

Sleepy lil mouse project

Here's what you will need for your project.

White natural wool
Pink natural wool
Black or brown natural wool
38 gauge twisted felting needle
Foam block or similar to felt onto

Creating the body and head.

Take a half inch width by 12 inches of white wool strand and wind the wool around itself to form a small ball, gently and carefully prod the needle into the wool to secure it. Gradually increase the size adding wool and using the felting needle all across the surface to create a firm egg shaped ball of wool. This will form the body

Take a half inch strand to make a head in the same method as the body, ensuring that the front end has a tapered little point to form the mouse nose.

Joining the head and body

Using a small strand of wool draped over the head and body and use the felting needle to join the two sections together.

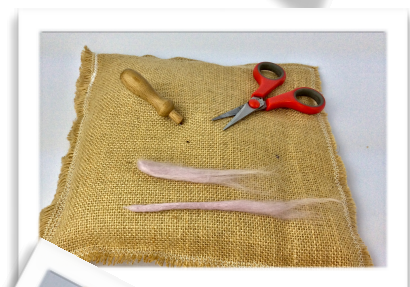
Continue on all sides of the head and body joint.

Creating the tail

Taking a long strand of the pink wool, fold over lengthwise and twist whilst using the felting needle to create cord, felt the length of the section whilst occasionally rolling the tail between your palms. (Tip ...Slightly damp palms make the task easier). Leave a fluffy end that has not been felted as you will use this to attach to your mouse body. Photos shows before and after felting and rolling the tail.

Creating the leg

Take a short strand of pink wool (about the length and thickness of a tooth pick) fold in half length wise and in a similar method to the tail make a short pink stem on which to attach the white fatter part of the leg. Wind this wool around the fluffy end to make a round fatter part of the leg. Attach the leg with short strands felting the strands through the legs and body.



Create the eye

Using a tiny piece of white wool about the size of a tooth pick, placing the end of the strand where the eyeball would be, gently felt the strand into the head creating a tiny eye bump. Define the edges of the eye by gently felting around the edge of the little bump. Using a very fine strand of black or brown wool about 1 inch long, felt into the bottom edge of the eye to give the impression of a closed eye.



Creating the ears and nose

Using a small strand of pink wool, loop the wool into a 'U' shape, gradually draw the fibres into the shape of the 'U' and felt the ear. After gently felting the surface lift the ear off the surface of your felting sponge and turn over, repeat this process, leave a small tail of wool to fix to your mouse's head.

Add small amounts of wool if required until the ear is complete. Attach the ear to the head by felting the fluffy tail at the end of the ear with your felting needle.

Felt a tiny strand of pink wool to the end of the nose.

To complete your model, felt the entire body to firm up and define the shape.



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