



Making simple pre-felt- A minimalist picture Session 1

1. Step By Step Instructions:



- The project will show you the magic of felt making.
- It is a fun way to make a picture with just a handful of wool and silk fibres.

For making

- Wool fibres 10g- the length of your forearm in 4-6 colours
- A watering can or a milk bottle with pierced 6-8 holes in the lid
- Soap flakes (for the soapy water)
- Bubble wrap (the size of 2 A4 paper)
- 2 Hand Towels
- An A4 paper folded into square

Preparing your work area:

- Place your hand towel folded in two on your table.
- Put the A4 paper folded into square on top
- Put the bubble wrap on top of paper. Make sure that the bubbles facing you.
- Boil some water, place it in your watering can or milk bottle and put a soap flake.

Spreading the wool

- Take the wool and start pulling the hairs out. Pull thin wisps of wool in a row.
- Put the colours in rows or just as random wisps- whatever you prefer, but make sure that the wool is spread in even rows and columns.
- Spread the wisps in two directions:
 - First layer from **top to bottom (column)**.
 - Second layer from **right to left (row)**.
- Make sure each row of wool covers the previous one from the centre of the row downwards.

Felting the Picture

- Sprinkle the soapy warm water on top of your laid fibres.
- Be careful- if too much water goes at one go – the fibres would float away.
- Make sure the fibres are soaked through with warm soapy water.
- Place a second piece of bubble wrap on top of your soapy wet picture.
- Sprinkle the top of the bubble wrap covering the picture.
- Start massaging the bubble wrap gently with your palms. Keep on going for 15min.
- Open the bubble wrap, soak the water with dry towel.
- Squeeze all water and wash the soap out of your picture.
- Leave to dry.

Use it don't lose it

- This picture is felted very lightly. Usually it is called a pre-felt.
- You can use it to cut pieces of it for two other projects.

The activity of making beautiful picture from a few humble wisps of wool puts a smile on my face every time. Isn't it just magic?

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Making City Landscape- Session 2



2. Step By Step Instructions:

- The project will show you the magic of felt making.
- It is a fun way to make a picture with just a handful of wool and silk fibres and a few wool and silk fabric cuts.

For making

Wool fibres 10g- the length of your palm spread.

3-5 pieces of pre-felt approximately 4 inches square.

A watering can or a milk bottle with pierced 6-8 holes in the lid.

Soap flakes (for making soapy water).

Bubble wrap (the size of 2 A4 paper).

2 Hand Towels.

An A4 paper folded into square

Preparing your work area:

- Place your hand towel folded in two on your table.
- Put the A4 paper on top.
- Put the bubble wrap on top of paper. Make sure that the bubbles are facing you.
- Boil some water, place it in the watering can/ milk bottle and put the soap flakes in.

Spreading the wool

- Take the wool and start pulling the wool hairs out. Pull thin wisps of wool in a row.
- Imagine how much sky and earth you want to see on your picture.
- Put the colour for your ground at the bottom and the colour for your sky on top.
- Spread the wisps in two directions:
 - First layer from **top to bottom (column)**.
 - Second layer from **right to left (row)**.
- Make sure each row of wool covers the previous one from the centre of the row downwards.
- Making houses: cut the pre-felts in squares and triangles. Arrange.
- Cut sun if you have some yellow pre-felt.

Felting the Picture

- Sprinkle the soapy warm water on top of your laid fibres.
- Be careful- if too much water goes at one go – the fibres would float in all directions destroying your beautiful picture design.
- Make sure the fibres are soaked through with warm soapy water.
- Place a second piece of bubble wrap on top of your soapy wet picture.
- Sprinkle the top of the bubble wrap covering the picture.
- Start massaging the bubble wrap gently with your palms. Keep on going for 15min.
- Open the bubble wrap, soak the water with a dry towel.
- Add warm soapy water to your picture.
- Roll the picture into the bubble wrap.
- Roll up and down your table at least 30 times. If you find that the bubble wrap opens and you cannot keep your picture rolled- put rubber bands to hold it together while you roll.
- Open the bubble wrap. Soak the water dry from your project with a towel.
- Pour warm soapy water on your project. Yes! Third time lucky.
- Turn it upside down.
- Start rubbing from the back to make it extra beautiful and super strong.
- Now roll it on itself.
- Leave to dry.



Come on show me that you can:

- The picture starts at approximately 30 cm square- the long side of A4 paper but if you want it to turn out gorgeous shrink it till its 20 cm square.

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