



Hot Chocolate Mug

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You will also need a felting surface, my favourite is the Mum's Makery Flat mat, a 40 & 38 spiral needle.

Thank you.

Materials Used

Dark Brown	18.2g
Buttermilk	0.7g

Weights & Size are approx & will make one of each style.

Style	Dark Brown	Buttermilk	Total
2D	1.5 grams	0.15 gram	1.65 grams
2.5D	4.9 grams	0.15 grams	5.05 grams
3D	11.8 grams	0.4 grams	12.2 grams

The colours I have chosen are Dark Brown and Buttercream, of course you can use any colour that you want to.

I will show you how to make the 2D shape first.

For this you will need 1.5 grams of Dark Brown or whichever colour you choose.



I take small amounts of the wool and start to fill the template in.

Here you can see that the wool is overlapping the edge of the template.



I take the overhang and fold it into the template.

Don't drag it over as you will lose the shape of the template, gently fold it over and felt into place.

Continue to fill the template like this all over.

Hold it up to the light to see if there are any thin patches and then use your wool to cover these parts.

When you have felted the wool firmly all over you will have your mug shape.



As the mug is one complete shape we need to add the image of a space in the handle.

So with 0.1 gram of Buttercream felt the small shape that will serve as the gap in the handle.



Felt this shape onto the mug in the middle of the handle.

Using your needle at an acute angle tuck all the stray fibres under the gap shape.



Just for fun I have used 0.05 grams of Buttermilk drafted out into a fine thread.

Anchor one end onto the mug and then twist that thread between your thumb and finger.

I have used that thread and spelt Mmmm because I love hot chocolate.



To make a 2.5D version repeat the steps for the 2D mug.

We need to build up the shape of the mug, so with 2.4 grams we will start.



Use 0.4 grams and roll a sausage shape.

This should be long enough to fit around the handle.



Felt this around the handle shape.

Then take 2 grams and fold it up into a pillow the shape of the mug.

Attach this to your base shape.



Felt this all over making the curved shape of the mug.



To tidy up the whole shape I have taken a further 1 gram of wool and flattened this out into a smooth sheet.

If you rub the sheet between your hands it will make it smoother and easier to attach.

When you lay it over your mug make a hole where the handle hole shape is and start to felt that part first..



Now pop the template back over the top of your work.

This makes it easier to attach the smooth cover.

Using gentle stabs at an oblique shallow angle work all over the front of the mug.

Turn it over and attach all the loose edges to the back of your shape.



Tidy up all around the edges to tuck in any stray fibres.



Here is your 2.5D mug ready to decorate in whichever way you want to.



Now for the 3D shape.

For this you will need 2 of the 2.5D shapes.

So repeat the steps for those upto the smooth cover part, instead of attaching them to each half we will attach one over the whole mug.

When I put the two halves together it wasn't really very round like a mug so I have added two pillows to the middle of each section.

Those pillows are made from 1 gram each.

Make the pillow approximately 3cm wide and the length of the mug.

Attach the center first and then taper the sides to make it a smooth curve.



That makes it look a lot better.



The whole mug looks quite messy at this stage so now it's time to neaten it all up with the smooth cover.

We will use two separate bits for this.

The handle cover is 0.4 grams and the rest of the mug is 1.6 grams.



Before we cover I am using my 38 needle just to tack the two halves together.

Now the two halves are attached I have smoothed out the 0.4 grams and placed that over the handle then popped the shape back into the template.



Firm this up all over the handle avoiding the Buttercream handle gap.



Take it out of the template and firm up all the edges.



Now smooth out the 1.6 grams and wrap that around the mug body.

Again pop the mug back into the template and attach the smooth cover all over.



It's still a bit lumpy so we need to work the 40 needle all over it using an oblique angle and shallow stabs.



So having taken it out of the template, spend some time and work all over your mug to firm and smooth it up.



Looking much better.

Now the top is looking a little bland so we are going to change that.



With my 38 needle I have made an indentation all around the top.

Leaving a rim around the edge.



Then felt down the center a little.

There are different things that you can do here like change the colour in the center to resemble a drink.

I have chosen to make a swirl from 0.15 grams Buttercream.

Draft this out into a long thin thread and attach it in the center.



Then tack it around in a spiral shape.

Once you are happy with the design then go over it and neaten it all up.



One 3D mug and you can decorate the outside of the mug too.

I went with the Mmmm design on the outside of my mugs.

So here they are 2D, 2.5D and 3D.

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