

Felt

Is the oldest form of fabric known to human-kind. It predates weaving and knitting.

Felt is a non-woven cloth that is produced by matting, condensing and pressing woollen fibres. While some types of felt are very soft, some are tough enough to form construction materials.

Felt can be of any colour, and made into any shape or size.

Many cultures have legends as to the origins of felt making. The story of Saint Clement and Saint Christopher relates that while fleeing from persecution, the men packed their sandals with wool to prevent blisters. At the end of their journey, the movement and sweat had turned the wool into felt socks.

Feltmaking is still practised by nomadic peoples in Central Asia and parts of East Asia, where rugs, tents - such as the classic yurt- clothing and boots are made. In the Western world, felt is widely used as a medium for expression in textile art as well as design, where it has significance as an ecological textile.



FAQ

What preparation is required?

A room with enough tables and chairs for all students, a sink or bucket of water, and a few volunteers. We bring everything else and clean up after.

Does your instruction allow for different aptitudes and creativity?

Yes. All projects are hand built by the students.

They receive step by step instruction covering many aspects of the curriculum along the way.

From conception to the final detail, students apply their own creativity.

How long does a class last?

Usually 90 minutes. Some projects are adaptable to shorter time frames. Please let us know if time is a concern.

What projects are available? Can I request my own?

Project offerings will depend on the grade and curriculum needs of the class. Various projects are available to accommodate most special occasions such as Mothers Day, Fathers Day, Christmas, Halloween, etc. You can see examples of some of the most popular projects on the website. Of course you may request a special project and Feltability will design one to suit your request.

What is the maximum / minimum class size?

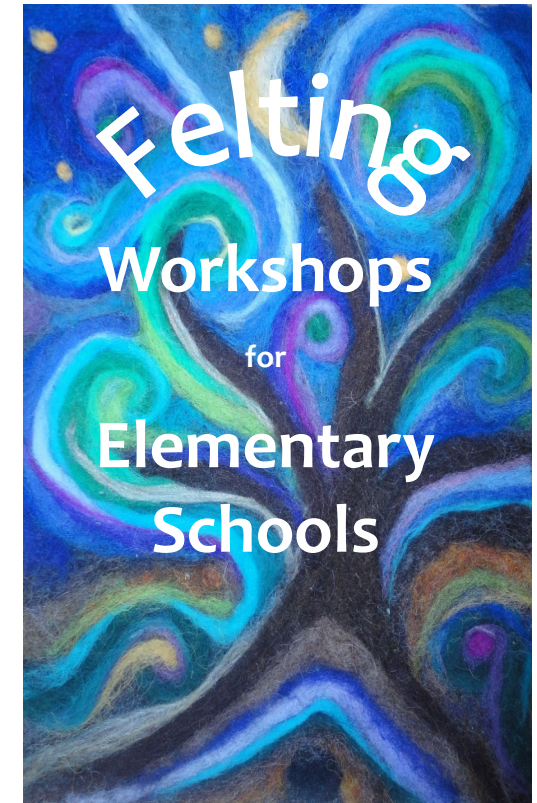
The maximum class size should be 35 students at a time. Smaller classes, and/or two different grade

Do I need parent volunteers or assistance?

it is preferred for the younger students (under grade three. The older children do not typically require as much assistance, but parents and volunteers are always welcome! Having said that, if you are unable to get parent volunteers, don't

Feltability

offers



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(no need to arrange transportation or deal with other field trip concerns).



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brings two-hour workshops straight to the classrooms with interactive demonstrations, stories and a take-home projects for students to create. These workshops tie in very well when learning about the early pioneers, Peru, recycling, the fur trade and is a wonderful medium to use as an art form.

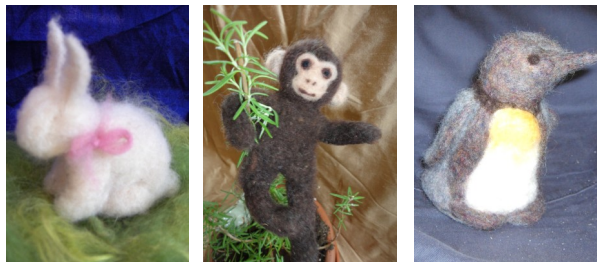
Wet felting Workshops

(Kindergarten and up)

The children will first be introduced to the freshly sheared fleece of the sheep and learn about washing and carding the wool. Finally, the children will experience how to transform the combed fluffy and dyed fibre into textile by simply using soap and water. Each child will create a piece of fabric with a individualized simple design felted into it.



The children find it fascinating to experience the transformation the wool undergoes. They are amazed to see their fluffy handful of wool turn into a sturdy, dense piece of fabric.



Needle felting Workshops

(Grade 4 and up)

Is done with barbed needles, which grab individual fibres and drag them against one another thereby binding them. Children can needle felt simple projects such as carrots, balls etc. or more complex projects such as an animal. The needles used for felting were first exclusively used in machines to manufacture industrial felt and has only recently been introduced to create hand made works of art.

Fees

Cost for a workshop is \$10 per child for a 2hrs workshop (maximum of 30 children) or \$8 per child if more than one workshop is booked in a day (with a minimum charge of \$130 plus tax).

To book a workshop please e-mail:

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