

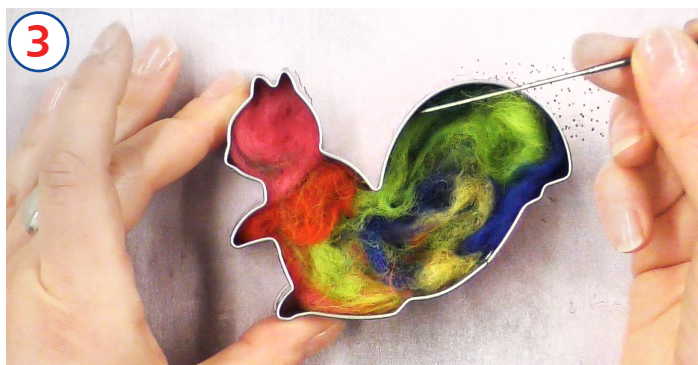
## COOKIE CUTTER NEEDLE FELTING



Practice using your felting needle. Open your kit and pull out a piece of roving you want to practice with. Separate a handful of wool and place on your foam block. Use the felting needle to poke in to the roving and get a feel for how the fibers react and condense around the needle.



Place cookie cutter and select colors. Position your cookie cutter in the middle of the foam block, and gently push the cookie cutter in to the foam so it is secure. Pull small balls of roving away from the material provided, and place colors in the cookie cutter where you want them to be. This will serve as the “base” of your felted shape – it can be several colors or just one solid color. It will show up on the sides and back of your project. You can blend colors of roving by combining wool, pulling apart, combining, pulling apart, and combining again.



Begin felting. Being careful with the sharp end of your needle, start to poke through the wool in your cookie cutter. Your needle may brush up against the cookie cutter – that’s okay! Continue poking with your needle until all fibers have been compressed in to the cookie cutter shape.

### Tips:

1. Keep your needle in a straight up and down position to avoid bending or breaking the needle.
2. Make sure to push your wool right up to the edge of the cookie cutter, and into the corners – otherwise your shape outline will not be as clear.
3. Remember to take breaks to stretch your hands and sit up straight! Your posture is important when performing repetitive motions like needle-felting.



Add another layer. Now that you’ve fully compressed and felted the bottom layer of your shape, separate more wool for your second layer. This can be a solid color or a mix of colors. Grab your needle and continue felting, being sure to work the wool out to the edges and corners. When all the fibers have been pushed in to your project and the second layer is firm, you’re ready to remove the cookie cutter.

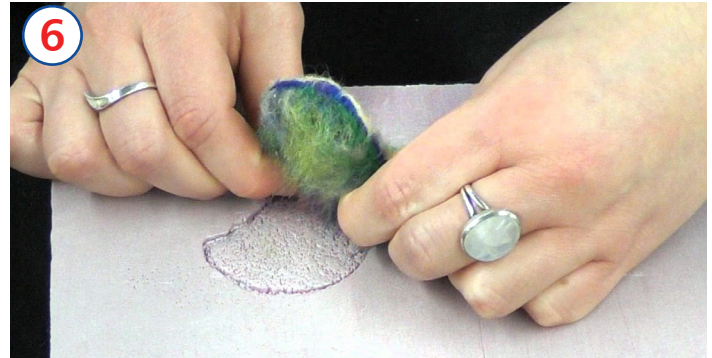
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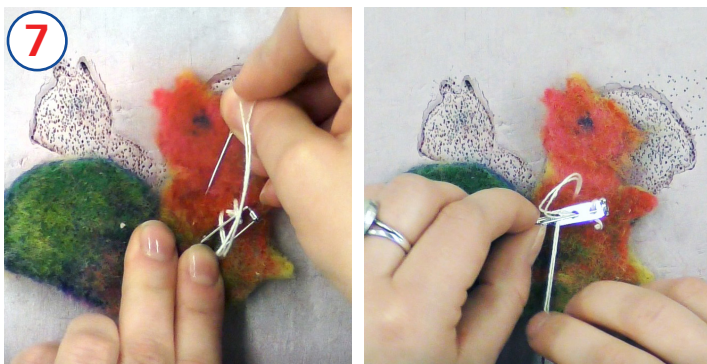
Remove cookie cutter. Gently pull the cookie cutter out of the foam. Voila! Your project should take a shape similar to the cookie cutter. You can still add the cookie cutter back on at this point if some of the edges didn't turn out the way you wanted them.



Separate your project from the foam block. Gently pull your project off the foam block. You'll see all the different fibers that have pushed through into the foam – start on one corner of your project and pull slowly, taking care to be gentle around small details, until it separates completely.

### Tips:

1. If you want to add a face or any decorative details, grab small pieces of roving and shape the details with your felting needle.
2. Use a pair of scissors to trim the "hairy" side of your project.



Add your pinback to create a fun accessory to your clothing or backpack. Thread your sewing needle with about 1 foot of thread. Place your pinback on the side you think is the "back" of your project, which won't be visible when you are wearing the pin. Push your needle through the hole on your pinback and through your project.

To avoid the thread showing on the front of your project, only push your needle part of the way through the felt, and bring it through to the back again. Repeat this process until the pinback is securely stitched to the back of your project. Make a knot with your thread and cut off any excess thread.



Now you're done! If you have extra wool roving, and more metal cookie cutters at home, you can use it to make another project.

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