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Little Felted Dogs: Easy Projects For Making Adorable Needle Felted Pups



Synopsis

Create the cutest versions of your favorite dogs in just a few simple steps with this easy to use needle felting book. Whether you adore dachshunds or dalmatians, you'll be surprised at how easy it is to make charming miniatures of them with a felting needle and some raw wool in this easy how to needle felt guide. Great for beginners, the two dozen projects in Little Felted Dogs provide surprisingly life-like results—choose from a litter of golden retriever puppies, a pug ready to fetch, a begging bulldog, a protective chihuahua, and more. Even better, you'll go from ball of fluff to perfect pooch in no time at all!

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Customer Reviews

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This book is SO cute. I've done other needle felting projects in the past, including a three-dimensional meerkat, panda, and penguin. Let me begin by admitting that needle felting is one of my least favorite crafts. There are so many hours that go into needle felting, that most people who look at your finished craft won't even begin to realize. In fact, probably the biggest surprise of this book, for me, is how large the dogs are (larger than any needle felted critters I've made before). Larger equals more work. That being said, once you're done you'll really have something to be proud of. This book is cute even for the adorable photos of the author's creations, but I bet you're

wondering more about the instructions, right? If so, they're pretty good. It's kind of hard to give instructions on how to needle felt, because it's almost like making something out of clay in that you can't give exact instructions as you can with a crocheting, knitting, or sewing project, or something similar. How the critter turns out is very dependent on the skills of the crafter. However, I do think that it could have been made easier for beginners by doing a couple of things: (1) Photos. As I made a dog, I kept wishing I could see it from lots of different angles. I ended up doing a web image search to see more about how a Westie's hair looks, for example. It would have been good to see photos not only of Yamazaki's dog creations from many angles, but also the real-life dogs they are based on. This issue is easily resolved just by going on a search engine, but it would be nice if the book contained more photos. (2) Life-sized charts. Not life-sized of real dogs! :) But of the projects. There are charts in the book, but they're not sized at 100%. I think that if they were, this would be a huge help for beginners, as they could place their felted shapes directly on the book in order to make sure they're getting the dimensions exact. I'm the type of person who thinks that if you're going to be a good needle felter, all you need are photos of what you're trying to make. That being said, this book has really cute ideas that even an experienced needle felter might not think of (such as how the toy poodle's coat is achieved). And it's cute just to look through, and see the cute creations. Tip: If you just need a tiny bit of wool, you can use 100% wool yarn. I did this for the nose and ears' interiors. Begin by cutting a length of yarn and pulling the ply apart, then fluffing it until it separates. You can then use it as you do the felting wool. I've included some pics of the westie I made. I used what I had on hand (100% natural wool without other shades removed), so he kind of looks like he's in need of a bath.

Could have used more step by step photos for each dog breed, not just general body shaping. This is "just ok" for very beginners.

Less thorough instructions than I need. Good photos

Directions are right to the point. Graphics are awesome

The pictures and illustration are great! The instructions are very good but you do have to have sculpture skills or lots of practice.

Nice little book for felting little dogs. Not enough details such as measurements for pieces

This book is so easy to follow. I recommend it for other beginners who love dogs.

Superb book. Very detailed instructions.

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