



# Felted Geode Tutorial



## Materials (Included)

Colored Wool  
White Wool  
Brown Wool  
38 gauge Felting Needle  
Panty hose  
Assorted beads

## Supplies (Not Included)

Aluminum Foil  
Clear fast drying glue (hot glue, E-6000, or other glue of your choice)  
Washing Machine  
Hot Water  
Laundry soap



## Creating the core

1. Take aluminum foil and squeeze into a large tight wad.
2. The aluminum foil core should be approximately 2 inches when complete.
3. The more contours you create in your foil the more contour the interior, beaded part of your geode will be.



4. Take  $\frac{1}{2}$  the length of the colored wool, open the fibers up width wise gently



5. Begin wrapping the wool tightly around the aluminum foil core. This is done much as you would wrap a ball of yarn or twine. Make sure to cover the foil completely.



6. Use your 38 gauge felting needle and gently poke the wool together over the foil. Do not poke into the foil as this can bend or break the needle.



7. Take the white wool and repeat wrapping and tacking the wool. Create as smooth a surface as possible. Remember to wrap tightly.
8. Tacking or gently poking the wool is utilized to aid in keeping the layers tightly wrapped.



9. Wrap the other ½ length of the colored wool over the white layer, wrapping and tacking the layers together.



10. Using the brown wool wrap the entire ball and tack the wool down.

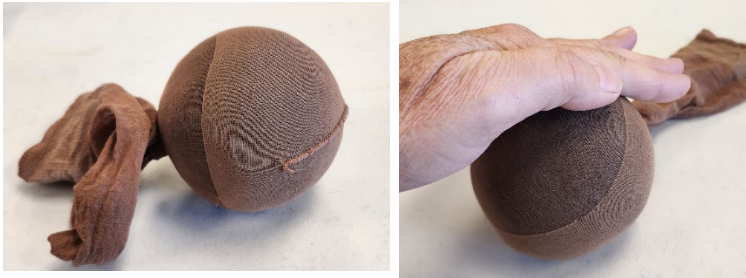


#### **Felting the Geode**

1. Place the geode into the provided panty hose, tighten it down as tightly as possible around the geode and tie a knot in the panty hose.



2. Place the geode in your washing machine with a very small amount of laundry soap.
3. Set the water temperature to hot.
4. Run a full cycle in the washer including the spin cycle



5. Check the geode it should feel firm (about tennis ball consistency). If not take the geode and squeeze it and roll it around under your hand to further felt the fibers together and wash it a 2<sup>nd</sup> time.



6. Cut the knot in the panty hose and take the geode out of the hose.



#### Drying the Geode

1. Once removed from the panty hose the Geode can be air dried.
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> option for drying is in your clothes dryer on high for at least 2 cycles. (Make sure you remove the hose before putting it in the dryer or the geode will felt into the hose).



#### Cutting the Geode Open

**(SAFETY FIRST! BE CAREFUL, DO NOT ALLOW CHILDREN TO DO THIS STEP!)**

1. Using a cutting board and a very sharp knife carefully cut down through the middle of the geode, cutting through the aluminum foil and dividing the geode in half. (Warning: some people find the sound of cutting the wool and foil very off putting-it's worth it!)



2. Gently remove the aluminum foil from both halves of the geode. Make certain the interior is completely dry.



3. Use your 38-gauge needle to felt the cut edges and the center of the center of the geode. Make sure to follow the contours left by the foil.



#### Beading

1. Starting at the center/deepest part of the interior of the geode use a small amount of your clear glue and put in several of the larger beads. Work your way out the edges mixing the large and smaller beads together.



2. Sprinkle the very fine beads over the top and let them settle into the glue.

**Tip:** In expensive Glitter glue can be purchased at most craft stores and adds a nice finished look.

## Where do I purchase More Wool & Supplies?

For most needle felting projects, we recommend our core wool and “MicroBattz” short fiber felting wool.

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