

# Felted Bug

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## INSTRUCTIONS:

The project will show you how to make a beautiful bug.

It is a fun way to make a small bug.

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## FOR MAKING:



Wool fibres 5 g -the length of your palm if you work with roving.

2-4 colours for a bug.

A piece of knitted/felted wool scrap for the centre of your bug.

2-3 Felting needles.

Sponge or a firm cushion.

Firm plastic or gauze.

10 Pins with large coloured heads or wire.

Needle and thread.

Textile glue.

Pliers.

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## PREPARING YOUR WORK AREA:

- Place the sponge on your table.
  - Get your needles and wool on a side.
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## NEEDLE FELTING THE WOOL:

- Wrap the wool fibres around the wool/felt scrap. Think of the shape of your bug. If you want a ball shaped bug- make it a ball. If you want a long bug wrap the wool around the scraps in a finger shape.
  - Add a few wisps of colour to add a pattern and divide the areas of your bug.
  - Start poking the wool with the felting needle. Try to keep your fingers away from the needle.
  - Work the bug till it takes shape.
  - You can change the shape by adding more wool to an area.
  - Work the wool till you are happy with the shape and patterns.
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## PUTTING TENTACLES ON YOUR BUG:

- Place pins on the bottom of your bug diagonally on its body. You can make it 4 legged, 6 legged or even 8 legged- whatever you like!
- Use a thread and a needle to make the antennae
- Cut wings by folding your plastic or gauze and cutting it the size of your finger.
- Fix the wings on your bug using the ribbon from your craft kit.

Making beautiful bug from a few humble wisps of wool puts a smile on my face every time. Isn't this just magic?

Want to show off your bug?

Send [herself@nikicollier.com](mailto:herself@nikicollier.com) and she would make an online exhibition of all artists.

**Craft Kits for making the bug**

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