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Sija felt / Veltinis is the name for my felted creations. I am Sigita Janušait, self-taught felt maker from Lithuania.

Meeting with felt was so unexpected to me. Our acquaintance started in the spring of 2009. It came in to my life with many changes and new winds. I found my way to express my creation demand, which was overdue for some years while I was deep into practical sciences. But still some manifestations of creativity appeared in my interests: like photography, paintings, design, creation of my environment and ambience. Felt for me is a very sculptural material with its great allure, capacities and appliance: from the cute and cosy

slippers, till ethereal veil and velvety jackets. Especially jackets involved me: I always loved sculptural clothes. Felt is the best material for sculpturing with textile, which can be compared with earthenware sculpturing.

The materials I use – wool, silk other fabric and fibres. The white felt – that's my character, I also make scarves and jackets for one of the most exclusive days in personal life – for a wedding, there white is a must but it can include lots of shades, shapes, structures and surely other colours, especially natural ones. I love experimenting with every new jacket, inserting new acquired knowledge, new techniques and new materials, even novel (for me) sorts of wool. Love to explore how the wool is going with fabrics and a result is surprising



every time. Felting jackets is my passion and also a big challenge. I still seek to make them as good as I can and maybe better than I expected, because felt is quite versatile to make it as a sculpture. For one unit I give all my strength and felt almost till burn-out.

Anything can become my inspiration: the beauty as an object, all the beautiful things, creations, people, views, environment, scents, great works and persons, everything who has an order, beauty and soul in itself, tune and harmony, simplicity and sureness, freshness and nature. This is what inspires me and specially my inner harmony, the tune with my ambience.

Anything you can see, feel, breathe can come like a little inspiration for the great achievements.

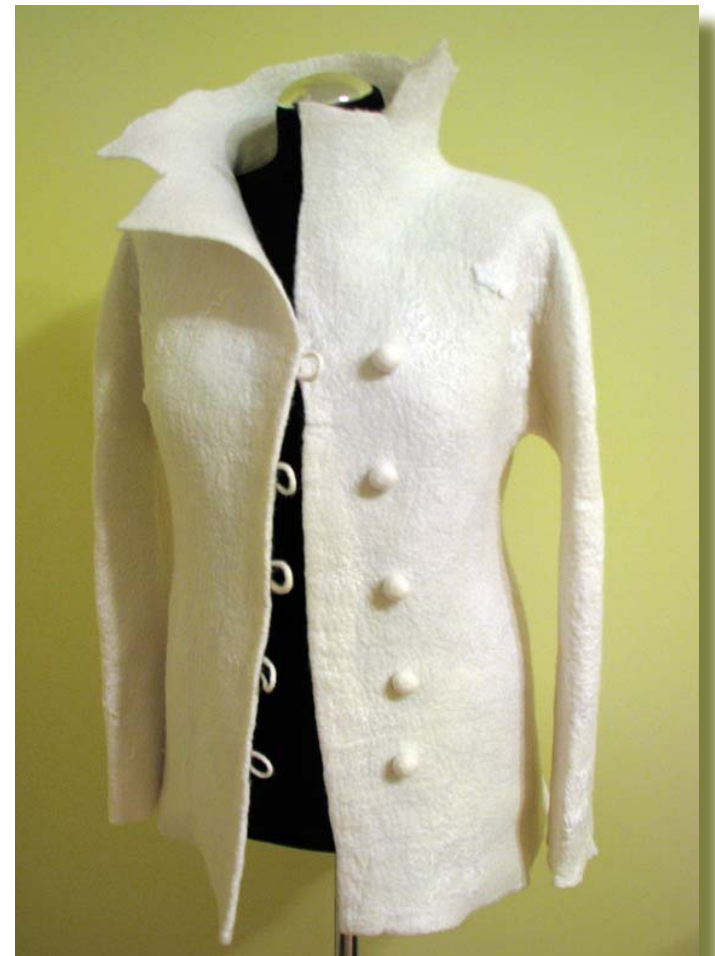
That inspires me to make the art or creations usable, wearable but also beautiful. I tend to create simple, cosy and elegant clothes. The luxury and simplicity can come together and complement each other like comfort and convenience which is a must to me.



I felt for my pleasure and for persons who loves felt, wool and custom handmade things. Who prefer the thing with a little bit of soul in it.

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