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Needle Felting Creature Development Workshop (no armature)

QSDS 2021 Session 4 2 Days

What, exactly, is a needle felted creature? Come with no expectations because the shapes we will create will make no sense at first but quickly develop into the creature you always had tucked away in your imagination. The workshop explores basic needle felting techniques without an armature. This is fun, quick moving workshop. Plan on a lot of laughing.

Students will create several shapes in needle felted core wool. These shapes will be felted together creating a creature. Colored wools will be applied over core wool shapes to begin to uncover the personality of the being you are making. This workshop will focus on needle felting techniques and creature development without an armature. Participants will create small, 3"- 5" creatures from core wool and decorate using dyed wools and other materials of your choosing. This workshop will include many techniques for building up and embellishing areas to create your never before seen creature!

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Class Supplies

- A tripod. For your camera or phone so I can watch you as you needle felt.
- Thread. Any color, and type.
- sewing needles for your thread.
- Large eye needle. Blunt point and sharp point darning needle.
- Sewing supplies for embellishments. Beads, threads, fabrics, yarns, silk, anything you want to incorporate into the needle felting.
- measuring tape
- ruler
- assorted colors MERINO wool or silk fiber for shine and texture.
- scissors. Both fabric and trim scissors is always a good idea for any fiber workshop.
- sketch book and pencils for sketching ideas.
- straight pins

MATERIALS LIST: I choose my class materials very carefully. I am very interested in your success in learning this craft. I want you to have the best possible experience. Using materials that are known to work well ensures you won't be fighting with the material as you shape the experience. Please consider purchasing the materials in this list for the class. If you already have materials you would like to use, please contact me. This list will explain each item and any suitable substitutes. In some instances, I have included multiple sources. It is sometimes advantageous to purchase more from the same reseller. I have given you that option when possible.

I have included prices where I can. Prices DO NOT include shipping except where indicated.

****ASSORTED COLORS OF MAORI WOOL:**

https://www.etsy.com/listing/597577185/carded-maori-needle-felting-wool-multi?gpla=1&gao=1&&utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=shopping_us_craft_supplies_and_tools-yarn_and_fiber-batts&utm_custom1=ccde16f8-c2f6-46f8-9417-c1153d1db6a4&utm_content=go_1843970764_76535544464_346429177100_aud-301856857

358:pla-295939759326_c__597577185&utm_custom2=1843970764&gclid=Cj0KCQjwgJv4BR CrARIsAB17JI7uzmb0qZQRUn2UzRXm2OYMSMPfEkxc3tTDqtu7Uw1KwJADCc0fK7saAtNeEALw_wcB

This is a lot of luscious wool. It can be shared by multiple people for this 2 day workshop.

\$53.48 (includes \$13.97 shipping.) This Etsy seller offers a 10% discount to participants in this class.

I love needle felting with this wool. I can give you a source for larger quantities but this is the best assorted color, small quantity Maori wool I can find. I have tried other needle felting wools but this one lies flat and felts with very little effort. This wool has very short and some long, springy fibers. Hands down, the best wool to experience needle felting.

If you choose to use another vendor, in general, springy, short, curly fibers blend best.

**** CORE WOOL:** This is an inexpensive, lesser quality wool used to build up around the armature. Here are 3 sources depending on how much you want to purchase. We will be using somewhere between 1 and 4 ounces per creature. Attendees should expect to create one creatures in this course so plan for at least 4 ounces.

<https://feltingsupplies.livingfelt.com/core-wool-batt> \$17.95 for 8 oz. <https://woolery.com/felting-core-wool.html> \$15.49 for 500 grams/1 pound <https://rhindsaywool.com/product/pennsylvania-quilt-batting/> 1 pound quantities, \$12.50 awkward web site but this is the path: "Pennsylvania Quilt Batt" from RH Lindsay Wool. Products->Batting->Pennsylvania Quilt Batting. The link will only take you to their home page.

****NEEDLE FELTING NEEDLES:** We will be working with a single needle only. I use SPIRAL needles only. I find them easier to poke with. I have tried all the different types and use the Spiral 38 gauge needle the most. Purchase at least 5.

<https://www.mielkesfiberarts.com/product/felting-needles/> 38 gauge Spiral (\$5.00)

If you already have needles, we will be working with 38-40 gauge needles or 'fine' needles.

