

Quick-to-Make

Neck Warmer

Choose your favorite combination of **PRIMO PLAID FLANNEL** and Marcus **WOOL** to create this easy Neck Warmer. It's the perfect "anytime" gift for him or her, and makes a great beginner sewing project for all ages. For a softer hand and worry-free washability later, consider felting the wool before you begin (instructions below).



YOU'LL NEED:

- ¼ yard Primo Plaid Flannel of your choice.
 - ¾ yard Marcus Wool of your choice*
*(allows for shrinkage during optional felting step)
 - 1" piece of hook-and-loop tape
 - Coverable button, 7/8", or other shank button
1. If desired, felt the wool as described below. Cut both fabrics to measure 9" wide x 30" long.
 2. Position one side of the hook-and-loop tape on the right side of the flannel as shown, and the second piece on the right side of the wool fabric, as shown (Fig. 1). Machine stitch around all sides of each tape section. Be sure each tape section is 1" away from long edges of the fabric.



Flannel, right side up



Wool, right side up

3. Place fabrics right sides together, raw edges even. Sew a ¼" seam all around, leaving an opening of about 8" on one of the long edges. Trim corners. Turn right side out. Tuck in the opening edges and press all around. Topstitch ¼" around all edges, closing the opening edge.
4. Cover button with flannel fabric. Sew to the wool side of the neck warmer, directly on top of the hook-and-loop tape.
5. Wrap the neck warmer as shown in the photos, adjusting it as desired.

Designer Note: The folded neck warmer (as shown in the bottom photo) inspired another idea, a cute little shoulder bag - simply fold the finished piece in thirds, and sew the sides closed, leaving the remaining third as a closing flap, as shown in the lower photo. Reposition the hook-and-loop tape pieces at the center to act as the bag closure, or just omit them. Sew straps of flannel to the sides.

How to Felt Wool

Felted wool is a woven wool fabric that's been washed and agitated in hot water and dried with heat. This process condenses and compacts (felts) the fibers and results in a lovely soft, fluffy fabric that won't fray. Projects made with felted woven wool can be laundered without the worry of shrinkage or fraying. Here's how to do it:

1. Wash the wool on a hot cycle, agitating for approximately 20 minutes. Spin (Normal cycle).
2. Machine dry on a Warm/Hot setting. Allow about 45 minutes for a 5-yard length of wool, depending on your dryer.
3. Remove wool from the dryer immediately and wrap on a cardboard fabric bolt to avoid creasing the wool.