

# Felted Ball

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## INSTRUCTIONS:

- The project will show you the magic of felt making.
- It is a fun way to make a toy or a Christmas decoration with just a handful of wool and a rag saved from the bin.

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## FOR MAKING



Wool fibres 10g- the length of your forearm.

Old sock or a piece of old T-shirt

Sandwich bag/used glove

A Mug

Soap flakes (for the soapy water)

Bubble wrap (the size of 2 A4 paper)

Hand Towel

An A4 paper folded into square

### **For decorating your ball**

Beads, pins, pipe cleaners, googly eyes, buttons

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## PREPARING YOUR WORK AREA:

- Place your hand towel folded in two on your table.
- Put the bubble wrap on top . Make sure Bubbles facing you.
- Boil some water, place it in your mug and put a soap flake.

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## SPREADING THE WOOL

- Take the wool and start pulling the hairs out. Pull thin wisps of wool.
- Spread the wisps in all possible directions while covering the bubble wrap as even as you can.
- Try to leave wispy ends at the edges of the square.

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## MAKING THE BALL

- Check water in mug with finger. If the water is too hot- add a bit of cold water.
- Dunk the rag into hot water. Soak through.
- Place your rag in one corner of the wool
- Start wrapping the wool around the rag as tight as you can. Make sure you cover folds with wool to avoid wrinkly ball.
- Once all wool wrapped around rag, dunk ball into mug. Soak through.
- Take dripping ball and place into glove/sandwich bag.
- Start massaging it between your hands or on your table. Keep on going for 15min.
- Take the ball out dunk it in water and keep massaging.
- Finish massaging either in your hands or on the bubble wrap.
- Squeeze all water and wash the soap out of your ball over running water.
- Leave to dry

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## DECORATING YOUR BALL

- Decorate your ball with beads, safety pins, or paper pins.
- You could make the ball to look like a germ, a critter or a Christmas decoration.
- And you could use it as a stress ball, a tumble-drying ball to reduce your clothes getting wrinkly or a colourful sculpture to go on your mantel piece.

The act of wrapping something old, ugly or unwanted into beautiful material and transforming it into a cheerful ball puts a smile on my face every time.

### **Craft Kits for making the bug**

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