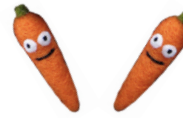


Welcome to your new kit! You're about to learn how to make a

Needle Felted Carrot Magnet



Kit ingredients:

EcoFoam, 1 felting needle, wool fiber in 4 colors, and 1 magnet. You'll also need some strong fabric to metal glue.

Before you start, you need to know: felting needles are sharper than the sharpest sharp thing you can think of. While felting, always watch your hands and fingers to avoid boo-boos. Make sure your pokes are gentle, too.



1. Pull the fiber

Start with a tuft of your base color about 4" long. (The fiber pulls apart more easily if you place your hands about 4-5 inches apart and pull gently.)



2. Loosen the fiber

Loosen the tuft a bit, pulling the sides to flatten the fiber and make it wispy.



3. Fold and the roll fiber

Fold the fiber and roll loosely into a not-at-all-perfect log, approx. 2" long.



4. Start your poking

Place the log on the foam and gently poke the needle into the fiber.

Tip: Gentle pokes work best. The business end of the needle is only an inch at the tip. Poke any further than that and it's a waste of your efforts.



5. Poke it all over

Use gentle pokes to form a carrot shape, rolling it along and moving it around the foam. (Moving it helps keep the log from permanently sticking to the foam.)



6. Carrot tipping

Gently poke the carrot tip all around, and towards the body of the carrot to sculpt the shape.



7. Carrot top (heheh)

Gently poke the top of the carrot to form the head. Add a small tuft of fiber to the area if needed to round out the shape.



8. Add fiber

Continue gently poking the carrot from all sides. If it's about the right size but not as thick or as strong as you'd like, pull a little more roving, loosely wrap it around the carrot and keep poking. Repeat as needed.

Tip: Even when you are poking at an angle, make sure your needle goes in and out in the same direction. Otherwise, it could snap.



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9. Work that carrot!

Gently poke the carrot all over to refine its shape. (Repeat step 8 as needed to make the whole carrot thicker.)



10. Carrot eyes

Use a small wisp of white fiber and gently poke it into place to start the eye



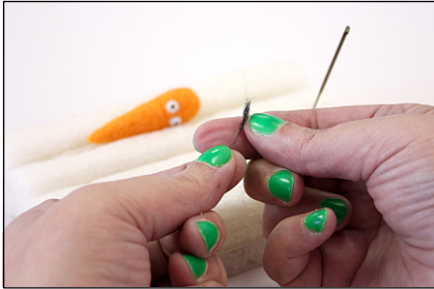
11. Shape the eye

Gently poke the edges of the eye towards the center. This will make it even more secure while creating a puffy shape.



12. Eye see you!

Take a teeny-weeny bit of black fiber and poke it into the center of the eyeball. Repeat steps 10 & 11 to make the second eye.



13. Carrots say what?

For the mouth, roll a very thin wisp into a log approx. the thickness of a toothpick.



14. Make a mouth

Gently poke the thin log into place. When your carrot has a face, make sure you tell it "hi" for me, ok?



15. Leafy greens

Take a very small wisp of green fiber, and use tiny pokes to anchor the leaf stem to the carrot head



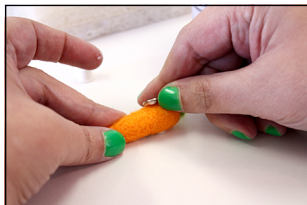
16. Work that green

Poke the green fiber gently from all sides, making it more secure and shaping it to your desired look.



17. Stick it!

Add some glue to magnet. Follow the instructions on your glue because, like snowflakes, all glues are different.



**You did it! You totally felted so, you are a felter now.
You can continue to use your leftovers for additional projects!**

A few words about our foam:
EcoFoam is an environmentally friendly alternative for needle felters. It functions just like other felting pads, with the benefit of being 100% biodegradable. When your EcoFoam starts to break down, let it dissolve in a bowl of warm water – because it's made out of vegetable starch it will magically disappear.

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