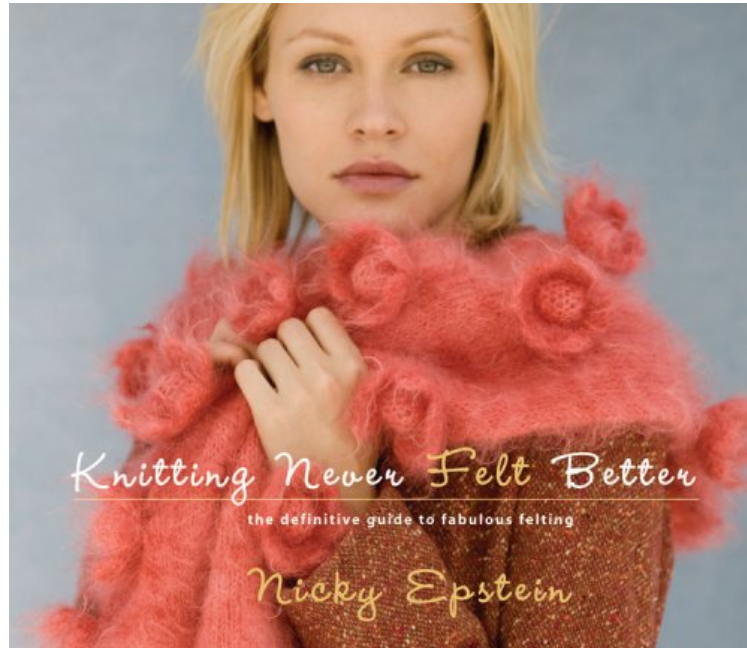


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8 of 9 people found the following review helpful. A Felter's Dream BookBy Fairbanks Reader - Bonnie BrodyIf you're a knitter interested in felting, this is the book for you. It is filled with different patterns and swatches. It has samples of felted yarns - before and after - including Lorna's Laces, Nashua Handknits and Plymouth Yarns. There are two pages on the felting process which include how-to's such as putting the felted pieces in a mesh laundry bag and stopping the wash cycle every few minutes to check the process of your felting. Some pieces need to go through several wash and spin cycles to be complete. "A general rule of thumb is that the knitted piece will shrink by about one-third." Some colors may fade in the process but this depends on the yarn. "Stockinette and garter stitch are best suited for felting, because most stitch patterns are lost in the process."The book is filled with different swatches that can be used in the felting process as well as several patterns. These include single color and multi-colored examples. The Floral Coat is beautiful but I think it's beyond my skill level. "This loose-fitting felted coat with tapestry floral motifs is embroidered in duplicate stitch and has I-cord closures and buttons." The book also includes many embellishments that can be added to patterns to make them individual and unique.The Green Fair Isle Bag is lovely. It is a large size with two compartments in the front. The compartments are done with a Fair Isle technique. The book even touches on sculptural felting and shows a bowl with several types of fruit in it, all felted.If you want to try felting, this book is the way to go. Personally, it scares me a bit but I plan to try some of the embellishments and see what happens. I'm always worried

that my felting will not fit to size. This book helps alleviate that fear by going through the process step by step. If you're at all familiar with knitting designers, you know that Nicky Epstein, the author, is an expert. Her books are always right on and often go to the edge of what knitters commonly do. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good One! By Marlene Brady This book has some really cute patterns in it and the price is great. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars By Customer As I expected

With her signature style, the bestselling and beloved needlework author Nicky Epstein offers the best guide to felting. Using ten chic garments and more than 150 stunning sample swatches as examples, she covers the top techniques for turning wool yarn into vibrant and dense textures. Before and after shots show how different fabrics react to the process, and there are patterns, stitches, and techniques for lace, mosaics, cables, plaids, checks, and quilting. Create bobbles, appliques, and ruffles; combine yarns; and use clamps, marbles, cords, braids, and more to form three-dimensional shapes in the felt. Epstein also presents her unique ideas for transforming old clothes and accessories, using one sweater to demonstrate many design possibilities. An array of attractive home dcor projects completes the collection beautifully.

About the Author Nicky Epstein is the bestselling author of *Knitting on the Edge*, *Knitting Over the Edge*, and *Knitting Beyond the Edge*, as well as *Nicky Epsteins Knitted Flowers*, *Knitting Never Felt Better*, *Nicky Epstein's Crocheted Flowers* and *Nicky Epsteins Signature Scarves*. She is one of today's hottest knitwear designers, and has gained worldwide recognition for her abundant creativity, groundbreaking sense of style and informative workshops. Her designs have been featured in *Vogue Knitting* and other knitting publications.