

April 29 - 1 May 2022 Felting Workshop

At

Taster

with fibre artists

Caz Rogers - Ripplies on the Pond Kate Taylor - Valleywise Fibre Art



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Textile art has taken exciting steps forward over the last few years.

Traditional conservative boundaries have been opened to allow blends of old and new recycled and repurposed construction mediums to come together in new art concepts.

Come and join us in a 2 ½ day workshop of tantalising fibre taster classes, which will allow beginner-felting enthusiasts to explore the possibilities of working with beautiful natural fibres. Fibre artists Kate Taylor (Valleywise Fibre Art) and Textile artist Caz Rogers (Ripples on the pond Textile Arts) will be your in-house tutors for the weekend.

Over these days you will learn the basics of wet and resist felting by constructing replicas of Calla Lilies and captivating Gnome hats after creating the background in preparation for a Needle felted 2D fibre painting of a beautiful Superb Fairy Wren (Malurus-Cyaneus) commonly known as the Blue Wren. You will be given a homework project to complete and to consolidate your skills.

Relax in the Macedon Ranges countryside, learn new skills and meet new people. Only 45 minutes from Melbourne CBD.







Caz has practiced textile art for over 38 year and is based in Chirnside Park, in the beautiful Yarra Ranges.
Caz, a past participant in the Yarra Valley Arts Open
Studios Program, current convener for the Australian
Textile Arts and Surface Design Association (ATASDA)
and director of the Yarra Valley Felters Pod, . Caz can't wait to help you discover your inner creative and open your eyes to the values, excitement and possibilities
Textile Arts can provide.



About your tutors

Kate creates realistic wildlife artwork with fibre to record the beauty of our nature.

Kate creates one off, soft sculptures and 2D fibre paintings and is featured in Victorian open art studios.

Kate's artistic attention over the past four years has been on the new world of fibre art. With a strong focus on Australian birds and wildlife, Kate's passion for all animals has led to many commissions to create portraits and sculptures of people's beloved pets.

Images are free-hand translated by eye for detail to a felt canvas using natural fibres and a barbed needle.





There will be a fibre shop to buy supplies, kits and artworks and the tutors will demonstrate the upcoming class projects that will take you to the next level of working with fibres

This taster weekend is the introduction to felting and one of a series of three. Do just one, two or all! Workshops two and three take the beginner onto higher levels of competence and productivity. To attend workshops 2 and 3, students need to have completed the taster class beforehand, or have a good understanding of wet and needle felting practices to comfortably complete the next steps.

Bookings will be taken on the Sunday for these next classes.

Places are limited, so early bookings are essential.

Workshop options

Option I: Workshop & Option 2: Workshop only farm stay

Cost includes

- 2 x tutors providing a structured course for the 2 ½ days
- Art supplies* for course
- Supplies for additional 'homework kookaburra piece' to consolidate your skills
- lunch Saturday and Sunday
- wood fire pizza night
- all the tea, coffee and cookies you like
- a farm tour; meet the sheep and rescue pigs
- deluxe twin-share accommodation
- breakfast provisions for Saturday and Sunday

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6 spots available @ \$595.

Those who stay at Rooks Edge receive a \$50 discount in this price (*some small items will be required to be purchased prior to course)

4 spots available @ \$460

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Workshop details

Date	Timings	Activity
Friday 29 April	12md - 4pm	Time to meet your tutors and get to know your classmates. Have a cuppa while you view the magnificent countryside. Then check out the finished examples of the pieces you will complete over the weekend.
	4pm -	Farm tour from 5-5.30 pm. Go out to the many Gisborne Restaurants or order a delivery to Rooks Edge B&B.
Sat 30 April	9am-12md	Creating background for Needle felted 2D fibre painting of a beautiful Splendid Fairy Wren. Then we move onto construction of the Calla Lilys.
	12md-1pm	Lunch. Grazing table of fruit, nibbles, and wraps. Tea, coffee
	lpm-4pm	Finish the Calla Lilies.
	4pm to 5pm	Transfer picture of fairy wren to completed background to commence needle felting class on Sunday.
	7pm-9pm	Social night. All you can eat wood fire pizza and garlic bread night. BYO beverages
Sunday 1 May	9am-12pm	Start of Bluewren working our way onto detail and adding highlights of silk fibres
	12md-lpm	Lunch. Gourmet sandwiches, grazing platter, tea, coffee, deserts
	lpm-3pm	Complete Blue wren and discussing the process of take home kit of Kookaburra using knowledge gained from blue wren. Any further discussion on techniques and time to browse the fibre shop and book for class 2
	3pm-4pm	Finish and say our goodbyes! Can book in for workshops 2 and 3