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Gorgeous Wool AppliquÃ©: A Visual Guide To Adding Dimension & Unique Embroidery



Synopsis

Sewing with luxurious felted wool, discover the secrets to dimensional appliqué that will add depth and drama to your home decor. Take your embroidery skills to the next level with 8 colorful projects from crisp penny rugs to pincushions and pillows. Easy-to-learn techniques such as thread-matching, needle-slanting, and fabric-layering will help you achieve clean and sharp lines every time! This clear, visual guide includes full-size patterns with placement and embroidery guides.

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Customer Reviews

As a huge fan of applique, embroidery, and working with wool, this book is a huge hit with me. I love it. The projects are gorgeous and beautifully detailed. Of the ten projects included in this book, I especially love both the Harvest and the Heartsease penny rugs. I will definitely be making both of those first. I also love the pillows and the tin top box, which transforms an empty Altoid tin into a thing of beauty to stash needles, pins, or whatever our heart desires. If I had a complaint it would be that I wished there were more than ten projects. Other than that this is a great wool applique book. If you've never worked with felted wool before you are in for a treat and using this book will get you off on the right foot. I love appliqueing with wool because it doesn't fray, is easy to stitch through, and it adds a beautiful three-dimensional look wherever it's added in a project. To me, embroidery is like the icing on a cake, or jewelry, it dresses up and enhances. The book begins with eleven illustrated pages of general instructions to enable us in achieving a lovely end result. I really appreciated the information about the differences between felted wool, wool felt, craft felt, and

gabardine, which of these to use, which to avoid, and why. Other topics covered under the "Basics" are: Felting wool, Threads (wool thread, cotton floss, perle cotton), and Tools & Supplies (needles, tweezers, acetate [for making guides], tissue paper, scissors, and glue [the author recommends Roxanne's Glue Baste It]).

The book is designed to give you amazing projects that are functional, quick to stitch & make wonderful gifts. The book starts with everything you will need to know to make the projects. It goes into detail explaining how to use different methods to get the patterns transferred and how to use them with everything from cutting to the embroidery. I have found the instructions and tips helpful with other projects as well. With each of the projects you are supplied with each of the templates that are required. You are also taken through each of the materials that you will require. You are then taken through the prep work you will need to undertake before sewing the project together. You are then taken through each of the steps. There are also clear pictures to make things easier for you. I especially found this the most helpful. There are projects for autumn and Christmas so you can add them to your house to give it that special look. There are also designs that can be used throughout the year. Some of the projects are rugs, runners and pillows. My most favorite projects are "The Smalls" This includes everything from a pin cushion to a scissors holder. At the back of the book you have a stitch guide so even if you have never sewn or embroidered you will be able to complete the projects. At the very back is the template sheets. These are easily taken from the book and make the cutting of the fabric easier. The designs in this book are amazing. I think that they are so beautiful. The Nutcracker Penny Rug is my absolute favorite.

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