

Felt Making

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Simple embroidery stitches that can be used are:-

Running/straight stitch - - - - - go in and out with your needle and thread

Cross stitch X X X X X X X this is a straight stitch on top of a straight stitch to form a cross

Experiment with different sizes, colours, thickness of thread
Always start at the back of your fabric, with a knot firmly tied at the end of your thread. Finish on the back of your piece with a small stitch to hold your stitches in place. Cut off the remainder of thread.

You will need:

- 2 pieces of bubble wrap 30cm x 30cm
- Coloured fleece (can be purchased online at Wingham Wools)
- 2 washing up bowls
- 1 jug
- Towel
- Liquid soap

Adult supervision required when using hot water.

- 1) Place the towel on the table
- 2) Place 1 piece of bubble wrap on the towel
- 3) Cut your fleece into 6cm lengths
- 4) Tease out small pieces of fleece as finely as you can, placing them horizontally to cover your pieces of bubble wrap
- 5) Repeat this process again laying your small pieces of fleece vertically on top of the first layer
- 6) Repeat this, aiming to do 5-6 layers, alternative horizontal and vertically on top of each other. It should be now so thick you can not see the bubble wrap beneath
- 7) Drizzle approximately half a capful of liquid soap all over the fleece and then carefully pour approximately half a cup of boiling/hot water over the fleece
- 8) Place the second piece of bubble wrap on the top and rub gently with your hands in a circular motion, take care as this is HOT (you can remove bubble wrap when it has cooled and continue rubbing)
- 9) When the fleece appears to be 'bonding together' lift it up and turn it over-continue rubbing on the other side
- 10) Place the fleece in a bowl of boiling water for approximately 30 seconds, then plunge in a bowl of cold water (to shock the fleece)
- 11) Squeeze out and repeat steps 7- 10. Squeeze out and dry

