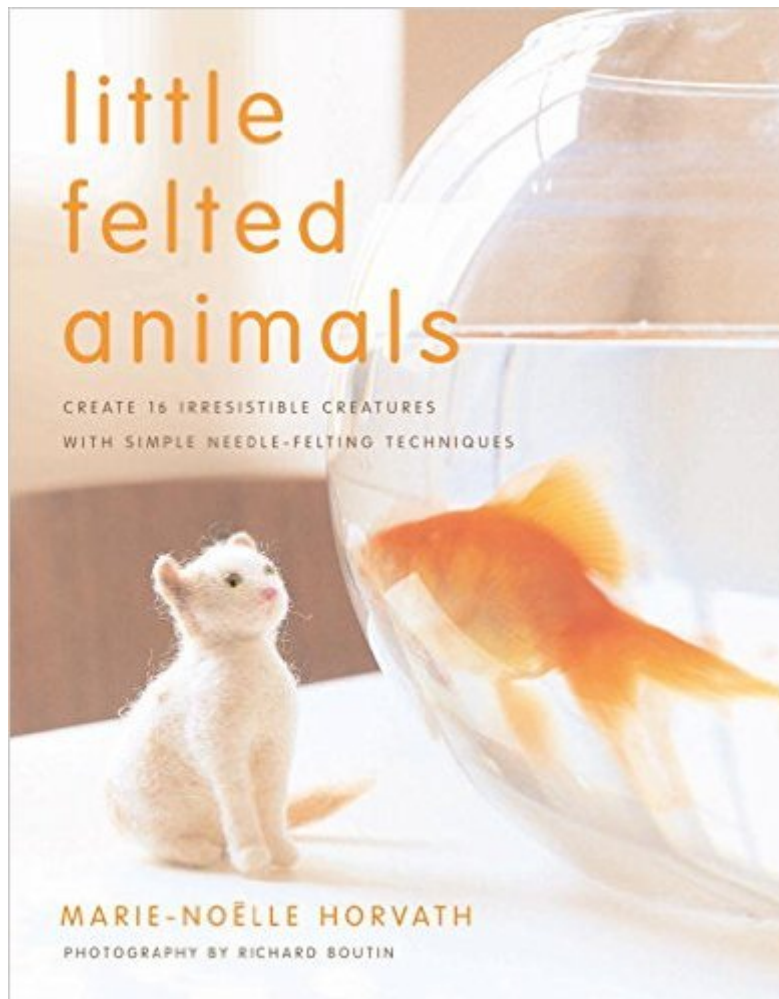


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Little Felted Animals: Create 16 Irresistible Creatures With Simple Needle-Felting Techniques



Synopsis

Are these the cutest? Sixteen meltingly adorable animals All the favorites, including cats, dogs, birds, bunnies, more Easy to make, great as gifts, toys, decorations All together now: Awwwww! In *Little Felted Animals*, author Marie-Neel Horvath shows how to make the cutest little miniature animals, using just a few simple tools and some wool roving. Birds, bears, cats, dogs, mice, a fox, a sheep, a seal, and a bunny sixteen little bundles of fluff in all. Picture all those little eyes looking up at you as if to say, "Thank you for making me!" Then give these critters as gifts, use them as decorations, or arrange them on tabletops. Beautifully photographed in their natural habitats, these sweet dumplings will melt the heart of every crafter.

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Customer Reviews

Lately, I've been researching various crafts and hobbies to learn what is involved in them. Finding helpful information for beginning needle felting proved to be a bit more of a challenge than originally expected. Fortunately, offers interesting collection of sellers who provide products for needle felting, and a few do have some items to guide the absolute beginner. I happened upon this book, and it looked quite friendly, so I purchased it hoping it would give me insight into the craft... something besides twee flowers and applique for clothing, something closer to sculpting with wool rather than flat design. I also wanted something that described basic tools, materials, and techniques. I wanted *Needle Felting 101!* :) And I got it with this purchase! I was pleasantly surprised. This book was much better than expected--and yes, it works best for beginners (responsible, mature teens to

adults) and for those who want to work in miniature. Those with advanced needle felting skills may prefer more challenging projects like Silver Penny's "Needle Felted Wizard" or other larger, holiday characters. Needle felters who are into more "realistic looking" animal styles may not enjoy this book. // The clues for the content are really on the book's cover: "LITTLE Felted Animals: Create 16 Irresistible Creatures with SIMPLE Needle-Felting Techniques." The operative words here are "little" and "simple." For a beginner, this book offers an excellent collection of starter projects that can foster tool appreciation, build skills, and spark creativity, providing that the person is willing to spend time with the book and practicing shaping. [I've discovered that needle felting is not a craft for the hurried, frazzled, irritable, or impatient! LOL :)]

The Book's Sections...

Supplies & Tips: For me, this was worth the price of the book. At last, here was a source that not only explained what was involved in basic needle felting, it showed the needed items in very clear, well-planned photographs (Tools & Wool Roving Color Palette). There was also a little lesson on how to add glass eyes to felted pets.

