



Fairytale felt

Create intriguing works of art using your needle felting skills.



materials

- 20cm x 20cm wool felt – cream
- felting needle
- Clover needle felting mat or foam block
- wool rovings – multi colours

handy hints

Safety – Felting needles are sharp &, because they are made of hardened steel, brittle. Be careful when using & handling them. Always work away from yourself & insert the needle into the wool fibres in a straight up & down action. If you twist the felting needle as you push it in it will snap.

Always use a **foam block** or felting mat under your work when needle felting. Remember to lift your work every so often so that it doesn't felt onto the foam block.

Storage - Always store felting needles in a dry place, out of reach of children, pets & husbands.

Disposal – Dispose of broken needles in the same way as other sharps.

To cover larger areas use a clover needle-felting tool, which holds five felting needles. Keep the single felting needle for awkward areas, corners and fiddly bits.

The pattern for the frame on this picture is in *Get Creative* April '09.

step 1

Lay the felt sheet over the foam block. Pick up a little of the light blue roving tease out a little and lay this down across the top half of the felt to form the sky. Pick up a little of the green roving tease out a little and lay this down at the base form the meadow. Pick up the felting needle and needle onto the felt. Lift the felt sheet every so often so it doesn't matt onto the foam block.

step 2

Pick up a little of the brown roving and roll it into a loose twist and lay this down on each side of the felt to form the trunks of the trees. Pick up a little of the mixed greens roving tease out a little and lay this down the sides of the felt to form the tree line. Pick up a little of the blue shades of rovings tease out a little and lay this down to form the body of the person spying on

the fairies. Place some yellow wool for the hair. Pick up the felting needle and needle onto the felt. Lift the felt sheet every so often so it doesn't matt onto the foam block.

step 3

Pick up a little of the dark brown roving and lay this down to form the logs on the fire. Highlight the fire with red, orange and yellow flames. Place some mauve wool as the background to the fairies, outline the tiny fairies with white wool and pink for their faces. Roll some fibres of the red wool in the palm of your hand to form small balls and needle onto the base of the picture to form the toadstools, decorate with white dots. Pick up the felting needle and needle onto the felt. Lift the felt sheet every so often so it doesn't matt onto the foam block.

Place the finished picture into a frame.



essential materials



Wool rovings, felting tool & mat from Spotlight.