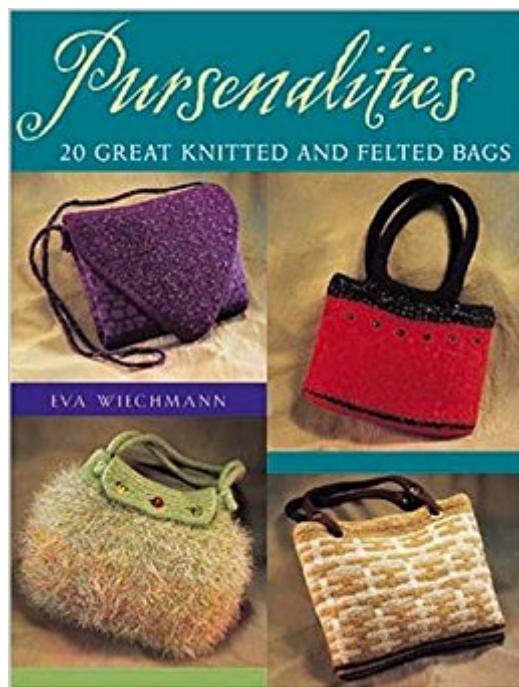


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# Pursenalities: 20 Great Knitted And Felted Bags



## **Synopsis**

First knit, then felt--and let your "pursesnality" pack a fashionable punch! From small, sleek handbags to roomy totes, these quick knitted and felted designs rank high on style and simplicity. You won't be able to make just one! Go trendy or traditional with Vintage Bubble Bag, Summer in the City Tote, and pretty, petite purses. Choose from easy projects that are worked on big needles with 100% wool and a splash of dazzling novelty yarns. Get a unique look with felting; simple instructions make the technique a snap.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Popular author Eva Wiechmann has owned her own knitting and needlework shop, Eva's Needlework, since 1987.

This is a very good book. I have made four of the purses and they are beautiful. I will make two or three others. Although I know how to knit, I am new to felting. The "knitting basics" section is quite good and easy to understand. The abbreviations list is also very helpful. However, some of the pattern instructions could be a little clearer. For example: The flap instructions for the Spring Fling Bag found on page 19 begin with "with RS facing . . ." I know RS means right side but should you pick the stitches up with the front of the bag facing you, or the back? This affects the "ridge" on the top of the flap. I still don't know the answer to this and have made two of these bags. Would also appreciate listing some substitute yarns --- especially the fantasy/decorative yarns. Purse personalities:

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I bought this book after borrowing this from a friend. My first project was the vintage hobo bag on page 16. Not only is it easy to knit, the bag is beautiful!!! We started circulating this pattern amongst our friends and now we are truly addicted. What I love most about this book aside from the patterns is that the author gives clear instructions on the actual felting. She also writes clear instructions on making flaps, buttonholes, i-cords and other details that assist the novice knitters. I highly recommend this book to others.

I work at a great yarn shop, and "Pursenalities" flies off the shelves every time we get a shipment in. It's the number-one felting book I recommend to customers who are interested in felting their knits (felt a garment too tight, you can't wear it -- felt a purse too tight, no worries, you've got a slightly smaller purse). The purse shapes vary pretty widely, which is the best thing about this book. I can't stand novelty yarns, but who cares how many Weichmann used? I don't have to use them -- they usually don't change the gauge anyway. Most of the patterns use Cascade 220, which makes most of the projects totally affordable (especially if you, like me, shun the eyelash and the glittery gunk.) People who like their purses gaudy love this book because the novelties are all over the place, and people like me love it because there are a lot of nice, varied shapes -- though I'm partial to the bubble bag combining Cascade 220 and Noro Silk Garden, and have made two. I gave one to a friend as a gift and kept one for myself, and we both get loads of compliments. Love it!

If you are looking into getting into felting things (as I was), this is a great book to take you beyond the basic tub shaped bag with bind off handles (or I-cord). It does, of course, help if you knit beyond Red Cross Squares, but the instructions are generally clear and not too complicated, tho' complicated is here if you are already at that stage. A little something for everyone.

Books on felting are hard to find so I bought both by this author. I have made three from this book and am waiting on more yarn to make more. Great easy to follow instructions and fun designs. I am new to felting and this is all I needed to get started and love it. Marsha in FL And TN.

After making more than 20 felted bags, I consider myself a felting veteran, but I was blown away by the fantastic patterns found in Pursenalities. The patterns are clear, the results are amazing (I really wasn't sure I could do that with yarn until I tried, but the finishing touches on the bags (the zipper

pulls and grommets) is where these patterns stand out. I thought I was tired of making felted bags until I bought this book. Now I am ready to keep on knitting!

Great book with clear instructions and great photos.

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