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# Sweater Renewal: Felting Knits Into New Sweaters And Accessories



## Synopsis

Gather your old sweaters, start your washing machines, and sharpen your scissors . . . With this guide to redesigning, recycling, and renewing your wool sweaters, you'll transform knits that have been felted "intentionally or otherwise" into fun, colorful, and eco-conscious sweaters, bags, and accessories. In *Sweater Renewal*, Sharon Franco Rothschild goes green in full color, showing you how to rescue your old woolen knits and give them renewed life as felted creations. With little or no knitting experience, you can refashion blankets, sweaters, scarves, or even hand-knitted pieces into vibrant clothing, accessories, and home decor. The only requirement is that they are made of wool. The 25 colorful, cheerful projects in *Sweater Renewal* incorporate a diverse range of skills "including felting, appliquÃ©, crochet, sewing, and embroidery" and range from Short, Sweet & Simple Projects using felted sweaters, such as a cell phone holder and a Fair Isle digital camera case, to Knitted, Felted & Fantastic Projects that you knit and then felt, such as a purse and a felted scarf. Most can be finished in less than a day, some in a few hours. Now is the time to go through your attic, basement, and even your closets to look for old blankets and sweaters to create beautiful clothing and accessories.

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## Customer Reviews

This book is great for beginners who crochet or knit but want to recycle old wool sweaters by turning them into felt and making them into something else. However for those of us who don't crochet or knit it is somewhat of a bummer. Many cute items with crochet added, but I for one do NOT knit or

crochet and have NO desire to do such. So for those of you who want to do both this is the book for you. Nice photos and colorful.

This book was disappointing. The only project I thought was "handmade" looking and not "home made" looking was the one on the cover (which enticed me to purchase this book) I thought it looked like elementary school projects.

Pay a visit to your older relatives or garage sales and thrift shops and search for old wool sweaters and stock up because you will need them for the projects in this book. It does not matter if they are moth eaten, because the holes will disappear or add character when felted. This book is a guide to redesigning, recycling, and renewing your wool sweaters; you'll transform knits that have been felted into eco friendly sweaters, bags, and accessories.

I'm just beginning my "felting book" collection, and this is a nice addition. Aside from my box of old sweaters from the thrift shops, I've moved to Florida and am tired of protecting my own sweaters from the heat, humidity, and dreaded moths so prevalent here. If I'm not going to wear them, I may as well make something useful out of them. My favorite chapter in this book was on knitting needle holders. The author is very creative, writes well, and the photographs, though not the brilliant, shiny stuff from those Stampington magazines, are good enough, and you definitely get the idea of how her creations look when complete. I enjoyed the book so much I blogged about it, and I'll keep my eye out for more of her publications. For more crafting ideas, visit me at [...]

I gave a copy of this book to every student in my Fiber and Textile class at our homeschool co-op. They are 6 to 15 years old and really seem to enjoy it. My hope was to inspire them to continue sewing and looking for "found materials" instead of feeling discouraged over the cost of purchasing supplies. Sweater Renewal walks the reader through the steps of choosing materials, felting in a washing machine, basic patterns, stitches, and a wide variety of project ideas. Every week I see students who are excited to show off the pieces they are working on (even though our class ended last semester). What's better than that?

Fantastic ideas for all those old sweaters you're not wearing but holding onto because they're pretty. Or ways to use ones from garage, lawn, porch, estate sales or thrift shops. Remake something new from something old-then sell it!

The book is nicely laid out and the pictures are great. Some of the patterns are lame, in my opinion. Some of the directions (and I haven't read them all!) are a bit vague but can probably be figured out. For ex, dog coat refers to the "width of the arm holes". What???

Most of the projects in this book are not things I would find useful or appealing. The actual designs are not of my taste, but I think I may be able to adapt an idea or two so it's not a complete loss.

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