

## Felted Fantasy Flowers

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Embellish with fun felted flowers on a jacket, pillow or your favorite jeans or denim shirt! The background garment or fabric needs to be a natural fiber and not a knit for the needle felting to hold the flowers and fibers in place. Ours was on a jacket we made from a cotton suiting fabric, but it works just as well on a purchased garment.

### Sewing Supplies:

Huskystar ER10 Needle Punching Machine

Husqvarna Viking Sewing Machine

Husqvarna Viking Fabric Mover™ with Stitch Regulator

Purchased garment or background fabric

Wool Roving

Sulky 30 wt. Blendable Thread

Sewing thread

Husqvarna Viking Open Toe Free Motion Spring Foot #413037645

Rayon 40 wt. Embroidery Thread

Size 90 topstitch Needle

Scraps of Wool Fabric (Ours was dyed with Rit Dyes, see below)

Button Foot with Placement Tool #412934545

Assorted Buttons (We used a Value Pack of assorted shell buttons from Joann Fabrics)



### Prepare your Garment:

Begin by preparing your garment if it is a ready made garment. If it is a lined jacket, remove the lining from the facing so that you can sew on the garment without going through the lining. If it is jeans, open the leg seam so you have a flat portion to sew on.

### Dye your wool:

If desired, you can dye your wool pieces using Rit Dye. Start with a white or cream colored wool, and follow the instructions on the Rit Dye website: [www.ritdye.com](http://www.ritdye.com).

### Felt your Fabric:

1. Decide on the placement for your embellishment. Ours was over the shoulder on the jacket. On jeans, go up the leg. Tear out photos of embellished garments from catalogs to save as a reference for embellishment placement ideas.
2. Place the background fabric or garment under the needles of the Huskystar ER10. Place a small amount of roving on the fabric. Needle felt the roving in place. Continue adding roving and needle felting it into the background fabric until the area that you are going to place your flowers

is covered. It doesn't have to be completely covered, just here and there with some space in between is fine.

### TIP:

Your Huskystart ER 10 always stops with the needles up. Give the needles time to raise to the highest position before moving the fabric and fiber to a new area.

3. Using the pattern provided, cut out flowers from your wool fabric. Place the wool flowers on top of the area you have needle punched with roving.
4. Felt them in place on your Huskystar ER10.
5. Add some additional roving in a contrasting color in the center of the flowers, for accent.

### Free Motion Embellishment:

1. Place your Fabric Mover with Stitch Regulator on your sewing machine.
2. Insert a size 90 Topstitch Needle. Thread with Sulky 30 wt. Blendable Thread on top and sewing thread in the bobbin.
3. Place the embellished garment/fabric in your Fabric Mover with Stitch Regulator.
4. Set your machine for free motion. Stitch around the flowers, in a circular motion in the center and outlining the petals as desired. Stitch randomly between each flower and through the roving.



### Embellish with Buttons:

1. Snap on your Button Foot with Placement Tool. For instructions on using the Button Foot and other Husqvarna Viking Feet, go to [www.husqvarnaviking.com](http://www.husqvarnaviking.com), USA, Tips and Hints. There is a short video clip there that demonstrates how easy it is to use the foot.
2. Stitch buttons around your flowers.

Your Felted Fantasy Flowers are done! Enjoy!

