





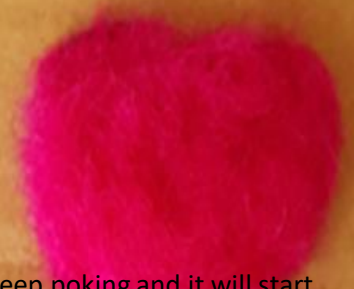
PLEASE NOTE: You will need a soft base to work upon, an old cushion or a folded up tea towel will do. This is to protect the tip of the needle when felting. Do not use your lap! Mind your fingers with the needles!




1) Cut out a heart shape from a piece of card. (Use a craft knife or small, sharp scissors.) Take a strip of wool approx. 4 inches long and fold it in half (bring the top half to the bottom half. The folded top edge will be the top of your felted heart).



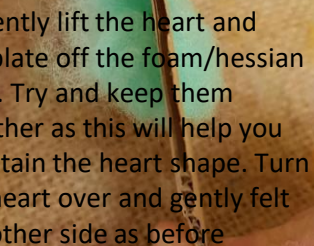
2) Gently part the top of the wool and roughly fashion a heart shape using your fingers so the wool fits inside the template. Use your needle to GENTLY poke the wool so it felts together. DO NOT stab at it else it will bond to the foam/hessian sack base. Nice light prods will do. This will take a bit of time. You can fold the wool over with your fingers and press it down and felt it into place.



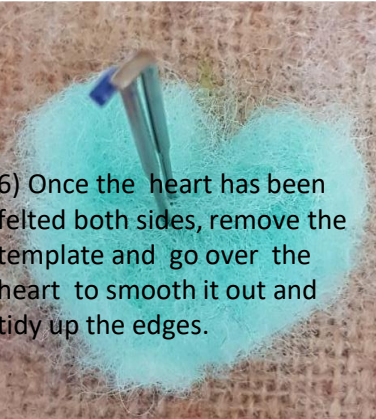
3) Keep poking and it will start to take shape. Any excess wool can be spread out evenly over the heart so you don't get lumpy/thin patches.



4) Gently work around the edges of the heart to help it maintain its shape. Poke from the side but do not bend the needle or else it will snap! Work around the edge until they look tidy and firm.



5) Gently lift the heart and template off the foam/hessian base. Try and keep them together as this will help you maintain the heart shape. Turn the heart over and gently felt the other side as before



6) Once the heart has been felted both sides, remove the template and go over the heart to smooth it out and tidy up the edges.



7) Voila! Felted hearts!