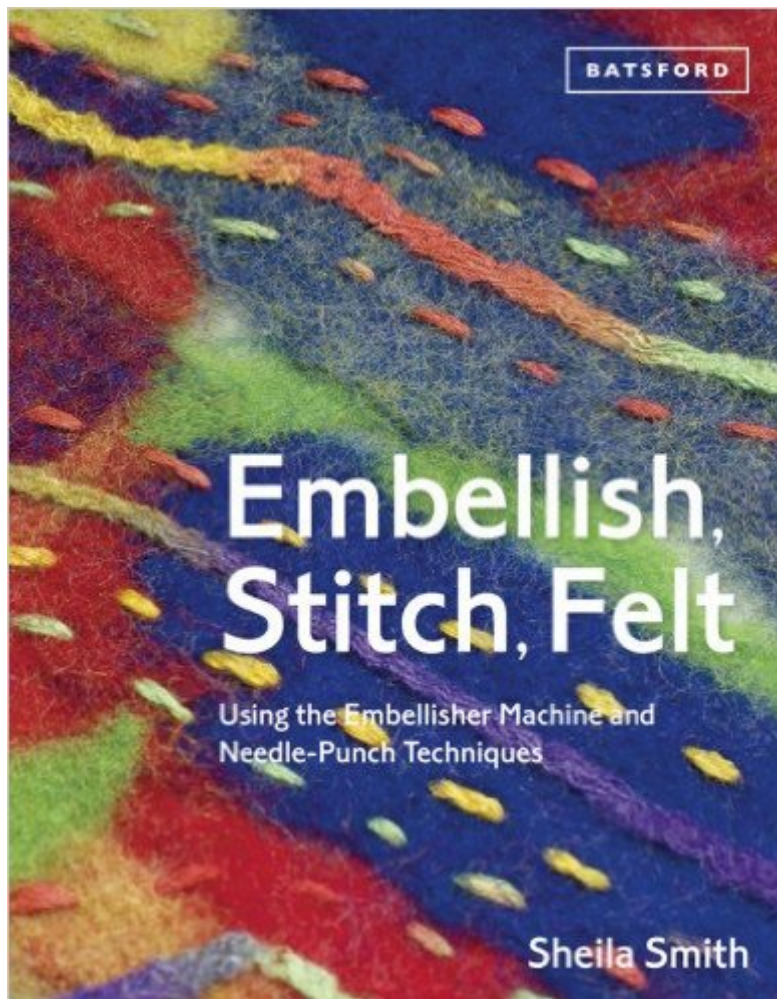


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# Embellish, Stitch, Felt: Using The Embellisher Machine And Needle-Punch Techniques



## Synopsis

Take everyday clothing, shoes, and hats to a new level with Sheila Smith's fabulous, mess-free felting techniques. Smith opens up a range of felt ideas for textile artists, from recycling fabrics using hand-held needlepoint to building up layers of color with an embellisher machine. The projects include a glazed chintz bag, colorful patchwork pillows, and much more. There's instruction on coloring and dyeing fabrics, creating and using texture, working in three dimensions, and even creating your own cloth.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a beautiful book on felting. Instructions are excellent. Pictures are very clear and beautiful. The problem with it is that there are only close up pictures of sections of a finished piece and some finished pieces, but no pictures that take you from step 1 to the finish. If you don't know how to felt, you won't learn how to from this book. There should be pictures showing what she means when she tells you to lay down yarns, fabrics or rovings. How to use the various tools that are needed is not shown either. If you don't know how to use rovings, you won't know what she is telling you to do as there are no pictures showing you the process. Nor does she show you how much to use of a fiber or yarn to get the effect she ends up with. That goes for every project in the book. It is like buying a book to teach you how to decorate a cake and they only have a picture of the finished cake, or a slice of the finished cake. If you didn't have pictures showing how it got that way, only with words describing that you should squeeze the button on the decorating gun, you would not be able to decorate a cake no matter how beautiful the picture of the finished cake it. I think this book needed to say that it is for the advanced felter. I by the way am David's wife.

Having spent (wasted) a lot of time trying to needle felt by hand, I've dreamed of a machine and technique that would speed up the process thereby enabling the creative juices to flow unimpeded. This excellent volume provided the 'just in time' knowledge I was seeking. The various techniques reviewed were described clearly with visual examples provided. The types of available machines with pros and cons of each were really helpful in making selections. Within days of receiving my copy of the book, I had ordered one of the machines through a local sewing center and then within a week, I was doing what I've dreamed about for real!

Lots of variety for techniques and creating your own one of a kind pieces of art or wearable art. Shows what exploration into needle felting and experimentation can do to these natural fibers. Gorgeous pics and great explanations that inspire you to go for it.

I had been perusing a lot of the other books about felting but this one was exactly what I was looking for. I was specifically seeking a book about machine needle felting versus how to make felt using wet & dry techniques. These photos are great, instructions easy to follow, and the projects are more "mature" in nature (unlike so many other books that focus on silly things). Definitely a good buy!

This is a book that belongs on the bookshelf of anyone who has an interest in wool, wool felts or felts combined with beautiful stitchery. Visually very appealing - the book offers a lot of eye candy combined with the best sort of how-to information. An excellent book to own!

If you want to step up your adventures in needle felting this is the book for you. Amazingly simple tips that will turn your needle felting into works of art! If you love this book try anything by Jan Beaney and Jean Littlejohn.

A comprehensive guide for using a needle felting machine, taking the approach that a machine felted piece is not the end result but a one of a kind cloth to use in projects. Recommended for those with a background in hand and machine sewing and at least a beginner level of familiarity with needle felting machines.

I have the Janome xpressions embellisher, A wonderfully well made machine. The manual was

minimalistic and the companion DVD, mediocre. This book has inspired me to explore and create new ways to approach my embellisher. The sequenced projects provide good instruction and ample Full color illustrations. I am so glad I found this book.

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