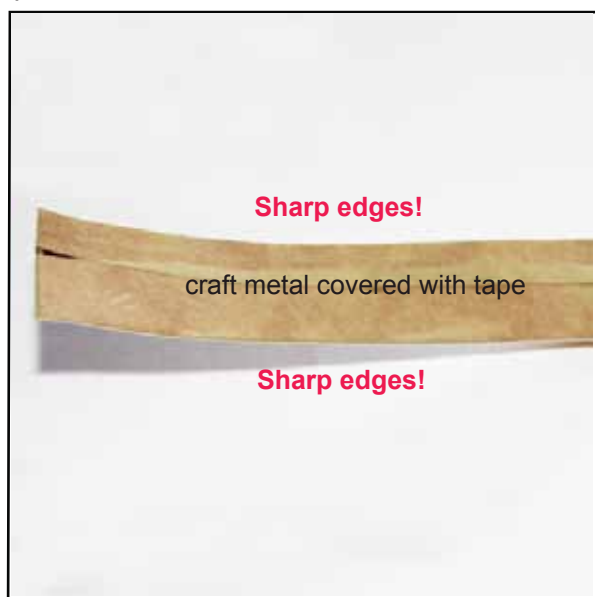
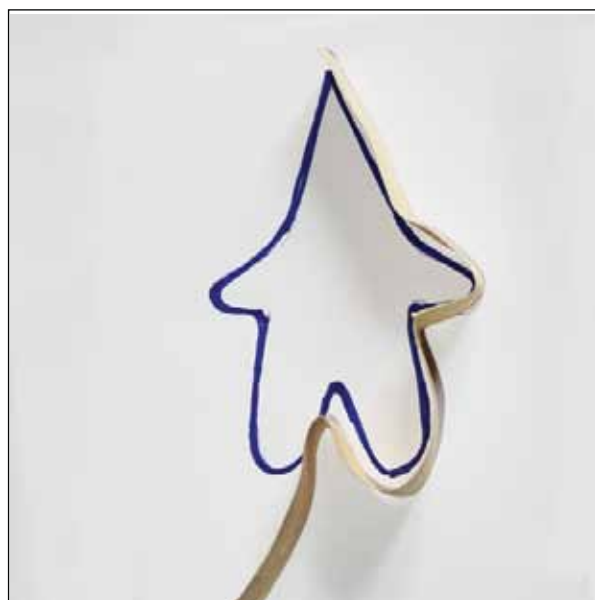


The Needle Felted Gnome and his pet hedgehog make great little friends for pretend play! Use this unique felting method; use a mold to quickly and easily needle felt dolls.

Materials: wool: brown 8g., blue 6g., red 1g., peach, .5g., beige 1g., black .25g, white curls .5g., felting needles, sponge (felting surface), metal strip 22" (gnome: 18" x .75" wide, hedgehog: 3.5" x .75" wide), scissors, masking tape, (craft metal comes in rolls and can be cut with scissors)



1. Fold masking tape around the edges of the metal strip to protect against the sharp metal edges.



2. Print out the pdf gnome and hedgehog guides. Use the print-outs as a guide to bend the metal strip around.



3. Tape together the ends of the metal strip to complete the mold.



4. The gnome mold is ready for felting.



5. With a single felting needle, felt brown wool inside the mold till the mold is full.



6. Pull the mold off the felted piece.

To help prevent breaking the felting needle, if you are felting around the edges, near the metal mold, don't lift the needle up high as you would normally. Use short jabs of the needle while felting near the mold.



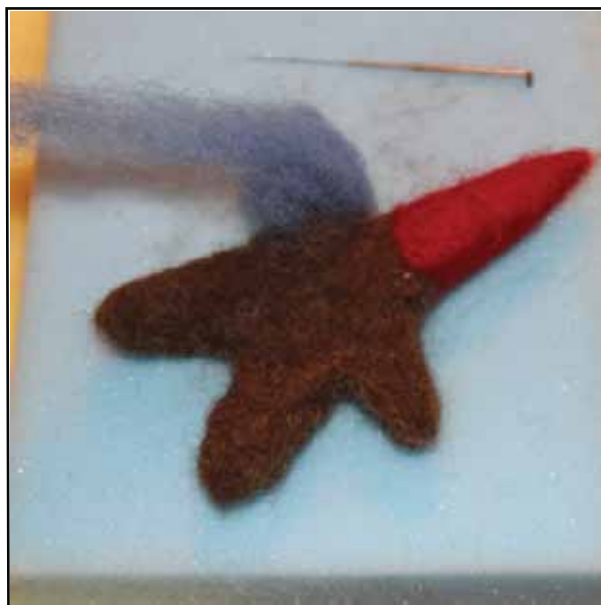
7. Shape the gnome so the arms and legs are thinner and the shape is more refined.



8. Base gnome shape.



9. Wrap red wool around the pointed hat area. Felt till smooth and firm.



10. Wrap blue wool around the shirt area. Felt till smooth and firm.

*The longer you needle felt a piece the smaller and firmer it will become.
Roll the piece briskly in your palms to help smooth it.*



11. The finished hat and shirt area.



12. Flat felt a blue tunic "skirt". Place a blue piece of wool (8.5" long and 2" wide) on the felting surface.



13. Felt both sides of the wool, turn the wool often so it doesn't get felted to the sponge. I turned my wool strip 6 times till it was the way I wanted it to be.

