

# The Sewing Shop

## Wet Felting Instructions

Includes: 1m - Bubble Wrap, 1m – Netting, bar of soap, 7 x 30g Merino Wool

You will need: a large towel and a tube of pipe insulation or a pool noodle and a couple of pop socks or an old pair of tights. A water or drinks bottle

What to do:

Lay your towel flat on a table. Place bubble wrap (bubbles facing up) on your towel.

On the bubble wrap lay out a square of wool with the fibres going across. Place a second layer on top with the fibres going up and down, then a third layer across, and then a fourth layer up and down.

Cover your square with a piece of netting to prevent the fibres from shifting, then squeeze warm water over it (the hotter the better) and press down until all of the wool is soaked through, but not swimming.

Rub over the surface with the soap.

If you feel it is too sloppy just mop up some of the water with a sponge.

Next rub the surface of the netting with the palm of your hand, gently at first but more vigorously once you feel the wool is holding together. Remove the netting, flip the felt material over and repeat on the other side.

When you can pinch and lift your felt and it stays together then it is ready for fulling

Place your pool noodle or pipe insulation on top of the netting and then roll up towel felt and netting.

Tie up the roll with the pop socks

Roll from your fingertips to your elbows and back again 10 times

Unroll and flip felt over then roll up and repeat.

Repeat twice and then remove your felt piece

Rinse in warm water, to rinse out all the soap from your felt. Occasionally open it out and stretch it to ensure it is not felting into a ball.

Finally stretch it and lay it out flat to dry.

Tip: If you wish to make a pattern or design, lay this out first before you start laying down your fibre layers. It will be at the bottom and will remain undisturbed and will become the outer layer of the felt when it is finished.