



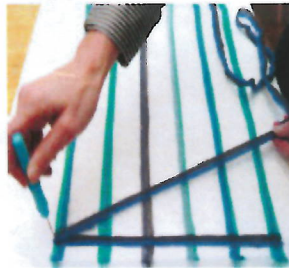
Materials:

- 100g Fingerwolle 125g/m
- Artfelt paper 300cm x 25cm
- 1 felting needle

Also required:

- Polystyrene base or similar use as a protective surface
- Plastic wrap / cling film
- Water sprayer with 3 drops washing up liquid / 1 litre warm water
- Textile bag such as an old pillow case or plastic bag.
- Scissors
- Plastic tub/bucket
- Tumble dryer
- Spoon or tongs
- Rubber bands

Felted Checked Scarf



Picture 1

Step 1 - Swatching

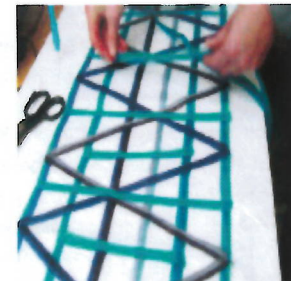
Before starting any project we recommend preparing a test swatch. Ideally this should measure 30 x 20cm. Follow steps 2 - 9 as per full size project, this will help you understand the felting process and gain the best results.

Step 2 Placing the wool fibres onto the ArtFelt paper

To produce a soft scarf with a nice drape it is recommended that the finger roving (fingerwolle) is approx. 1.5-2cm in width. It may be necessary to draft the fibres out slightly to achieve this width. See picture 1

Step 3 Setting your design

Using the felting needle, position and attach the fingerwolle (pencil roving) on to the ArtFelt paper as demonstrated in picture 2. This is achieved using the barbed felting needle to push the roving through the paper. The barbs on the needle must go through the roving and the paper, pulling small tufts of roving onto the back side of the paper. This is done to hold the roving in place whilst it is in the tumble dryer felting. It is only necessary to tack the roving to the paper often enough to hold in place. Tip: if you are able to tilt the paper forward and the finger roving stays in place you have attached the roving sufficiently. Note: it is not necessary to tack every layer, simply layout your design and where two or more layers meet, simply tack through to the back of the paper.



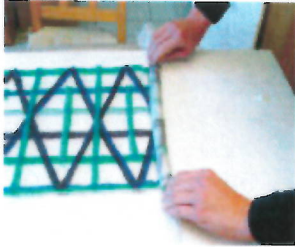
Picture 2

Step 4 Applying soap and water

Place the plastic wrap onto the table, the plastic wrap should be slightly larger than your scarf.

Now place your scarf on top of the plastic wrap - spray liberally with the soapy water. Note: make sure that the fingerwolle and the paper are saturated evenly.





Step 5 Rolling

Now roll the plastic and scarf from one end into a log, making sure that there are no dry spots on the paper, spraying if necessary.

Step 6 Secure

Secure the ends of the log with rubber bands.

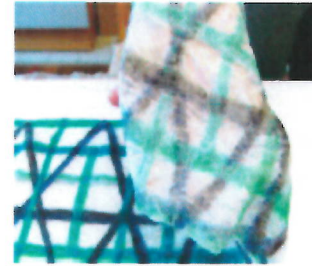


Step 7 - Dryer

Place the scarf (log) into the tumble dryer for 20 minutes. You may if you prefer place the log into an old pillow case to prevent any fibres being left in your dryer.

Unroll the scarf and check the amount of felting - moisten the scarf again and roll this time in the opposite direction.

Repeat drying process for another 20 minutes.



Picture 7

The reverse of the paper should now be wrinkled - see picture 7. The felt will be now be firm enough for the felting process to be sped up by placing the scarf in a closed plastic bag. Make sure that your scarf is sufficiently wet at ALL times. See picture 8.

Return the scarf now in its plastic bag to the dryer for 5 minutes. Check every 5 minutes until the scarf is the chosen length. A 20-30% shrinkage is best for a particularly soft voluminous result. Note: slight additional felting will occur when being rinsed.



Picture 8

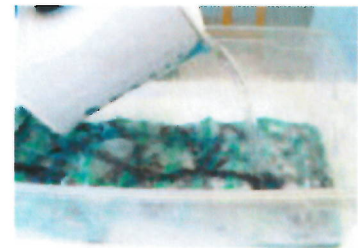
Step 8 Rinsing

Caution tongs must be used when removing scarf from boiling water

Boil approx, 6 litres of water.

Remove excess water from scarf - preventing rapid cooling of the boiling water, which will hinder the removal of the water soluble Artfelt paper.

Place the scarf in a tub or bucket and pour boiling water on the scarf (pic 9). Make sure that the scarf does not remain in the boiling water since the colours may bleed at temperature over 90.C. Use a spoon or tongs to remove the scarf from the boiling water and wring out as dry as possible. Note: if sticky paper remains repeat the procedure.



Step 9 Finishing

Check the degree of felting, it is possible to felt further by placing in the tumble dryer. Wring out the scarf well and allow to air dry. Steam and shape.

Felting by Hand

The felting procedure can also be achieved by hand. We recommend using bubble wrap as a base for this method. Place the scarf on top of the bubble wrap, (bubble side facing up). Moisten the scarf as per instructions for tumble dryer method, see above.

Place the smooth plastic wrap on the moist wool. Now felting can be begin in a circular motion.

As soon as the wool is sufficiently adhered to the paper, the paper can be soaked and moved more intensely until sufficient felting is achieved.

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