

Let's make a cute little needle felted bunny!

Quick note to begin: This step-by-step works in conjunction with the video. I highly recommend watching the video on my website to help.

- Start by emptying out all of the contents from the burlap bag, my card is in there, contact me if you have a question.
- Fill your bag with four (4) cups of uncooked rice, any uncooked grain, bean, lentil will work fine. Close the bag by pulling the strings and tie a firm knot. You have just created a needle felting surface.
- Choose one needle, carefully pull off the cork and poke the needle into the corner of your felting pad for a safe spot.
- Choose the bundle labeled "body", unroll the wool and reroll it into a ball as tightly as you can. While holding the ball tightly together start poking the wool to hold it in place. Be careful not to poke your fingers. Now poke all over the ball to make the whole thing firm, this should take about 8-10 minutes.
- Repeat this step with the bundle labeled "head".
- Join the body and the head by holding the head on the body with one hand, start poking through the head into the body where they touch, then from the body into the head. Repeat all around the whole head until there is a firm connection.
- Next open the bundle labeled "ears" there are two separate pieces in there that weigh the same amount so that you will have two very similar ears. Locate the pink sheet with the ear drawn out on it, this is your template for the ears. Lay one of the pieces of wool on the template, line up the wool just above the top of the ear on the template then pinch the bottom where the template says, "leave fluffy". Pull the template out from under the ear wool and start poking everywhere, do not stop pinching the bottom of the ear, you do not want to needle felt that part at all yet. Keep pulling the ear off the mat so it doesn't get stuck there, also keep lining it up with the template to make sure the size and shape is correct. Watching the video for this is very helpful. Poke the needle into the sides of the ears while on the template until you see the outline.
- Repeat for second ear, then line them both up to adjust if necessary. I have never made perfect ears. I always compare them to get them close enough.
- Once you are happy with the ear shape and size, take the bundle labeled "details", using a tiny thin piece of the pink wool and gently felt that into each ear, now it's time to attach the ears to the head. (You will have extra wool)
- Take one ear, fold slightly along the middle of the long side, curl the base a bit into a lily shape, place both ears on the back of the head to see if you like the placement - it should look somewhat realistic. If you are happy, drop one ear off and firmly needle felt the other on, this is where that fluffy wool at the base of each ear comes in handy. Poke until the ears are firmly attached to the body. Don't worry about how the attachment looks, it will be covered with the fluffy topcoat.

- Now it's time for the topcoat. Unwrap the bundle labeled "topcoat", unroll it and start pulling four or five small sections off, pull them apart in your hands, you are trying to fluff it up a bit. Now take some of that wool and start poking it in all over the body and head. This will cover the whole body, you can put as much or as little on as you like, you can make it as fluffy or compact as you like. I like to keep it fluffy, but make sure all of the wool is attached, so poke it in all over the body, if you poke it more than you like, you can always pull it off or add more.
- Last step, make three little balls out of the dark brown from the "details" bundle, poke in where you think the eyes should be, then add one of the eyes by poking that in securely. If you're not happy with the placement, pull it out and move it, no problem at all. The last little ball is the nose and add a small line of wool going down from the nose a bit. Just take a small piece of dark brown wool, twist it slightly in your fingers to form a long straight piece, poke one end just under the middle of the nose, and then straight down, you cut off the excess or poke it in.
- Congratulations, you've just made a needle felted bunny!