

HOW TO WET FELT 1

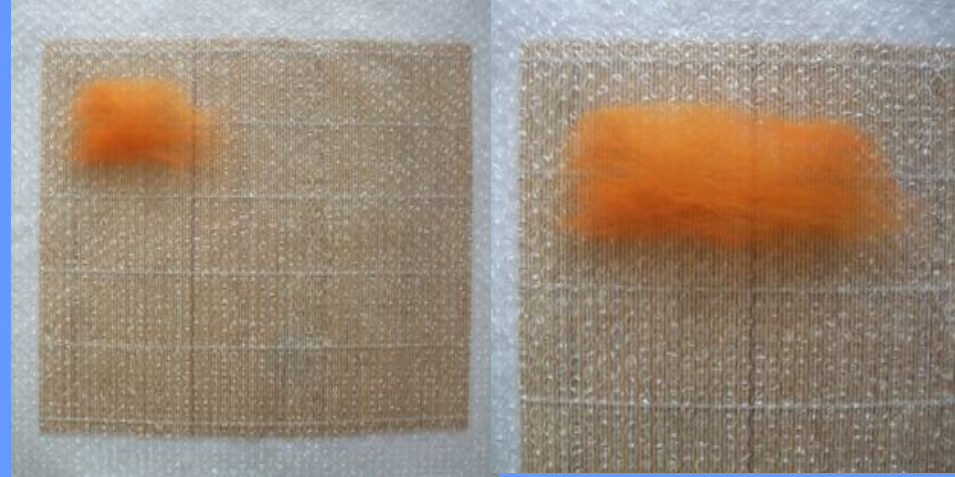
STEP ONE

use a piece of bubble wrap as your base

Pull small strands of wool from your wool tops

Lay them across like WEFT threads in weaving

Build up the rows , slightly over lapping as you go.



STEP TWO

Using more strands of wool .

Lay them UP & DOWN like WARP threads in weaving .

Now lay a third layer going across again .

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STEP THREE

You can now build a particular picture or randomly place scraps of wool yarn, open weave fabric or wisps of different colours of wool on top

STEP FOUR

Spray gently with soapy water (Wet but not swimming!). Push down with your fingers until it's flat.

Cover with plastic or wrap and rub using a gentle circular motion. Continue until you can't lift fibres from the surface.

Roll up like a Swiss roll, and roll 10 times then turn until the wool has been rolled from all sides.



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STEP FIVE

Unroll the bubble wrap and lay the piece of felt out flat. It will have shrunk a bit and may be a bit distorted. Gently stretch it back into shape (do not try and stretch it to its original size as this may create holes in the fabric).

The felt can now be balled up again and rinsed under running water to remove the soap.

STEP SIX

Once rinsed, you can continue to scrunch the ball of felt around in your hands while it is still wet. This will further knit the fibres together.

When you are happy with the texture of your felt, lay it out flat, gently stretch it back into shape and leave somewhere warm to dry.