****HIGH DENSITY FOAM PADS:** You can get these anywhere needle felting supplies are sold. 8"x8" seems to be a great size for needle felting. Here are 2 different sources.

https://feltingsupplies.livingfelt.com/Needle-Felting-Foam-10-x-7-Earth-Harmony-Series_p_24.html 10" x 8" \$8.95

<https://woolery.com/wool-pets-needle-felting-foam-surface.html> a 6"x6" pad

FINGER PROTECTION: [https://www.etsy.com/listing/794777995/dimensions-needle-felting-finger-guards?](https://www.etsy.com/listing/794777995/dimensions-needle-felting-finger-guards?gpla=1&gao=1&utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=shopping_us_d-craft_supplies_and_tools-yarn_and_fiber-yarn&utm_custom1=_k_CjwKCAiA7939BRBMEiwA-hX5J6xpg3sSAOfOW5300SrfyOvAszyfWROLK2h73nBE7BGjg4pHb1gY_RoChtgQAvD_BwE_k_&utm_content=go_2063557915_76452865575_367965825003_aud-966866687174:pla-298168501185_c__794777995_122738953&utm_custom2=2063557915&gclid=CjwKCAiA7939BRBM EiwA-hX5J6xpg3sSAOfOW5300SrfyOvAszyfWROLK2h73nBE7BGjg4pHb1gY_RoChtgQAvD_BwE)

https://www.etsy.com/listing/794777995/dimensions-needle-felting-finger-guards?gpla=1&gao=1&utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=shopping_us_d-craft_supplies_and_tools-yarn_and_fiber-yarn&utm_custom1=_k_CjwKCAiA7939BRBMEiwA-hX5J6xpg3sSAOfOW5300SrfyOvAszyfWROLK2h73nBE7BGjg4pHb1gY_RoChtgQAvD_BwE_k_&utm_content=go_2063557915_76452865575_367965825003_aud-966866687174:pla-298168501185_c__794777995_122738953&utm_custom2=2063557915&gclid=CjwKCAiA7939BRBM EiwA-hX5J6xpg3sSAOfOW5300SrfyOvAszyfWROLK2h73nBE7BGjg4pHb1gY_RoChtgQAvD_BwE

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**** TOOLS YOU MAY HAVE AT HOME:**

Scissors

pencils and notebook

Sewing needles- size 14-16 darning. Very strong, long, non bending and thin sewing needle.

We will use these to pull up felted fiber. Needles need to be strong.

<https://www.amazon.com/Dritz-56Y-D-Darners-Needles-7-Count/dp/B003WM9RYI>

If you have an assortment of needles and need to know how to identify them Here is a link to a great needle sizing resource. https://www.jjneedles.com/images/needles-guide/Hand_Sewing_Needle_Size_Guide_Type_Length.pdf

Skewers or a #1 double pointed knitting needle. Here is a link to skewers if you are unsure what I am talking about. You will only be using 1 skewer. 2 - 3mm is ideal. (This is the cheapest quality skewer you can find! It's flimsy and thin. Just how I want it)

https://www.target.com/p/natural-home-100ct-skewers/-/A-46982600?ref=tgt_adv_XS000000&AFID=google_pla_df&fndsrc=tgtao&DFA=71700000012732784&CPNG=PLA_Kitchen%2BShopping_Local&adgroup=SC_Kitchen&LID=700000001170770pgs&LNM=PRODUCT_GROUP&network=g&device=c&location=9014965&targetid=pla-321450796496&ds_rl=1246978&ds_rl=1247068&ds_rl=1248099&gclid=CjwKCAiA7939BRBMEiwA 2 day class QSDS Needle Felted Creatures hX5J5uc5iPcBT-UCTBZ1OCpbhfwgvrqJVxA_PlcAspq1o2pwb_d6zw3xoCzLUQAvD_BwE&gclidsrc=aw.ds

Tripod and cell phone or iPad holder. I use a multitude of camera angle. I have along arm flexible phone holder, a small table top tripod and a large tripod. You will need only one ;-). If you want me to be able see what you are doing over zoom, you will need to have your hands free!

Inspiration source: Inspiration will be bugs and underwater, colorful, odd creatures. I recommend this book to better understand the subject matter you will be drawing from. This reading is totally optional but utterly enjoyable. **Extraordinary Insects: The Fabulous, Indispensable Creatures Who Run Our World** by Anne Sverdrup-Thygeson. \$11.69 kindle format. Sadly, there are no pictures.

https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B07M9LN6C9/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_d_asin_title_o00?ie=UTF8&psc=1 I will be providing inspiration in the form of images.