

# step by step felting

with Woolbale

## hand felting

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Gather together the things you will need to do your felting:

- a bowl
- piece of knitting (knitted in Panda Woolbale)
- laundry soap
- rubber gloves.

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Wearing the rubber gloves, put the knitting into the bowl and add enough boiling water to cover the knitting. Let it sit for a few seconds.

3



Add enough cold water so you can put your hands in the water (it still needs to be hot). Rub soap into the knitting.

4



Bunch the knitting in your hands and rub it against itself, creating friction. Keep moving the knitting around, ensuring you cover the entire area. Occasionally dunk the knitting in the water. Do this for about 5 minutes.

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Rinse the knitting in cold water. (This helps lock the fibres in place.) Repeat the entire process twice more then check how well your knitting has felted. If you can still see the stitches, repeat the entire process again.

## machine felting



Suitable for front and top loading machines

- 1 Set washing machine:
  - low level
  - hot wash
  - cold rinse
- 2 Add piece of knitting (knitted in Panda Woolbale), and extra fabric (eg towel) to help create friction.
- 3 Add generous amount of soap or detergent.
- 4 Run heavy duty wash cycle.
- 5 Check how well your knitting has felted. If you can still clearly see the stitches, repeat steps 3 & 4.

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Lay your felted piece of knitting out to dry. Felted knitting can be:

- cut without the stitches unravelling
- brushed with a slicker brush (available at craft supply shops and pet stores) to create a brushed surface.