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# Project ideas

HAND-FELTED WOOL BALLS AND ADORNMENTS ARE A WHIMSICAL TOUCH OF FIBER FOR ALL KINDS OF PROJECTS!



## make eggs

### MATERIALS:

- 3CM HandBEHG Felts felt balls, 10 pc multi mix
- Embroidery floss, assorted colors
- Chenille or embroidery needle
- Scissors

### DIRECTIONS:

1. To reshape the 3CM ball into an egg shape, prepare a small bowl of warm soapy water. A drop or two of liquid dish detergent or hand soap will do. It is the combination of heat, friction and soap that permit the wool fibers to be reshaped.
2. Dunk the ball into the soapy water to moisten. Reshape the ball by rolling it vigorously between the palms of your hands. Re-dunk ball as often as necessary until desired shape is achieved.
3. Allow the reshaped ball to thoroughly dry on an old towel before moving on to any of the next steps. Drying time varies, but allowing to air dry overnight or up to 48 hrs is best.
4. Decorate all or some of the eggs with the embroidery floss in motifs of Flowers, French Knots or Cross Stitches. If you would like to bling up your eggs, consider embellishing with seed beads, needle felting or sequins.
5. Display finished eggs in a vintage basket with with paper grass.



## BUNCH O'CARROTS

### MATERIALS:

- 3CM HandBEHG Felts felt balls, 4 pc clementine
- HandBEHG Felts Multi Roll, 3pc green for carrot tops
- Green yarn or embroidery floss to match green felt
  - Chenille or embroidery needle
  - Scissors or rotary cutter and mat
  - Short length of garden hemp twine

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Reshape balls as described in the Egg instructions, only this time they should be re-shaped dramatically to ensure an elongated, carrot-like form. Dry thoroughly as instructed.

2. With scissors or rotary cutter, cut several narrow green felt strips approximately 5-6" long.
3. Bunch them together at the center and Whip Stitch them in place to the top of the carrot with green yarn or embroidery floss.
4. After the greens are secured, fold the bunch in half and wrap the yarn or floss around the base. Secure shank in place with a knot and bury the ends.
5. Repeat steps 2-4 to complete the remaining three carrots.
6. Secure the bunch of 4 carrots together with garden hemp twine bow.





# Get Chickie With It!

## MATERIALS:

- 3CM HandBEHG Felts felt balls, juicy
- Black embroidery floss, for eyes
- Orange embroidery floss, for beak
- Chenille or embroidery needle
- HandBEHG Felts needle, to make pilot hole in felt ball to receive wire
- 15" piece of industrial wire, (1) per chick
- Needle-nose pliers, hardware store variety, nothing fancy
- Scissors

## DIRECTIONS:

1. Embroider two French Knot eyes with black embroidery floss.
2. Satin Stitch a triangular beak using orange thread. TIP: Satin Stitch over to hide the beginning and ending anchor threads made when creating the eyes.
3. With needle-nose pliers, crimp some chick toes at one end of the industrial wire. Check out our crimping demo on YouTube.com for an up close how-to. Search "handbehgfelts".
4. Using the Felts needle, make a pilot hole in the bum of the chick.
5. Slide the un-crimped end of the wire thru the pilot hole and crimp chick toes at the other end of the wire.
6. Twist and shape the wire legs so the chick stands or sits.

NOTE: These same instructions apply to other birds also. Try your hand at a Cardinal, Bluejay or Black Raven.

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