

# Upcycle Today

.... it's easy !

## Be Inspired

**YOU** can make this quirky pair of tasselled mittens ... no stitching involved ... just 'cut & fold' ... and enjoy a current fashion trend !!!

No specialist tools or equipment required - just a pair of scissors and a few coats of nail varnish.



Felted Jumper



mittens

# Upcycling a Felted Jumper

... repurpose and redesign

Headway shops are full of gorgeous woollen jumpers.

But ALSO take advantage of felted jumpers, seemingly 'ruined' by an accidental hot wash.

There is still beauty in these 'damaged' knits.

Create something useful and truly beautiful today.

Segment the jumper as shown above.

Other upcycling projects on the Headway page will make full use these felted sections.

Cut a section 30cms in length from the bottom of each sleeve as shown.

The length may be adjusted for preference.







Note: **Felted** 100% woollen knits shouldn't fray but, if in doubt, machine wash with detergent at a **slightly** higher temperature & spin cycle than that recommended on its laundry label. This compacts its fibres.

Snip at regular intervals (1cm) along the upper cut edge of the sleeve ... to a depth of 9cms.



Check your measurements carefully before cutting



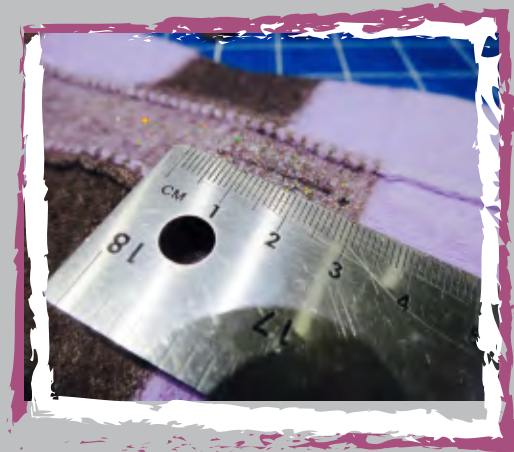
Repeat on the other mitten.





I rather liked the **reverse** side of the sleeves of this Paul Smith jumper ... the seams were somehow more decorative and quirky. I decided to use them inside out ... and why not?

Decide where you want the thumb panel to be. Measure and mark a straight line 2.5cms long ... 5cms from the lower end of the sleeve. This will become the thumb hole for the mitten.



Apply a thin layer of clear nail varnish to this small section (3x2cms). This will strengthen the panel prior to cutting.

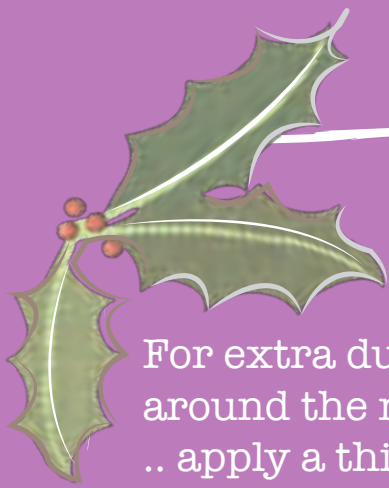
Push the design boundaries by perhaps using a glitter nail varnish instead of clear. Allow to dry.



With a strip of cardboard beneath ... and careful not to cut through into the underlayer, cut along the line either with scissors or a craft knife.







For extra durability around the newly cut edge .. apply a thin coat of clear, or glitter, nail varnish for a touch of festive fun. Allow to dry.



Note: Embrace unusual seams and quirky design detail. Make the most of the original design ... but make it to your personal specification.



**Have fun with upcycling ... be experimental .. do the unexpected !**



Why not try gluing a sequin at the end of each tassel with a dab of glitter nailvarnish ?



# Finished !



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