



Wet Felted Lamp



Kit Contents:

- Wool prefelt
- Silk Hankies
- Resist Material
- Bubble Wrap sheets
- Lamp Base with Glass Shade

Additional Supplies Needed:

- **Bath Towel**
- **Warm Water in a Bucket/bowl**
- **1" Dowel Rod** (or similar sized item that can be used to roll the project onto)
- **Mesh/Sheer Fabric***
- **Olive Oil Soap***
- **Ball Brause** (or other tool such as a sponge, spray bottle etc to apply water to project)*
- **Bamboo Mat or small heavy duty bubble mat*** (optional but recommended)

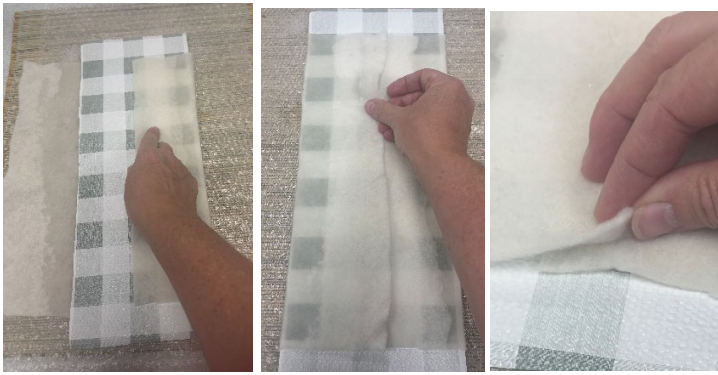
*Included in our Wet Felting Essentials Kit, sold separately



1. Set up your wet felting table/area:
 - Fill cup/bowl with warm water and drop your bar of soap into the water (or add generous squirt of liquid dish soap to water). After a few minutes, or once the water is soapy, you can remove the bar of soap.
 - Lay bath towel over your project area
 - Lay down Bamboo mat on towel, then a bubble wrap sheet with the bubbles "facing up".
2. Lay the prefelt down on top of the bubble wrap.



3. Using the Ball Brause, wet the prefelt down the center from top to bottom.



4. Lay resist over the center of the prefelt.
5. Fold the edges around the resist gently pulling it tight and overlapping in the center of the resist. (the overlap should be about 1-2 cm (1/2 in), trim if necessary)



6. Wet out the prefelt until just saturated with soapy water.
7. Cover with bubble wrap to press water in then remove gently.



8. Separate a thin layer of your silk hankie from the stack.

***Tip!:** A stack of Silk Hankies is a stack of individual silk cocoons that have been degummed and stretched over a square form. They peel apart like an onion. At the edge of the stack, you can separate the individual layers – I usually try to peel off a thickness of just 1-2 thin layers at a time.

***Tip!:** If the silk is sticking to your hands, apply lotion or wear a pair of non-latex/nitrile gloves.



9. Stretch and pull the hankie into your desired shape and lay over the wool. You can also cut the hankie to a desired size/shape with scissors.
***Tip!:** I recommend letting at least a small amount of the silk hankie hang over the sides of the wool to be wrapped to the other side in a later step. This will create a design that continues seamlessly around the lamp.



10. Continue adding hankies to side 1 of the project until you are happy with the look. Overlapping the hankies will give a nice effect and ensure full coverage of the wool.



11. Cover project with second piece of bubble wrap (bubble side facing project!)
12. Press down on the project to spread the water out until the silk is saturated. (You may need to a little more soapy water depending on the thickness of your silk)



13. Gently flip your project over to side 2.
14. Peel back bubble wrap gently.



15. Fold over any silk from side 1. Be sure the prefelt and silk fibers are tight against the edges of the resist!



16. Continue adding silk hankies to side 2 to complete your design.



17. Cover with bubble wrap and flip back to side 1 gently.
18. Gently peel back the bubble wrap covering.
19. Fold over any silk edges from side 2.



20. Cover project with mesh/sheer fabric, gently pressing out any air bubbles under the fabric.



21. With wet/soapy hands, begin gently rubbing over the surface of the project with flat hands.
***TIP!** Use gentle circular motions, rubbing from the outside edges towards the center. This will help keep the wool from being pushed off the side edges of the resist and avoid creating a ridge or seam down the side of the wool.
22. Continue rubbing gently for about 3-5 minutes.



23. After 3-5 minutes of rubbing, gently remove the mesh fabric
***Tip!** If the fibers are sticking to the mesh, pull the fabric back at a shallow angle while holding your other hand flat on the project surface holding the fibers down.



24. Carefully flip the project to Side 2.
25. Repeat Steps 20-23



26. Check the progress of the felting:

- Feel the surface of the project with your finger tips – it should have a “surface skin” at this point – the fibers are beginning to hold onto each other. **If the fibers are still loose** and able to be moved around easily. Rub each side for an additional 5 minutes with slightly more pressure with your hands.

