

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

Needle Felted Flower Pin



Kit ingredients:

EcoFoam, 1 felting needle, wool fiber in three colors, and one pin setting. 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 the fiber

Fold the fiber into a puffy and imperfect disc, about 2" diameter.



4. Start your poking

Place the disc 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 time.



5. Flip the disc

Pick up the disc, flip it over, and poke some more. (Flipping often keeps it from permanently sticking to the foam.)



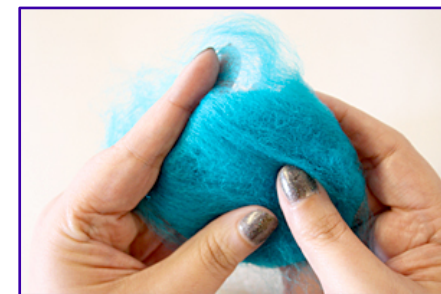
6. Keep poking

Continue to poke the disc from all angles, flipping it often.



7. Poke the edge

Once the disc starts to thicken, lift it onto its edge and using very tiny, gentle pokes to thicken and shape it even more.



8. Add more fiber

If the disc is about the right size but the disc isn't as thick or as strong as you'd like, pull a little more roving, loosely wrap it around the disc 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 off in the foam.



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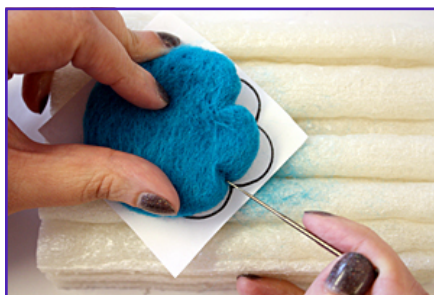
9. Refine edge

After you've added more fiber and poked it top to bottom, you'll need to poke around the edge again. Remember to use tiny pokes.



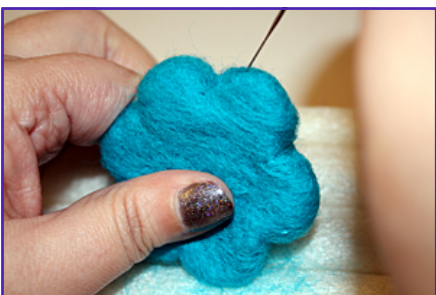
10. Make an indent

Pick a spot on your disc and make gentle pokes to begin the first petal.



11. Make another indent

Use the template as your guide to pick the next spot and poke another indent, forming the first petal.



12. Work the petals

Once you've made intents for all the petals, continue to shape them with tiny pokes. Add more fiber all over if needed for thickness.



13. Pull another color

When the flower base is done, pull a small wisp of fiber for the center detail.



14. Roll it up

Take the wisp and roll it into a loose ball.



15. Attach the ball

Anchor the ball to the center of the flower with a few gentle pokes.



This is your flower template!

Tip: If you find that the edge of your disc is too soft and loose for poking petals into shape, get thee back to step 8, my friend.

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16. Make it round

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



17. Tighten it up

When the ball begins to take shape, use very gentle pokes all over it to felt the surface without flattening the shape.



18. Make an outline

Pull and roll a very thin wisp of your third fiber color into a log about the thickness of a toothpick.



19. Poke the outline

Hold the thin wisp onto the flower and gently poke it into place.



20. Poke the outline

Continue to poke the outline into place, following the outside of your center dot. Add more thin logs as needed until you're happy with how it looks.



21. Put glue on the pin back

Add some glue to the flat back of the enclosed pin. Make sure to follow the instructions on your glue because, like snowflakes, all glues are different.



22. Stick it!

Place the gluey pin surface onto the back of your flower and let it dry completely.



You did it!

**You totally felted so,
you are a felter now.**

**You can continue to use your
leftovers for additional projects!**



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A few words about our foam: Eco-Foam is an environmentally friendly alternative for needle felters. It functions just like other felting pads, with the benefit of being 100% biodegradable. When your Eco-Foam 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.