

Needle Felting Kit Koala Instructions

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

finished size:
 6cm(H) x 5cm(W) x 4.5cm(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 white felting wool and begin to roll it up to create the body. Save some of the white wool to make the head.

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 ball about 3.5 x 4.5cm.

STEP 3.



Repeat steps 1-2 to make another slightly smaller felt ball, about 3.5cm

STEP 4.



Felt the two balls together with a needle so they form the shape of the koala's body.

STEP 5.



Smooth out some brown wool, lay it over the main body and start felting, leaving the white belly showing.

STEP 6.



Keep felting to sculpt the brown wool into the shape appropriately.

STEP 7.



Use the white and brown wool to felt two ear shapes, about 1.5cm in size.

STEP 8.



Take some brown wool and roll it into two cylinders about the length of a finger. Felt them into shape.

STEP 9.



Use scissors to cut both pieces in the middle.

STEP 10.



Use a needle to correct the shapes of the limbs.

STEP 11.



Carefully felt the ears and limbs to the body.

STEP 12.



Take a little black wool and felt some eyes, nose and mouth.

STEP 13.



Take some green wool and felt into the shape of a eucalyptus leaf, about 3cm long.

STEP 14.



Carefully felt the leaf into the koala's arms.

STEP 15.



Display your finished koala!