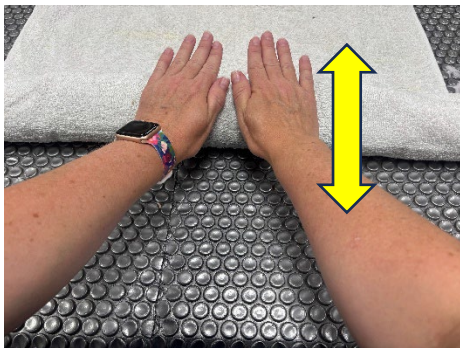


27. Cover the project with bubble wrap – the bubbles should be “facing” the project on both the top and bottom.



28. Lay the dowel rod along the bottom edge of the bubble wrap/Bamboo mat “sandwich” and roll up the project into a firm/tight roll.

29. Then tightly roll the “Bamboo/Bubble/Project roll” in your bath towel to secure it.



30. Roll the project back and forth 25-30 rolls using medium downward pressure from your hands.

***TIP!** If your rolled up project flattens or comes loose from the roll, you may be pressing too hard or did not roll it up tightly enough.



31. After 25 rolls, unroll the package and open the bubble wrap covering. Smooth out the project and flatten as needed.



32. Turn the project 90 degrees clockwise.

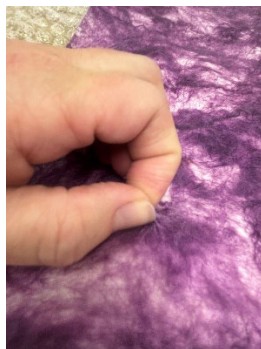


33. Re-cover with bubble wrap and repeat steps 28-30 until you have rolled it in all 4 directions.



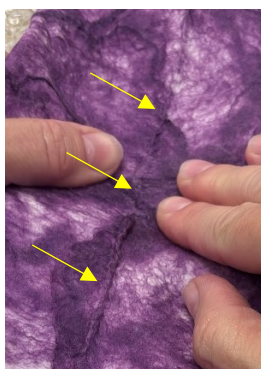
34. After rolling the project in all 4 directions (25-30 rolls x 4 directions), open package and flip the project over to Side 2.

35. Repeat the rolling procedure as above in all 4 directions.



36. Check the fibers on both sides – it should be well felted at this point. Pinch the surface of the project – if you can pull up individual fibers easily – cover back up and roll 20-25 more times on each side.

37. Once you can no longer pinch the fibers and pull them apart, gently slide the resist out of the project.



38. Reposition the project so that the “seam edges” are now vertically in the middle.

39. Smooth out the ridge/seam by gently stretching the felt horizontally and rubbing along the ridge until it is flat.

40. Flip to other side and repeat on second seam.

***Tip!** Add warm water/soap if it is feeling dry or looks “fuzzy”.



41. Open your lamp and remove the glass shade from the base. Be careful! – the glass shade may be slippery if your hands are wet & soapy!



42. Check the size of the felt on the glass shade. It will likely be a bit wider and longer than the glass at this point. (That's OK!)



43. Remove felt from glass shade and begin fulling the felt (**Fulling** = shrinking and strengthening the felt.)

- Roll the felt onto itself in the bubble wrap – rolling and kneading it in all directions.
- “wad” it up, roll it in your hands, drop/toss the felt down onto the bubble wrap covered table.
- Keep working the felt and frequently checking the size against the glass shade.
- Add soap/warm water as needed if it is becoming dry feeling.

*** Tip!** Felt shrinks most in the direction that it is worked – Because of this, you can control where and how much the felt shrinks to achieve a desired shape and size.



44. Once the felt has shrunk to fit snugly over the glass and is just slightly longer (1/2” longer top and bottom), rinse out the soap from the felt under lukewarm to cold running water.

***Tip!** If it is longer than the glass by more than an inch – use hot water to rinse as this will help it shrink more.



45. Check the fit over the glass again.
46. If it is still too long or wide – continue working the felt in the needed direction to shrink it. (You do not need to add more soap at this point)



47. Stop working the felt once it fits the glass shade snugly and is just slightly longer on the top and bottom. (it will shrink a little bit as it dries)



48. Using an awl (or a bamboo skewer/toothpick/thick sharp nail etc) poke holes in the felt through the holes in the shade where the screws will fit through the glass.



49. Insert the screws back through the felt and glass and attach to the lamp base.



50. You may need to use pliers to tighten the screws fully.



51. Allow the felt to dry on the glass shade.
52. Plug in the lamp and enjoy the ambiance of your new, completely unique creation!

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