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MAKING WET FELTED BUTTERFLY





Step By Step Instructions:

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

For making

Wool fibres 5g- the length of your palm in 2-3 colours.

Use some of the prefelts we made in the first tutorial to cut shapes: circles and teardrops to decorate the wings of your butterfly.

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

Preparing your work area:

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

Spreading the wool

- Take the wool and start pulling the hairs out. Pull thin wisps of wool and put them to fill the contours you have drawn.
- Decorate with silk and yarn and a few of the circles and shapes that you have drawn.
- Make sure you spread the wool in two layers:
- Make sure each row of wool covers the previous one from the centre of the row downwards.

Felting the Butterfly

- 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 flower.
- 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. Sprinkle warm water and massage the flower from its bottom
- Fold the butterfly from the centre into your hands and roll to give it a shape.
- Leave to dry.

Don't hide it

- Sew a brooch pin on the back and wear it!

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?

Want to show your flower?

Send herself@nikicollier.com and she would make an online exhibition of all artists.

Materials: free 10 kits available from www.nikicollier.com/workshops

Just enter **code: childrencraft**

Additional craft kits available from : www.theconstantknitter.ie

- **A short descriptor to be used to advertise your hack/workshop**



Minimalist picture in Wool - Using a handful of wool & silk fibres you would make a quick colourful picture. Roll up your sleeves, put the kettle one, grab some bubble wrap, a sliver of soap and your smile.

- **A materials list:**

- **Picture materials**

Wool fibres 5g in several colours.

I have used 2 colours in the sample.

A pinch of silk fibres.

For making

A watering can or a milk bottle (lid pierced with 6-8 holes) with warm soapy water in

Soap flakes (for the soapy water)

Bubble wrap

Hand Towel

- **Target audience –**

This workshop is suitable for curious **crafters of all ages with diverse crafting experience.**

- **The butterflies could be entered into an Installation of Biodiversity Day in Phoenix Park – just contact Niki for details – herself@nikicollier.com or Feltmakers Ireland**

