



Materials list

In this workshop I will share two techniques to wet felt gnome hats & fairy caps. One uses the washing machine to simplify the process a little, and the other using the age old technique of wet felting using a resist (template).

TECHNIQUE 1

Machine Felting using a 3D mould

- 1. Corriedale wool fibre, pre-felt or wool batting** - in the colour you would like your hat/ cap.
- 2. Non porous material** to make a 3D mould such as thick bubble wrap or other flexible plastic type material. I like to use rubber flooring underlay (you should be able to get this at a hardware shop)
- 3. Masking Tape** - to create your 3D mould.
- 4. Dishwashing Soap** - the dishwashing liquid soap you have in your kitchen will work great. You can also use olive oil based bars of soap.
- 5. Bowl of Warm Soapy Water** - a bowl of warm water with bubbles created by a squirt of dish soap.
- 6. Old Towel** to protect your working surface and to wipe your hands.
- 7. A stocking (hosiery)** & some wool or cotton to tie up the ends.
- 8. Washing Machine** - You'll also need access to your washing machine - I use a normal cotton 40°C cycle.

TECHNIQUE 2

Hand Felting using a 2D resist

- 1. Corriedale wool fibre, pre-felt or wool batting** - in the colour you would like your gnome hat/ cap.
- 2. Non porous material** to make a 2D resist (felting template) such as thick bubble wrap or other flexible plastic type material. I like to use rubber flooring underlay (you should be able to get this at a hardware shop)
- 3. Dishwashing Soap** - the dishwashing liquid soap you have in your kitchen will work great. You can also use olive oil based bars of soap.
- 4. Bowl of Warm Soapy Water** - a bowl of warm water with bubbles created by a squirt of dish soap.
- 5. Old Towel** to protect your working surface, stop everything slipping around and to wipe your hands.
- 6. Bamboo Sushi Mat**
- 7. A piece of bubble wrap**