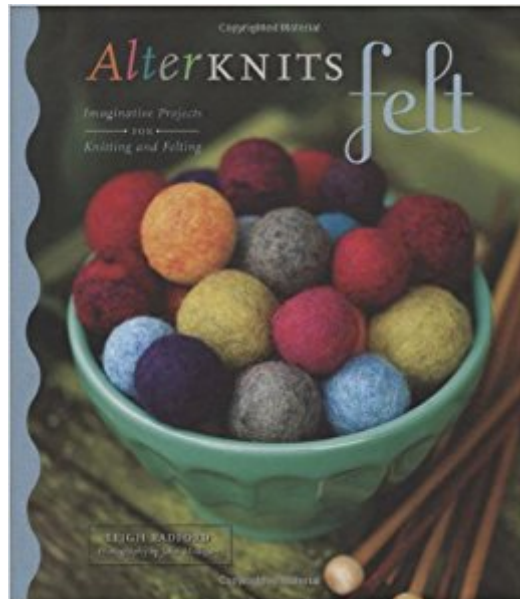


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# AlterKnits Felt: Imaginative Projects For Knitting & Felting



## Synopsis

There's something magical about felting knits: You start with a piece of fabric that looks and feels a certain way and, by exposing it to water and agitation, finish with one that looks and feels completely different. This fascinating transformation is what led author Leigh Radford to begin felting years ago, and has kept her intrigued by the process ever since. Now, in *AlterKnits Felt*, Radford pushes the boundaries of traditional felting, as she did with traditional knitting in her earlier book, *AlterKnits*. Through 30 colorful, vibrant projects, she shows readers how to knit and then felt their own handiwork, as well as how to create gorgeous felted objects from recycled knits and unspun fiber. An introductory chapter on felting basics explains everything you need to know to make the fabulous clothes, accessories, and home decor that follow. The projects range from a quick and easy circle coin purse, to a shibori bag, to a reverse-appliqué rug, each unusual in its own way, distinguished by a special surface texture, an innovative mix of techniques, or a quirky combination of yarns. *AlterKnits Felt* provides every crafter with the tools to explore and expand the art of felting.

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## Customer Reviews

Leigh Radford is the author of *AlterKnits* (STC) and *One Skein* (Interweave), a highly sought-after teacher, and the former art director of *Interweave Knits* magazine. She has designed knitwear for *Interweave Knits* as well as for *Lantern Moon*, for which she also created her own yarn. Her work has appeared in numerous books, including *Weekend Knitting* and *Handknit Holidays* (both STC).

Radford lives in Portland, Oregon. John Mulligan is a Portland, Oregon-based photographer. He also photographed One Skein by Leigh Radford.

From a small, adorable ring to a cover for an IKEA ottoman, there's something for all levels of ambition here. I really like the modern style of the designs. Some of the projects start with something you've knit yourself while others have you start with a recycled wool sweater. I have to admit I like the looks of some of these recycled projects so much that I'm considering knitting my own sweaters just to recycle them into laptop sleeves or chair cushions. I really love the use of both color and texture in these projects. There's a nice span of techniques to get you there as well... texture is accomplished through shibori or cabling, color is added through knitting, needle felting, or surface embroidery to name a few options. The felted objects are either shaped through knitting or the felted fabric is cut into the desired shape. I really like the tone of the book too. I think this book and I are going to spend a lovely winter together.

This book contains the best advice about felting I've found. Such clever patterns included. Really love the circular zippered coin purse pattern. I've made several for gifts and everyone has loved them. Fun to make and such fun to see the change in shape after felting. I think of them as jewelry pouches, but it has been interesting to hear everyone's different ideas for uses of them. This is a great book!

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Lots of wonderful ideas including little things like hand felted buttons and balls, ornaments and cute little graduated boxes. Don't expect a lot about felted clothing though. Some interesting pillows, a couple of purses and an interesting pot holder that taught me the bubble stitch and an I-cord border. Well worth the price of \$10 I paid for it to inspire me to do more felting and add it as embellishments to unknitting garments or home furnishings.

I love the clear instructions, full color photographs and overall supportive tone of all of Leigh Radford's knitting and felting books. Hers are a pleasant surprise for both the novice and advanced fiber artist.

Good book. Many thanks!

i could hardly wait for this book to arrive and when it did it confirmed my suspicions-i am hooked. Can't wait to start on the wonderful Christmas 'Stockings', everything in this book is a pull on ones creative side, led by a master in creative ideas --you won't be sorry you bought Alterknits by Leigh Radford and the photography just enhances the 'Lure'

I got this book from the library and had to buy my own copy. I'm not a great knitter, but I can do the patterns in here.

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