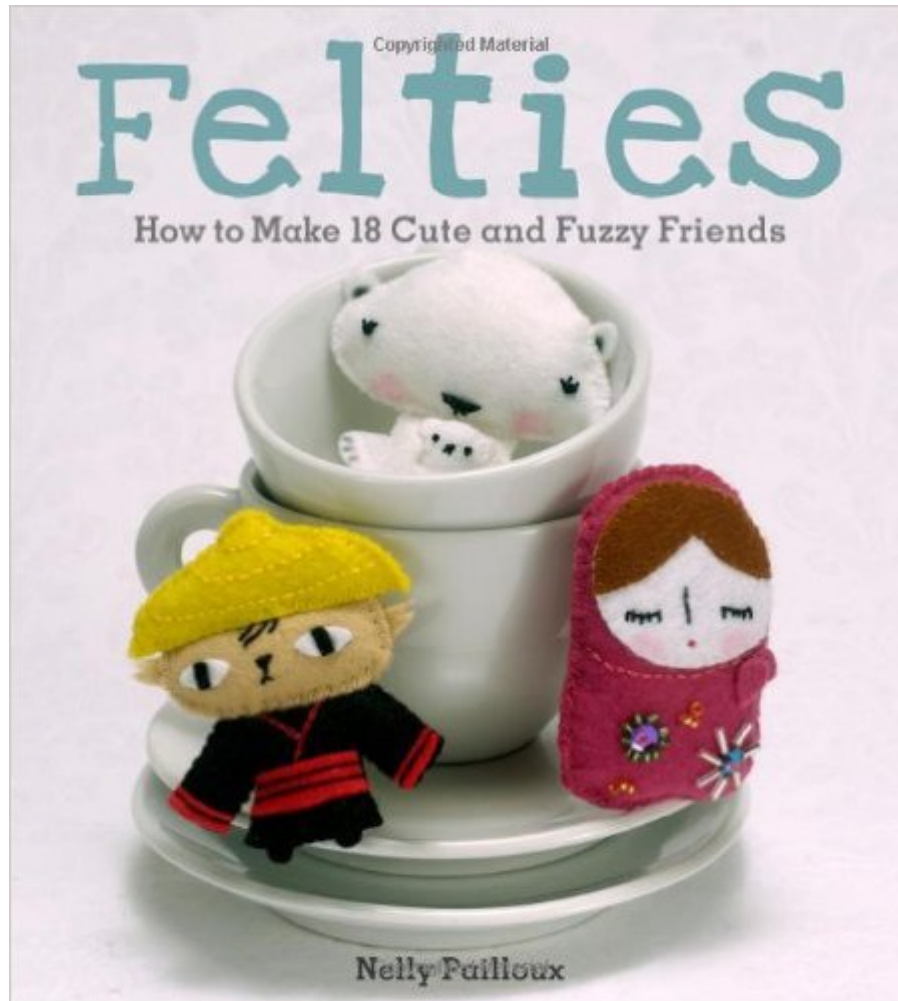


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Felties: How To Make 18 Cute And Fuzzy Friends From Felt



Synopsis

In *Felties: How to Make 18 Cute and Fuzzy Friends from Felt*, crafters and artists alike get the goods on how to make the cutest of the cute using felt and fun embellishments. With only the most basic of sewing skills, crafters can fashion their own Feltie friends with an average construction time of only 15 minutes per pattern. Each Feltie design includes a full-color photograph of the Feltie project at hand, as well as an illustrated instructional overview, pattern diagrams, and a convenient list of every item you will need to complete the project located in a handy sidebar reference section. Feltie friends can be customized with limitless embellishments and morph into such items as finger puppets, key rings, or mobile phone mascots. The fun creations include Polaroo (part bear and part kangaroo), the wise Samurai Cat, sleepy bushy-tailed Foxy, bamboo-munching Panda, Egyptian Mummy Cat, Stargazing Rabbit, Babushka, and many more.

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Customer Reviews

This book was for my wife: a wool artist and enthusiast, avid spinner, and knitter. I felt a bit, as does she, though neither of us are 'pro felters' by any stretch. The end result of *Felties* is: piles of cute little felt things. They're cheap, easy to do, and cute. In a nutshell, it's cute. Did I mention that? No? Let me reiterate: it's cute. As in "My Neighbor Totoro" cute. The projects will create the most adorable little felt critters and characters ever, and they're perfect for x-mass gifts, cat toys, or whatever. The book is well laid out, beautifully printed, and the directions are clear and easy to follow. The designs themselves are wonderful, and the artist deserves credit for being, well, just so

darned *cute*My only gripe about this book is that it's short. There aren't that many designs, and while I enjoyed flipping through and going "aww ... that one's even cuter!" I was left wanting more. At the same time, I can see how it would be pretty easy to build new designs from what it taught here, so I can't deduct a star for that, really. However, be warned that the 80 pages doesn't translate to 80 designs - there are only 18 (which is stated in the product description, btw).

