

Fjord Pony - Needle Felting



Materials needed:

- Horse shaped cookie cutter
- Medium size felting needle (available at most craft stores)
- Small assortment of wool roving (also available at craft stores)
- Foam block



Instructions:

1. Gather up enough body colored wool to overfill the cookie cutter. Place the cutter and wool on top of the foam block.



2. Carefully holding the wool in place, begin poking the wool down with the felting needle.
3. Occasionally turn the cutter over and felt from the other side.
4. Continue felting until the wool is compact and solid (like very thick felt).



5. Repeat the process until you have two felted pony shapes. Now you're ready to assemble.
6. Hold the two shapes together and begin felting them along the "seam." The wool will felt together. Leave a small opening at the belly in case you want to stuff a bit of wool into the shapes to round at your pony (these are, after all, fjords and some may tend towards plumpness).



7. Making the mane: take a layer of white wool and place a small strip of colored wool inside. Fold up and then felt onto the pony's neck.



8. Making the tail: assemble wool as for mane, and felt just at the rump. Spread wool to make tail.
9. Making the ears: take a thimble sized bit of wool and felt it until it is roughly triangle shape. Hold bottoms of triangle together to make an ear shape and felt onto pony's head.
10. Making the stripe: take a thin line of dark wool and felt along the pony's back.
11. Making the hooves: using black wool, felt a thin layer of wool over the bottoms of the legs.
12. Making the face: using small bits of wool, felt thin layers to shape eyes, nose, mouth as desired.
13. Add any other markings as desired.