The Projects of this book are well illustrated also, and they give the beginner a fighting chance at making a fairly decent product the first go around--if one follows the steps and pictures carefully. [Remember that all craft making goes through an ugly stage where you look at your creation and cringe! The trick is to keep moving forward past that feeling and moment; don't censor yourself too early in your felting attempts or projects. Needle felting is a total process from start to finish, and this book clearly teaches that concept. You cannot learn or improve if you give up. So, don't give up! Give yourself permission to experiment and to make mistakes.]

The Primer Part in Process & Shaping... This section teaches the learner to start visualizing shapes in wool and how they can be combined to form bodies.

Shaping A Black Bird
Shaping A Short-legged Animal / Bunny
Shaping a Long-Legged Animal / Cat

The Projects... Great photos and helpful instructions!
Penguin / Polar Bear / Baby Seal / Blackbird / Bunny / Chartreux Cat / Welsh Corgi / Koolha Bear / Turkish Van Cat / Robin / Brown Bear / Fox / Mice / Sheep / Dalmatian / Jack Russell Terrier

Making felted animals is a fun way to spend a rainy, cold afternoon.

MORE NOTES:

Because needle felting requires the use of sharp needles and coordination, these type crafts (and perhaps even the resulting products that have glass eyes) are not meant for very young children.

Update: As other reviewers have suggested, and I agree with them, people who learn best by "seeing it done" rather than just "reading how it's done" might want to use some supplementary "video / audio" materials in addition to this book. Video lessons allow viewers to see how felters hold and move the needle to achieve shapes. However, there is no substitute for just getting in there and trying it yourself. You learn a lot in your first project believe me--what to do and what not to do. :)

The Silver Penny website does offer some video / image help for beginners. To get there from here,

just Google this: "The Silver Penny" and needle felting. In your search, you should see something like this: Needle Felting Tips and Techniques - The Silver Penny. People who are totally new to felting might enjoy this product in addition to the "Little Felted Animals" book: Felting Needle Starter Kit. At this writing, this kit is available on ! :)

...but there isn't much in the way of serious instruction. She gives the basics and they are basically the same for each animal. There is not a single photo of someone actually felting in this book - just photo's of the finished project, and of the supplies needed for each project. I had to go online to see someone needle felting just to get the, "Oh!" that I was missing from this book - my first on felting. There are no notes or anecdotes on why you should use different needles, tips or tricks to using different types of wool, etc. I really love the photo's and inspiration though, so I gave the book 4 stars - but if I were not as crafty as I am I probably would have been disappointed with the lack of useful information.

This book is great for a beginner. It is simple, not lots of gratuitously complicated terminology like some books and shows you the basics of technique and form. I'm not an idiot, I'm a grad student for heaven's sake, but when I'm new at something I want to be started gently and not scared off by too much history and having to learn a whole new vocabulary. This was perfect. I was able to create this little cat like the one on the cover on my first try! Now I've moved on to coming up with my own animals and experimenting with color. Thank you for the inspiration and instruction Ms. Horvath!

I am new at needle felting, but this book explains each step very clearly. The book includes photos and drawings along with very clear descriptions. They even show and tell you what you need for each product. This is a great book for anyone interested in learning this craft.

This is a delightfully illustrated book with artistically designed, realistic looking little 3-D animals to create using wool roving and the needle felting technique. It is very well thought out, illustrated with easy to understand and follow step by step instructions. It comes with patterned drawings for sizing the proportions on each part of each animal. It contains photos of each and every step of the process. After purchasing 5 felting crafters books from the internet, this is by far the best book of it's kind that I've seen. I am a beginning needle felter, and I made a beautiful little cat on my first attempt! I am inspired to make a lot more! My friends want me to make thier pets from felted wool after seeing my little miniature 'Simon'. I would definitely recommend this book!

I am new to needle felting. The cat I made and included a picture for was my second project. I feel that it had easy, clear to understand directions, with pictures of every step. A lot of nice pictures of completed designs as well. I think it is a great stepping stone for beginners, though if you have more experience it might be too basic with techniques you already know. If you like the looks of the designs though I say go for it. If you have trouble with needle felting after reading the instructions in this book, I would suggest watching youtube as sometimes it takes seeing someone else do it to make things really click in your head. I would recommend user Maqaroon among others.

I am just a beginner and tried the bird as my first project. There could have been a little more detail on the how to's. My bird came out quite skinny, but I kept adding more wool and finally got a presentable project. The beak, though was another story. Too tiny to work without more hints about how to go about it. I had a lot of fun though, and I think it is just a matter of practice, practice, practice. Flat felting was quite easy, but I had to go right into the more difficult stuff. I do think anyone will enjoy this book, but maybe do some flat stuff before diving in to 3D. If you are like me though, GO FOR IT!

This is great for a felting beginner as it shows a lot of really cute patterns to make. I love cats so the kitty one was why I originally bought this. They have dogs and other things to make too though which is great.

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