

# How to Make a Felt Flower Corsage

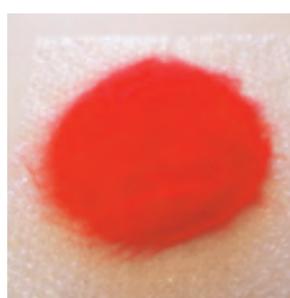
- What you will need:**
- Merino wool fibres
  - 2 squares of bubble wrap
  - 2 squares of net curtain material
  - Craft foam or cardboard
  - Soap and warm water
  - Brooch pin
  - Button / felt ball / decorative yarn



1. On bubble wrap (bubbles up) place craft foam circle. Size: 140mm diameter. Centre, 35mm diameter.



2. Cover with several layers of merino wool, radiating beyond the circle approx. 40mm



3. Make sure there are no thin spots.



4. Drizzle warm soapy water over the wool



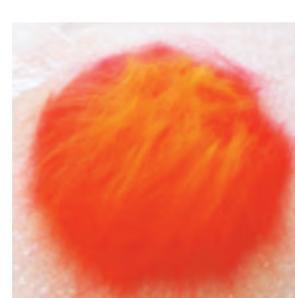
5. Place second sheet of bubble wrap over (bubbles down) and press soap through the wool.



6. Flip over. Remove top bubble wrap and tease in the edges of wool.



7. Gather the wool gently, trying not to create thick overlapping pleats.



7. Add more wool, repeating steps 2 and 3.



8. Add more soap and water. Replace bubble wrap, press soap through wool. Replace bubble wrap.



9. Flip over and repeat step 7



10. Gather in the wool again, trying not to create thick overlapping pleats.



11. Discard bubble wrap and place wool circle between two sheets of net curtain.



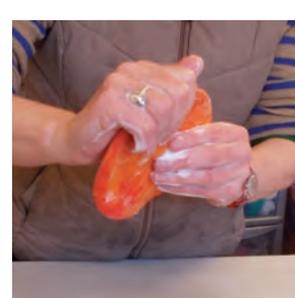
12. The net will hold the wool together while you massage the wool fibres. If your hands drag on the net add more soap so they slip and slide.



13. Massage both sides and the edges.



14. After approx. 10 minutes the wool fibres will begin to knit together. When the wool is firm enough discard the net.



15. Continue to massage all over using more pressure.



16. Pinch the fibres, they should be firmly attached, if not then massage for longer or try the next step...



17. To speed up the felting process place your circle between the sheets of bubble wrap (bubbles touching the wool)



18. Wrap the bubble wrap in a towel for better grip and roll back and forth. After a few minutes take out the circle, turn 90% and repeat.



19. The circle will begin to shrink, curl and stiffen. When this happens it is ready to cut open.



20. With scissors, cut around the edge of the circle.



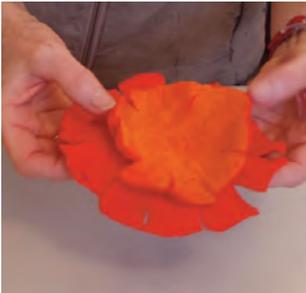
21. Remove foam or cardboard. Foam can be used again but cardboard will have to be thrown away.



22. Cut one side approx 15mm smaller, this will create the centre of your flower.



23. Snip the petals around the edge, approx 25mm apart.



24. Repeat the same around the outside, this will be the back of the flower.



25. Wet the cut flower with more soap and water and roll round and round in the palm of your hand...



26. This rolling will shrink the flower and seal the cut edges. Rinse in cold water.



27. Poke your finger into the centre of the flower...



28. Rest in a small eggcup and dry in a warm place. This will help the flower keep its shape.



29. Decorate your flower with a felt ball and some hairy (eyelash) yarn.



30. Use a button as a simpler option,



31. Sew a brooch fastener to the back.



32. Your flower corsage is now complete.