

FELTED PLANTER COVERS

Use these simple instructions to create soft and colorful covers for your indoor potted plants. The no-sew option creates a looser fitting cover, while the sew option allows you to create a more custom fit.

MATERIALS

No Sew Version

- Tightly woven 100% wool sweater (or wool scraps)
- Tape measure
- Scissors
- Hot Glue
- Ribbon or buttons (optional)

Sew Version

- Tightly woven 100% wool sweater (or wool scraps)
- Tape measure
- Planter template (located on page 3)
- Scissors
- Pins
- Needle and complementary thread
- Buttons, ribbon and other embellishments (optional)

No Sew Instructions:

- **Step 1:** Look no further than your very own closet or a thrift store for a pure wool sweater to felt. Tightly woven, 100% wool works best, so try to shy away from polyester blends.
- **Step 2:** Put your 100% wool sweater or coat in the washing machine and wash it with a little bit of soap on the longest, hottest wash cycle. Then dry on high heat for as long as possible, and don't forget to clean your lint filter several times throughout this step. Test the sweaters for felting by snipping the bottom hem an inch or so in – if it frays, it is not quite finished; try running it through the wash/dry cycle again.
- **Step 3:** Measure the height of the planter you want to cover, and then use that same measurement to cut off a portion of one of the sleeves on the felted sweater. If there is decorative ribbing, you can try cutting extra and folding over for an added layer and embellishment.
- **Step 4:** Using hot glue or a few simple stitches, you can add buttons, ribbon, or any other decorative trim you like to personalize your new felted planter cover.

Sew Instructions:

- **Steps 1 & 2:** Follow the same first 2 steps from the No-Sew instructions.
- **Step 3:** Cut out our felted planter cover template located below and lay it flat over your favorite part of the sweater, no matter where it is! Seams and ribbing can add an interesting look to your cover. Pin the template to the fabric and cut out with scissors. If the template doesn't quite fit the size or shape of your pot feel free to create your own. Just use a tape measure to record its dimensions and trace onto a piece of paper.
- **Step 4a:** Wrap your cut out piece of sweater around the pot you want to cover, marking the spot where the edges overlap with a few pins. Slide the cover off and cut the edges where you marked, then whipstitch them together.
- **Step 4b:** For a look that can move from pot to pot, wrap your sweater piece around the pot you want to cover, marking the spot where the edges overlap with a few pins. Slide the cover off and sew in some hook and loop tape to make an adjustable cover that can fit several small planters.
- **Step 5:** For an extra decorative trim, try a blanket or whipstitch along the raw edges of the cover. Using hot glue or a few stitches, you can also add buttons, ribbon, or any other decorative trim you like to personalize your new felted planter.



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