

HOW TO MAKE



FELTED MUSHROOMS



To make this craft, you will need:

- felting needles
- core felting wool
- red felting wool
- white felting wool
- sponge to felt onto
- needle & thread to hang

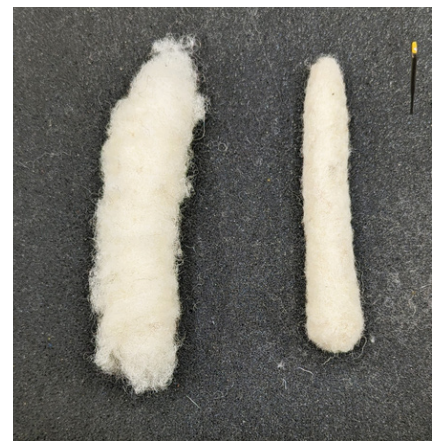
1 Start with 20cm of core wool. Roll it up as tightly as you can. Stab where it overlaps to keep it in place.

Then work round stabbing quite deeply all over. The wool will become more dense.

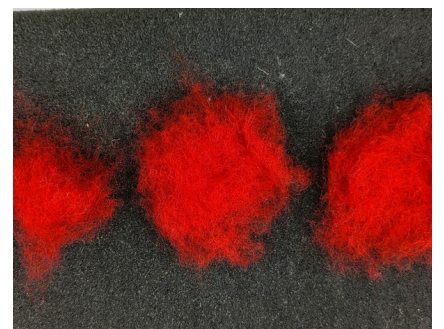
Making sure your fingers are out of the way, stab the ends in towards the middle to make them smoother.



2 Keep going until the stalk feels quite firm and is less bumpy. Stab more gently all over to even out the surface a bit. You can roll it in your hands to smooth it a little too.



3 For the cap, take a piece of red wool about 6cm square, and then place a 5cm piece on top, then a 3cm piece on top of that. This should make it a bit thicker in the middle once felted together. Stab all around until it flattens, & lift it off the sponge.



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- 4** To work on the edges, angle the needle back towards the centre. Pick it up occasionally so it doesn't get embedded! Keep working it all over until it becomes smooth & firm enough to handle. If you want it thicker, add more red wool.



- 5** For the white spots, take a piece of white felt & roll it into a ball. Stab gently to secure it to the top. Add as many as you like. To make it curve a little, turn it upside down and hold the centre on the foam, bending it almost in half and gently stab a little on the edges.



- 6** To join everything, take a bit of red. Hold the stalk against the centre of the cap, put the felt over the join, & stab it - make sure to stab everything. Do the same around the stalk. To hang, use a needle & thread to sew through the cap and back out. Tie the ends to make a loop.

