

Felt Pillows

BY SCOTT BODENNER

Felting is a process that I loved as soon as I learned it. Felt is warm and dense and doesn't fray. I love cuddling up in a favorite sweater on a cold day, and with these pillows, you can cuddle up all through the cold months with a perfect palette of colors and textures of wool. You also have the added warmth of knowing you are recycling as well as making something beautiful.



MAKING IT

1. Gather sweaters that are no longer wearable.
2. Felt by throwing in the washing machine. See page 82 for felting instructions.
3. Repeat until you're happy with the texture.
4. Cut up the felted sweaters into any shapes you want, although squares are always good.
5. Sew pieces together in backstitch to make two 15" squares in whatever pattern makes you smile.
6. Sew three sides of the two squares together to make a pillow case.
7. Fill with down pillow stuffing. Sew fourth side in backstitch to close pillow.

CRAFT MORE

- ❖ Make a felt quilt by felting Fair Isle or cabled sweaters or wool blankets. Cut into squares. Crewel or embroider together.
- ❖ Use overcast stitch for your edges.



You'll Need:

4 sweaters (or other pieces of knit fabric) of all wool or nearly all wool. Pattern makes pillows approximately 15" x 15"

A washing machine

Down or down substitute pillow filling

Needle and thread

Scissors