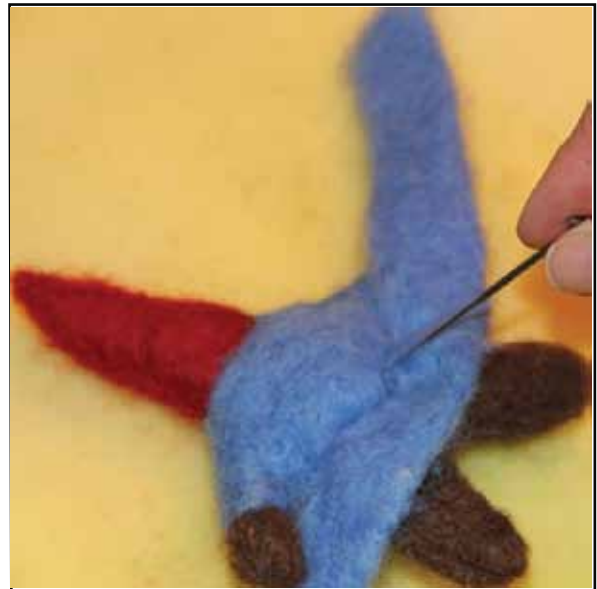


14. Fold the strip in half width-wise; felt it together to form a tunic skirt.

If you can't see the pants after the boots are attached, pull on the legs, they will stretch a little bit.



15. Rub the wool strip between your palms to further smooth the strip.



16. Felt the skirt around the waist of the gnome.



17. Take a small amount of beige to make the boots.



18. Roll the wool tightly into an oval; felt the oval till firm and smooth.

To felt a small circle or oval (nose, hands, feet), tightly roll up the wool then felt the shape till it is firm and smooth.



19. Felt the boot to the end of the leg. Wrap another wisp of beige wool around the leg and foot area, to blend the two areas.



20. Take a very small piece of peach wool for each hand.

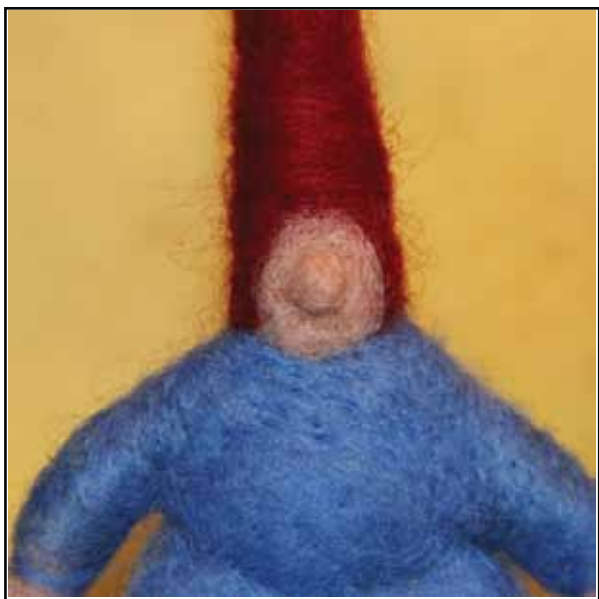


21. Roll the peach wool tightly into an oval and felt till firm and smooth. Leave one end unfelted so it's easy to felt the "raw" end onto the end of the arm.



22. Felt the hand onto the arm and fill in any exposed brown area with blue wool.

Never cut wool with scissors (unless it is for a special effect, such as the hedgehog's spikes). Always pull the wool apart.



23. Felt a small oval of peach wool onto the hat as the face area. Felt a very small ball onto the face for the nose.



24. Take a pinch of black wool, roll it into tiny balls and with a fine (small gauge needle) felt it into the face as eyes.



25. Felt white curly wool onto the face, around the head and as eyebrows if you wish.



26. Shape the hedgehog mold the same way as you did the gnome mold. Fill the mold with brown wool. Remove the mold.

Which Felting Needle do I use?

40 Gauge Needle— fine—for surface finishing work (for example adding eyes or a nose)

38 Gauge Needle— standard—for shaping a piece and attaching pieces together, good all-around needle

36 Gauge Needle – for shaping a piece, pushes chunks of wool, for heavy felting



27. Wrap white wool around the snout of the hedgehog; felt till smooth and firm.



28. Felt pieces of brown wool into the hedgehog body. Felt the wool at the center of the wisp so the frayed ends stand up.



29. Trim the ends of the brown wool with scissors. The trimmed wool will be spikey.



30. Felt two small black balls into the face with a small gauge needle. Felt a small ball onto the end of the snout.

If you are flat felting a piece (for example the gnome's tunic skirt), be sure to turn the piece over often so the piece doesn't felt to the sponge felting surface.



A gnome and his pet hedgehog



Gnome and Hedgehog outlines: wrap the metal band around the shapes to make the needle felting mold.

