

# Wet Felted Bowls

## Materials List

**1. Carded wool fibres** - Also called wool tops or roving. My preference is to use corriedale wool fibres as they are courser and more textured however please experiment with whatever wool you have. The Wool batts that I used were amazing and made bowls with a beautiful firm structure (you can purchase these from Purely Felt Craft).

In terms of colour you can choose whatever you like! If you're making a nest for Henrietta some earthy, neutral colours would be ideal. Even some uncombed washed fibres like English Leicester or mohair will add some beautiful detail. These need to be layered either first or last so that they appear on the outside of the bowl.

**2. Dishwashing soap** - the dishwashing liquid soap you have in your kitchen will work well - I like to use a natural eco dishwash liquid. You can also use olive oil based bars of soap.

**3. Empty Dishwashing Liquid Bottle** - filled with warm water and dishwashing liquid.

**4. A few old towels + tea towels** - to place underneath where you are felting and another to wipe the bubbles off your hands.

**5. Bubble wrap and/ or bamboo sushi mat** - two pieces of bubble wrap and two sushi mats is ideal.

**6. Non porous material to make template** - material 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) For my little bowls I cut out two circle templates - one with a 9.5cm diameter and another with a 12cm diameter. You can make whatever size you like.

**7. A piece of tulle or some stocking (hosiery)** - we'll use this initially to wrap up our fleece, to secure it before it begins to felt.

**8. Wooden Spoon**



### About...



These wet felted bowls are perfect for storing any little treasures - useful to store my tiny scraps of felt in, or embroidery threads.

This little bowl also doubles up as the most perfect nest for Henrietta the Speckled Mama Hen and her family of cute chicks!

### About the Materials

#### Wool Fleece

#### also know as Slivers, Roving, Wool Tops

Long bundles of fibre created by carding or combing the fibre which is then drawn into long strips where the fibre is parallel. When a sliver is drawn out a little further and given a slight twist, it becomes roving. But all you really need to know is that all these things can be used to create beautiful treasures! Shop locally and see what you can find.

#### Merino & Corriedale - two varieties of Sheep's Wool

Merino fibre is very soft with a staple length of about 3-4 inches (length of each fibre) and has barely any crimp. It is great for wet felting but not as good for needle felting as it takes so long to felt and can often give a fluffy finish. Corriedale fibre is a New Zealand breed that is wonderful for needle felting. It is not as fine as merino and has a lovely crimp which means it felts quickly but not so good for fine details.