

Basic instructions felting

Instructions No. 2156

Working time: 1 hour

Learn here the creative craft technique felting. The environmentally friendly hobby is infinitely varied and also particularly relaxing. When felting there are various possibilities to create great creations from felt. Soft natural virgin wool is felted and modeled into shape. Fluffy fairy wool is particularly suitable for felting.



Wet felting

In the popular wet felting, the wool is kneaded (rolled) with warm water and a little soap with the hands and modeled into shape. The more the wool is tumbled, the better it is felted and it retains the modeled shape after drying.

Wet felting is particularly fast and successful if a few drops of Mega-Filzer are added to the water instead of soap. Felting should be done on a bubble wrap. This soft base protects your work surface on the one hand. At the same time, the foil supports the felting process.

Decoration examples for wet felting





Felting with a needle

When needle felting you do not need moisture. Felting needles have small barbs. When a felting needle is poked into the fibers of the virgin wool, the felting process occurs.

Take some virgin wool in your hand. You will be modeling and felting by poking the wool over and over with the felting needle. Your hand helps shape and model. Dry felting with your free hand, however, takes some practice.

Needle felting works especially well on styrofoam forms or on felting pads. By working with the felting needle, the wool bonds with the base and a fluffy felt look is created. If you do not want the felt to bond with Styrofoam molds or felt, use a felt mat for your felt work.

Decoration examples for dry felting





Knitted felting

Another option for many creative projects is to knit 100% virgin wool and then felt it in the washing machine.

If you start a new project in this process, you should keep in mind that your knitting will shrink a lot in the washing machine due to the felting process. The hotter the water, the longer it is felted, the smaller the knitted area will be.

We recommend that you knit and felt a small sample in advance. In the washing machine, the felting process works best at 40° C color wash and by adding tennis balls to the machine (these support the felting process).

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