



Wet felted Soap Instructions

We know soap is way more eco-friendly than shower gels in plastic bottles, but who likes gloopy soap mess and the way it slides around? Wet-felted soaps make an attractive bathroom accessory that save all that mess and can also be reused. This nice little project is a really good way to practice wet felting and is a fun activity for children of all ages! When the soap is used up just snip open the end of the felt pouch and use as a wash mit, or you can even use it to plant seeds in!

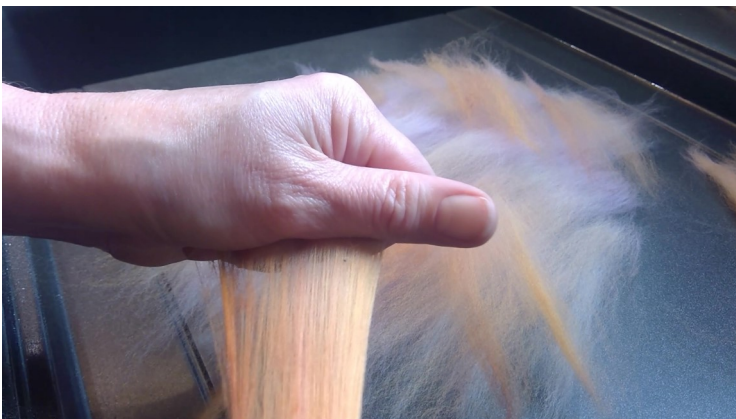
In addition to your kit items, you will need some of your favourite soap, an old tea towel, and a spray bottle full of warm soapy water.

On a waterproof surface (your draining board is ideal), using your fingers and the base of your thumb, pull out tufts of roving and make a layer of 'shingles' slightly overlapping each other. Lay them all out in a diagonal direction.



The first layer will be on the outside, so lay your favourite colours first.

You will notice that the tufts have a neat edge where you gripped the wool and a feathered edge where it separated from the roving. Keep the feathered edges on the outer edges of the 'blanket'.



Repeat this process, making a second layer, at right-angles to the first. Repeat until you have five layers.

Never cut wool rovings as the cut ends will form a ridge in the felt.

Using your spray, thoroughly soak the fibre 'blanket' with soapy water and gently pat out all the air bubbles. Place your soap centre top of the blanket and wrap up the soap, folding in the edges as you go.





Squeeze out the excess water and very gently start to roll the soap in the direction of the wrap, smoothing down the loose ends as you go. Soon you will start to feel the soap moving through the fibres.



When the bar is soapy, gently pull out any bumps or loose bits and smooth them onto the bar.



Roll the soap around in your hands for a minute to smooth the fibres, rolling lengthways as well, then put the bar inside the bubble wrap sheet or bag and roll it around in your hands a few more times. It should now be nice and soapy!

Place it on the bamboo mat and roll it up tightly. Roll it up in the tea towel to keep the mat in place and then roll backwards and forwards or in your hands, whichever you find easier.



Count 40 rolls. Take the bar out of the roll and turn it the other way. Repeat 40 rolls.

Take the soap out of the bubble wrap and check to see if the fibres have bonded by gently pinching. When the fibres have felted you won't be able to pull them loose. If

they haven't quite felted, keep rolling until you have a smooth finish.

You can start using your soap straight away, but if you are giving it to someone, place it on a radiator and leave it to dry (it may take up to 48 hours).

Experiment with different colours and effects by using different rovings and wool types. I would love to see your finished soaps! You can send photos to me at kt.recreative@gmail.com

Thank you and happy felting!

