

**GRAMPIANS**

**TEXTURE 2026**

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## **FELT INSPIRED BY NATURE**

**TUTOR: MARTIEN VAN ZUILEN**

### **PLEASE BRING**

- Name tag
- Coffee mug
- Plastic to cover your table
- Water bottle

### **MATERIAL LIST**

#### **FIBRES:**

- Wool fibres in a colour scheme of your choice, either tops or batts. Fine Merino (19 micron), fine Corriedale or other, similar fine wool-types are suitable. Bring approximately 300 grams of wool; you may want to bring some natural-coloured wool and fibre locks for your projects as well \*\*
- Several pieces of pre-felt (can be small, say 15 x 15 cm). Pre-felts can be either commercial or hand-made (if you're not sure what pre-felts are, don't worry, we will cover this in class, and you can make some during the workshop) \*\*
- A selection of coloured threads and yarns; woollen (knitting) yarns, cotton, silk, and embroidery threads, and novelty yarns
- A small assortment of novelty fibres; for example, silks, cotton, bamboo, mohair, any animal fiber you like (or, alternatively, that you don't quite know how to use in felt!) \*\*
- You may like to bring a small selection of knitted and/or open-weave fabrics; for example, woollen sweaters (which are not yet felted!) and fabrics such as silk gauze or cotton voile.  
**No synthetics, please.**
- Last but not least: Bring several 'treasures from nature', for inspiration that you would like to incorporate in your work.

#### **FELTING EQUIPMENT:**

- If you have a set of hand carders, please bring them (or borrow a pair from a friend)!
- Grip-mat (also called underlay), size approximately **80 cms by 120 cms**. See the image below for correct type of grip-mat, available from many Bunnings stores, Spotlight, or Clark Rubber.
- Piece of sheer polyester tulle or open-weave curtain netting (the size of your grip-mat).
- A wooden dowel - an old broomstick cut in half is an ideal length! (or PVC pipe diameter 2.5-3cm)
- Two old towels, medium size
- An old tea towel
- Plastic ice-cream container or similar; the square 4-litre size is ideal – please do not bring a bucket
- Your preferred soap for felting (your tutor will bring natural soap for general use)
- Sharp scissors for cutting fabrics, and a small pair of fine-pointed scissors

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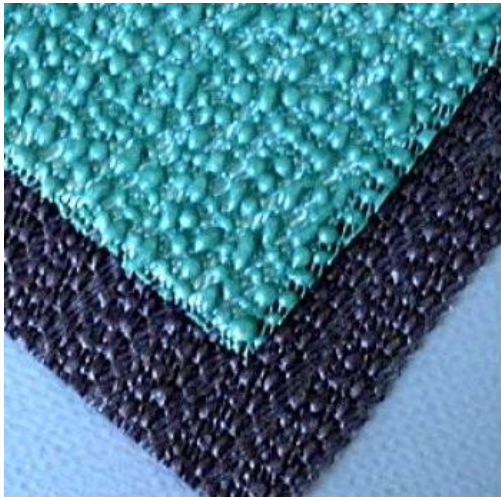
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- General scissors (for cutting paper and plastic)
  - General hand-sewing equipment: sewing needles (include a few with large eye and sharp-pointed), pins, tape measure
  - A pair of small general pliers (that can also cut wire)
  - Notebook & pen
  - If you have table risers, please bring them (4), as we will be standing for part of the time
  - If you have it already, bring some needle felting tools (needles and foam); don't purchase this especially.



**Grip mat is also called underlay** – used under rugs to prevent slippage. Bring the standard type of grip-mat, not the thick, spongy one

Please note the required size! **Approx 80 x 120 cms**

Grip mat (or underlay) is available from many Bunnings stores, Spotlight, Clark Rubber, or your local equivalent.

An alternative felting mat is bubble wrap, although not preferred this may be a solution if you can't find grip-mat.

**\*\* Some suggestions where to purchase wool and novelty fibres if you are relatively new to felting:**

- KraftKoloour (mailorder only, based in Victoria) – see their extensive fibre range, and take note of the merino wool micron count (aim for 19 micron): [Fibre – KRAFTKOLOUR](#). They have lots of other fibres too.
- Country Chicks Creations (mailorder only, based in WA; run by felt artist Peta Korb). [Country Chicks Creations](#). Usually has super quick turnaround on postage. Extensive fibre range, make sure to take note of the merino wool micron count (aim for 19 micron). Peta also sells commercial prefelts, and lots of other fibres too.
- If you want natural coloured batts (rather than wool tops, try Bennett and Gregor mini wool batt in colour/s of your choice [Carded Wool Batts for Feltmaking | Bennett and Gregor](#) Martien (your tutor) will have some wool fibres, pre-felt, and hand-dyed fibres & fabrics available for optional sale.

**Material fee** \$20 per student to be in cash for the tutor on the first day.

This fee covers some of the wool and other fibres for initial projects, & a wide range of materials sourced and provided by the tutor, including resist materials, wire, foam, felting needles, class notes, and more.

**Any questions about this list?** Contact Martien (well ahead of time) on: [martienvanzuilen@gmail.com](mailto:martienvanzuilen@gmail.com)

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