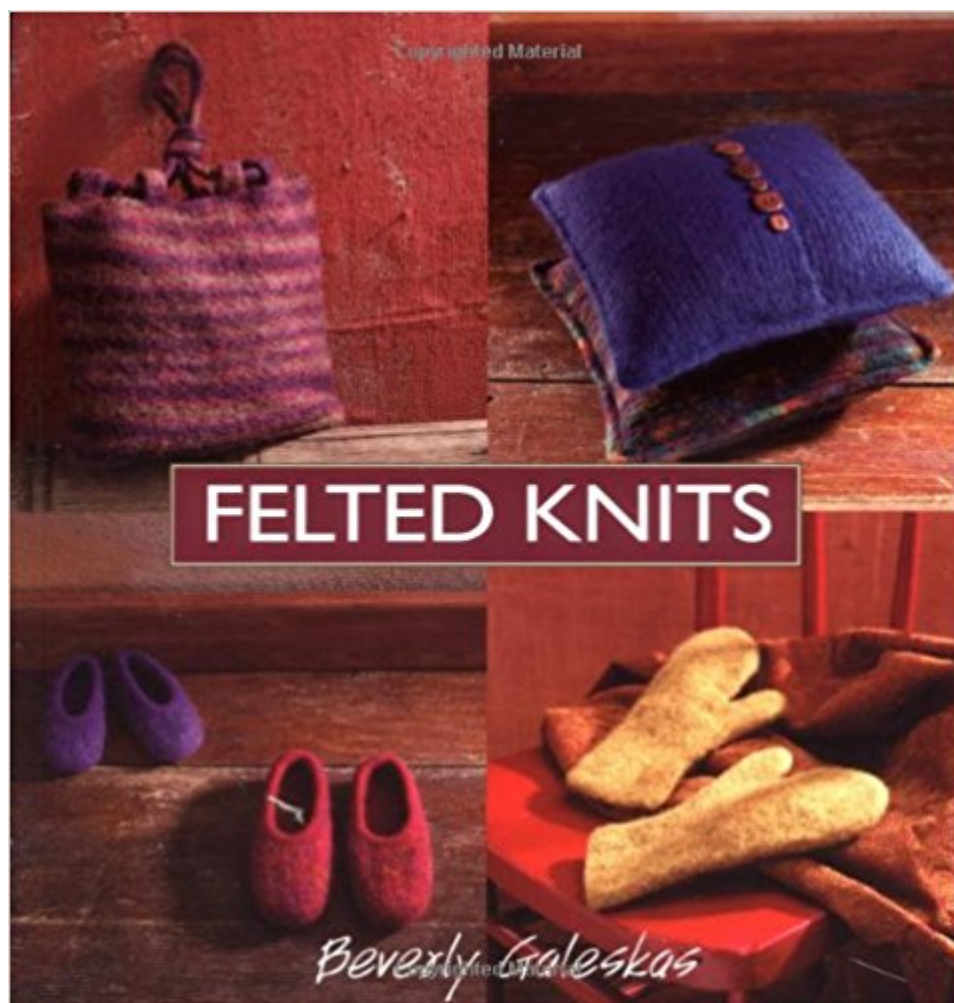


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# Felted Knits



## Synopsis

Knitters will find specific techniques and instructions for felting their knitting in this detailed step-by-step introduction, including how to felt on purpose and not by mistake, techniques for both hand and machine felting, and choosing and testing yarns. They'll also learn whether knitting swatches is really necessary and how big to knit a piece before felting. Twenty-four detailed projects include stylish bags, totes, hats, and mittens; warm and fuzzy vests and slippers; and decorative pillows, placemats, and coasters. With a section on embellishing felting and felting on felt (needle felting), knitters will be inspired to create these beautiful projects for friends and family, from the baby's first felt hat to the furry slippers for cold winter nights.

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"I enjoyed this book immensely...[It] is laid out with clear methods and instructions." - Liz Allen, The Journal for Weavers, Spinners and Dyers  
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"[Beverly Galeskas] is simply the best resource for felting today...This is a beautiful - and useful - guidebook."  
- Knitter's Review

Beverly Galeskas is the founder and owner of Fiber Trends, a knitting pattern company. She lives in Wenatchee, Washington.

Some very useful patterns here and the instructions for felting are also very helpful!

This book is one of the best books I have purchased about felting knitted items. The patterns are clearly written out and easy to understand. The information about tools, supplies and how to felt different types of yarns is also included. There are many patterns in the book such as hats, slippers for women and moccasins for men as well as totes, purses and mittens. Clearly one of the best purchases I have ever made! Hats off to Beverly Galeskas!

Let's pretend there are no patterns in this book at all, and only the information on felting. That information leads you to successfully felt your projects without a single mess-up. Not only does this save you time, it saves you material; because felted knits require more yarn than other projects, and felting is unforgiving. It's not like you can just let that felted bag dry (which takes \*days\* in some areas), unravel it, and start over. Felted knits cannot be unraveled. You're out the (expensive wool) yarn; the time it took to knit the project; the energy used running the washing machine with only one item in the load; the time you spent parked in front of the washing machine to keep from overfelting and ending up with a cell phone pouch instead of a tote bag...The instructions and tips in this book are absolutely excellent. If you know your washing machine well, and follow the book's instructions, you'll be good to go. I have not yet tried any of Ms. Galeskas' patterns. Was a little disappointed to read here that the mittens are all virtually identical. And I agree that there could be more variety among the bags; the bag patterns in the book mostly don't flip my switch, either. But I do like many of the other patterns there. I plan to make the tea cozy several times, for myself and as gifts; and I am going to make the oven mitt. Unfortunately, as I've not tried any of the patterns, I can't yet speak to the accuracy of the instructions or the quality of the results. But if any of the patterns turn out interesting, I consider that to be a bonus. Because the felting 'how-to' information alone really is worth the price of the book. When I bought my copy, I had just finished knitting a pair of giant wool mittens -- about 20" x 8", and it was time to felt them. The pattern I was using just said, "then felt," or something equally vague. I read Galeskas' instructions, did as they said, and the mittens came out perfectly. What I wish the book had that it does not: 1. some "before" pictures of the completed projects in the book, so we can see what they're supposed to look like \*before\* we toss them into the washing machine -- and \*before\* it's too late to unravel and re-do if we've gone astray; and 2. a discussion of how yarn-gauge will affect the results, and how those might be changed by varying the needle-gauge.

Clear instruction and accurate descriptions. Almost a knitting lesson as well so even beginners can

easily complete projects. Lots of quick small objects so a learner really gets to experience the art of felting but projects/patterns for experienced felters as well. Lots of guidelines and suppliers.

This book contains a wide variety of projects with concise, well written instructions. Knitted felting has become my new favorite fiber art, combining both my love of knitting and my love of wet felting and needle felting.

Great book. Finding patterns for felted items is not always easy. It was nice to have something to choose from.

Just as described -- FAST shipping -- thank you!!!

Exactly as I hoped! Great felted projects.

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