

How to make Felt



Start by setting up your work area with a towel at the bottom, then the bamboo mat and bubble wrap. Finally, place the net on top.



Create a thin layer of fibres. The fibres must all go in the same direction (vertically) and overlapping.



Add a layer on top, but this time the fibres must be laying horizontally. Keep doing this to make at least four layers, following the pattern: vertical layer, horizontal layer, vertical layer, horizontal layer.



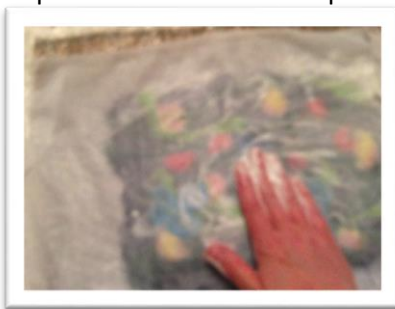
Once you have created your background, make a design on top. You can roll the wool into coils, balls or spread it out to make shapes.



Now cover your work with the second piece of netting.



With warm water wet the wool so that it is completely saturated.



Rub soap into your design. You can use any type of soap; washing up soap, hand soap. Use a circular motion to rub the fibres together.



Now remove the bubble wrap. Place the rolling pin at the end and roll your design in the bamboo mat. Secure with an elastic band.



Pressing firmly, roll your work thirty times. Now unfold the bamboo, keeping the net covering your work, and turn your design a quarter turn.

Repeat by rolling it thirty times, open up the bamboo and turn your work a quarter turn. Spray a bit of warm water on your work to keep it warm and aid shrinking.



Finally, remove the netting, rinse with water and leave to dry.