



Sam's Remembrance Poppy Felting Instructions

Honouring our ANZACs and Australian wool growers while
keeping Covid-19 at bay

Follow these simple instructions to make your own poppy for remembrance. This is a great activity for kids while practicing healthy hand hygiene.

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Did you know that FELTING is a great Covid-19 friendly activity for any school or home with children? Felting requires the use of plenty of soap and water for an extended period of time. Its an enjoyable physical activity that is fun and creative!

Please share these FREE INSTRUCTIONS to any teacher or parent that you may know needing activities for their children. There are only 17 simple steps for making the poppies.

Felted WOOL poppies would be a wonderful way to express our appreciation for our ANZACs and support our struggling AUSTRALIAN WOOL GROWERS!

Wouldn't it be grand to see Australian children making WOOL POPPIES for the upcoming ANZAC day. We can each participate in this activity as a form of remembrance to the hardships we all are enduring. Hang your Poppies outside on a tree or in a window. Let's see how many clean hands we can have!



MATERIALS NEEDED FOR ONE POPPY:

1. Wool tops (red or natural coloured) 5gms (0.2oz). This is approximately 25cm or 10 inches. Fleece can be used instead of wool tops.
2. Plastic bag cut in half
3. Water bottle with sprinkle top
4. Gentle Dishwash Liquid
5. Towel
6. Plastic box lid to use as a waterproof tray – optional (not shown in photo)
7. Buttons with either needle & thread or hot glue gun (not shown in photo)
8. Other optional items for attaching the poppy: safety pin, blue tack, ribbon

17 EASY STEPS TO FELT A POPPY



1. Working on top of a plastic box lid helps keep water from running onto your table.
2. Cut a plastic bag in half then lay it down on top of your bin lid.
3. Pull wool into small pencil size pieces and lay in a crisscross pile on top of the sheet of plastic.



4. Flatten the pile down



5. Pick up the pile and gently make it rounder.

6. Lay the rounded pile on top of the plastic bag and wet with soapy water.
7. To make soapy water:
 - a. Fill a bottle with 1 lt cold water and 1ml (1-2 tsp) gentle liquid dish washing liquid like Earth Choice.
 - b. Make your own spray bottle using an old milk jug. Poke holes in lid with a nail or screwdriver, then fill jug with water and soap as above.

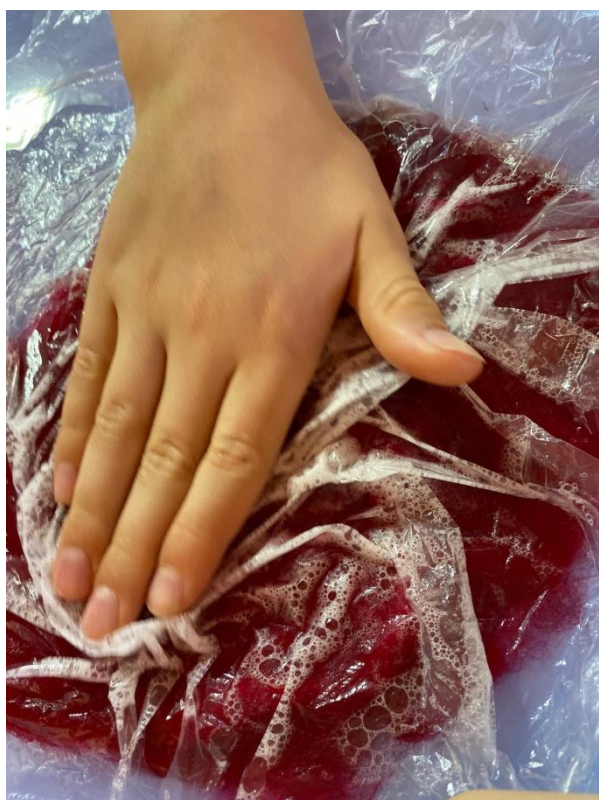




8. Cover the soapy wet wool with the second sheet of plastic.

9. Press down gently until all the wool appears to be wet.

10. Pat and rub the wool gently to begin the felting process



11. Take off the top plastic, notice how wet and soapy the wool is – add more soapy water if needed.



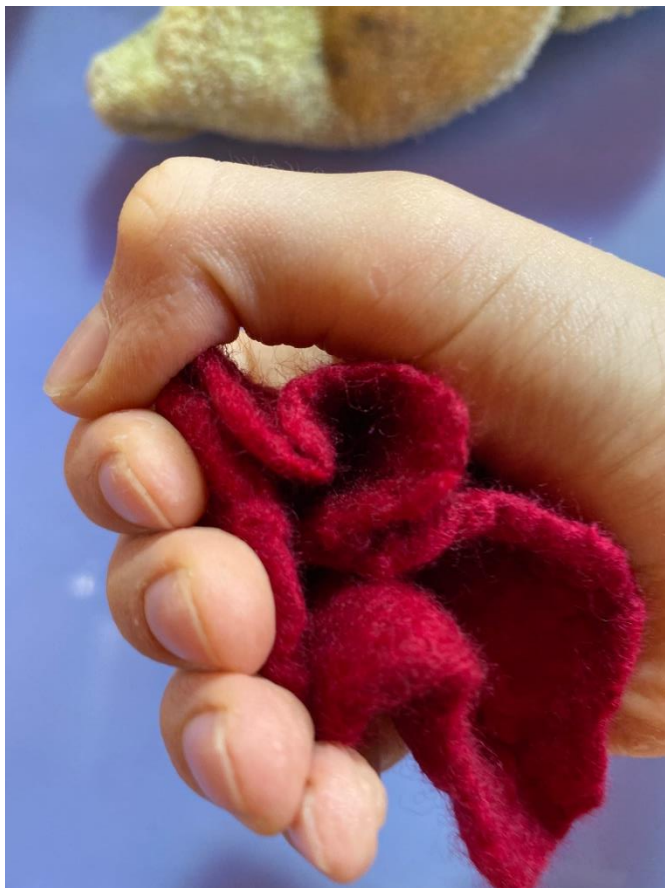
12. Keep rubbing and patting the wool gently with until it begins to firm and hold together.

13. Pick up your wool gently, do not squeeze!

14. Keeping the wool wet and soapy, gently roll it around in your hands, then gently tossing it back and forth as it gets firmer. Don't forget to open out your flower occasionally during this process so it won't felt back onto itself. Continue until the bundle is about half its size.



15. When firm and half the size, rinse out the soap with water.



16. Squeeze out all the water and leave scrunched to dry.

17. Sew or hot glue gun a button in the middle of the Poppy. Note: sew through the button holes or sew over the button several times to hold it in place.



18. Poppies can be attached to safety pins, pop sticks, pegs, or left as is. 19. A ribbon can also be threaded through the back of the poppy using a large eyed needle allowing the poppy to be hung, wrapped around a tree or memorial.



If you don't have access to Red wool, you can use white wool and have fun painting it red with acrylic paint.



Variety of Finishing Techniques

1. White poppy with hand stitching. Use a large eyed needle and pull a ribbon through the felt on the back of the poppy. Now you can hang or tie the poppy onto a tree or monument.
2. White wool poppy with hand sewn button. Ribbon has been pulled through the felt on the back.
3. Button sewn on both the front and back. Stick Blue Tack to the back button, you can then stick the poppy to a window, etc.
4. Sew over the button several times to catch it in place.
5. Safety pin/brooch pin sewn onto back of poppy.
6. Button sewn in place using the holes in the button.
7. This was a white poppy which has been painted red with acrylic paint. Hot glue button in place.
8. White poppy decorated with red acrylic paint.