

Needle Felting Kit Penguin Instructions

includes:
 > 4 x felting wools
 > 2 x felting needles
 > 1 x foam mat

finished size:
 6.8cm(H) x 5.3cm(W) x 4.2cm(D)
 other supplies required:
 > scissors

Before you begin:

Guide Image:

What is Needle Felting?

Needle felting is a fibre art technique that uses a barbed needle to sculpt wool into shapes, figures and designs.

Felting Needle:

A felting needle is a special kind of needle that has small barbs on the end. The barbs are facing one direction so that they grasp the wool fibres when you poke the needle into the wool. When the needle is pulled up, the fibres catch and tangle together, which locks/felts the fibres together.

Felting Foam Mat:

The foam mat that comes with your kit is used to protect your fingers, the needle and your work surface. When you poke the needle into a small piece of fibre it needs something to go into. Is it also a safety precaution to avoid pricking your fingers or the work surface. Try to work on the foam block as much as possible.



Felting Wool:

Smooth out the wool between your fingers as you work.

Warning:

The needles are very sharp. Work slowly and carefully to avoid pricking your fingers as you poke the needle up and down. The needle is very fragile and the tip will break if too much pressure is applied.

THIS IS NOT A TOY. USE ONLY UNDER ADULT SUPERVISION.

**WARNING: CONTAINS SHARP NEEDLE.
 SUITABLE FOR AGES 14 YEARS AND OVER.**

**WARNING: CHOKING HAZARD
 SMALL PARTS. NOT SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 3 YEARS.**

INSTRUCTIONS:

STEP 1.



Carefully place your needles off to the side of your work space. Take some black felting wool and begin to roll it up. Save some of the black wool as you will need to make wings and eyes later.

STEP 2.



Hold one of the needles in your working hand and slowly push the needle in and out of the wool. Poke it into a felted round cylinder shape about 6.5 x 5.3cm.

STEP 3.



Separate some white wool with your fingers and place on the main body of the penguin.

STEP 4.



Adjust and sculpt the shape while felting to neaten it up.

STEP 5.



Use yellow wool to sculpt the shapes of the upper and lower parts of the penguin's beak, each piece, about 1cm.

STEP 6.



Carefully felt the two beak pieces to the face of the penguin.

STEP 7.



Use some more yellow wool to sculpt shapes of the penguin's two claws, each piece is about 2cm.

STEP 8.



Take some black wool and fold it into a thin cylinder. Felt it into shape of one oval, about 7cm.

STEP 9.



After the felt is formed, use scissors to cut it in the middle to create two wings.

STEP 10.



Use a needle to finish off the shapes of the wings.

STEP 11.



Carefully felt the wings and claws to the body.

STEP 12.



Take a little black wool and felt some eyes.

STEP 13.



Take some blue wool and felt into the shape of a fish, about 3cm long. Use black wool to felt the eye and scales.

STEP 14.



Carefully felt the fish into the penguin's wings.

STEP 15.



Display your finished penguin!