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Class 2: How to Repurpose Old Wool Sweaters Into Brooches

Make funky floral brooches from upcycled wool sweaters in a jiffy!

SUPPLIES:

- a felted wool sweater
- chalk
- a bar pin
- embroidery floss*
- something round approximately 3 inches in diameter
- scissors
- embroidery needle*

* feel free to use a regular needle and regular thread

STEPS:



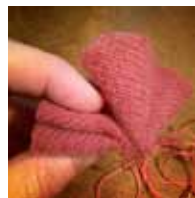
First step is to felt a wool sweater. Wash your old wool sweater in hot water then put in the dryer to felt it up.



Next is to stitch the middle of the round where all the folds connect. You want to stitch this to ensure the fold stays in place.



Second step is to trace out six rounds. As you can see I used the top of a glass for my 'pattern'. Once you've traced the six rounds then cut them out.



Now take the second round and fold it in half. Then fold it in half again. Place the middle of the second round alongside the first round. Note: you want the fold in the opposite direction. Hand stitch the two rounds together where the folds connect.



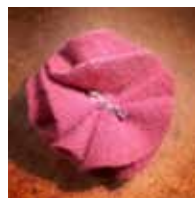
Now that we have the six rounds good to go we're ready to hand stitch together our swanky floral brooch. You'll want a long piece of thread since you can easily stitch the six rounds together plus the bar pin without stopping.



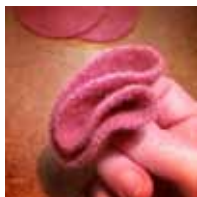
For rounds three to six you want to fold in half then fold in half again then add to your floral. You want to add them together where you stitch the center of the folds together but in a different direction each time. By doing this you create a flower.



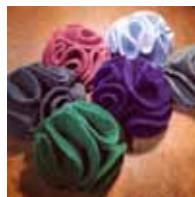
Take one round and fold it in half.



Once you've stitched all six rounds together you should have a flower. Easy peasy! The final step is to sew the bar pin to the back of the wool flower. And you're done!



Then fold it in half again.



Be warned you'll end up making tons of these brooches! Try getting super duper funky and use different colours together or add scrap buttons maybe even repurposed jewelry to add bling.