Now, Felties isn't something I was normally seek out. I'm into the cute but wouldn't really consider myself into sewing. But I happened upon it one day, noticed that it looked simple enough and became OBSESSED. I ordered the book, 2 weeks later it finally showed up, I went out that night and bought just about every possible material (cost around \$40) I thought I would need to complete any and all of the patterns and set off to work. I started off with Mushroom Girl because to me she was the cutest. And I will be honest, it was a struggle, I almost gave up, probably took me about 3 hours. It probably didn't help that I started with a pattern with a lot of embellishments. But once I completed that first pattern I realized it wasn't really bad once I got into the sewing mindset. And from there I went to complete 10 of the 18 patterns in the book as of now. I'd say right now it takes me probably about 1-2 hours to complete a pattern. Since my sewing skills aren't the great I modified as I went, making things easier for myself and adjusting the patterns to work a little better for me. The book is very simple to work with and definitely has given me a lot of ideas as to how I could create my own patterns, which I would like to try sometime soon. The patterns are very very small but I think it would be very simple to enlarge them on a copier to fit someone's comfort level. Overall this is a fantastic book that has introduced me to a great new hobby! I just wish there were more patterns in the book! I've loaded pictures of the 10 patterns I've completed so far into the customer gallery.

Felties are miniature non-play dolls that can be used for all sorts of things--as magnets, car mascots, key-chains, Christmas ornaments, bookmarks (attach ribbon or cording). . . . I use most of the ones I have to decorate the outside of a pet tank (out of harm's way) for various holidays. Because I've made mini felt dolls prior to reading this book, I didn't know if Felties would be innovative enough to be of use for someone who isn't a beginner. However, each project is adorable and original at the same time. This full-color book is divided by project (there are 18 total), and includes darling cartoon versions of the creatures that can be made. Step-by-step instructions are accompanied with drawings detailing what to do. Due to their simplicity, more than one project can be made in a day, although the time it takes largely depends on how small and precise your

stitches are. Here are a couple of quick tips: (1) I use wool-blend felt (sold on bolts in fabric stores) because it has a nicer texture and is a bit thicker than synthetic fiber felt. People really serious about the craft sometimes use pure wool felt. (2) Tweezers are really helpful for stuffing--I believe better than what is suggested in the book, because they give you the ability to hold and push stuffing through small spaces. The photos section (top upper left of page) contains felties I made using the book's patterns and wool-blend felt. I hope you'll have as much fun with the designs as I have!

Filled with full color photos of each project. You will need to photo copy the cutouts or use tracing paper to use them. The projects are really simple & a lot of them are very very cute. Some bead work has been incorporated. Since I am a beginner at felties, this is great for me. I think it's perfect for the kiddies! If you are experienced with making felted "friends" then I think this book might be a bit too basic for you. I would have given this 5 stars if it wasn't for some of the "friends" being of things I couldn't identify. Example, The Sun-Loving Rat. I thought it was a cat. "It's a rat??" I thought. I look more closely & then "ahh okay, I see how it's a rat now." There are a few friends that are like that. Even so, there are plenty of really adorable friends. I esp. like the Mushroom Girl. There are 18 projects in all & if you want to know what you get to create here goes: Babushka (a cutie with beads), Little Lion, Panda, Mushroom Girl, Sun-Loving Rat, Polar-roo, Pensive Rabbit, Sleepy Fox, Sailor Puppy, Messenger Bear (Does not look anything like a bear to me...), Cute Chihuahua, Curly Ram, Samurai Cat, Mummy Cat (awww so cute!), Retro Alien (I dig him), Pirate Mouse (how can you not love a pirate mouse?), Vivid Squirrel (I don't see the squirrel but I do see the vivid), Hoodie Wolf (another cutie). The great thing about this is I find that what I don't like about a pattern, I can change. So if something doesn't really look like the critter named, I make some adjustments to make it look the way I like. This helps bring out some of your own inspiration & creativity. The book can give you a little creative boost so to speak! And of course there are the "friends" that are just so perfectly cute they don't need any changes! Bottom line, I recommend this book if you are inexperienced like me or have kids who want to make felties! It's a good time! Yippie!

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