

COURSE DETAILS – 5 DAYS 5D0223

TITLE: COLOUR AND STITCH IN FELT MAKING

TUTOR: JEANETTE APPLETON

LEVEL: SUITABLE FOR ALL

AIMS OF COURSE:

This course sets out to discover the potential of colour and stitch in felt structure.

Perception of the design possibilities at each stage of felt making process is heightened, while at the same time links with other embroidery techniques are explored.

WHAT STUDENTS SHOULD ACHIEVE:

You will initially make a set of samples working towards making a final idea or product.

Everyone will gain competence in the felt making process and using merino wool.

MATERIALS AND TECHNIQUES COVERED:

You will experiment with mixing dyed Merino tops by hand, then carding or layering with the overlay of tints and tones by bonding different fabrics and threads to the surface. Then explore stitching into pre-felts and enjoy the unexpected effects after felting. The felted surface is embellished by inlay, appliqué, hand or machine stitching and cutting. A design is developed through this process, linked to other visual references.

TEACHING METHOD:

Demonstration, individual tutorials, group discussions/reviews video and slide presentation.

EVENING SESSIONS:

First evening session – attendance is an essential part of the course:

We will begin by mixing wool tops to explore for colour variations.

Other optional evening activities:

You may work on in the workshop (available until 10pm) untutored, if you wish, but tutor will only visit briefly.

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

The tutor instructs students in health and safety issues relevant to this course. There are no health and safety restrictions on access to this studio/teaching space in the absence of the tutor. All Personal Protection Equipment, apart from footwear, is provided by the College.

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MATERIALS FOR THE COURSE:

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ON PRACTICAL COURSES YOU MAY WELL NEED TO PURCHASE MATERIALS THROUGHOUT THE COURSE TO COMPLETE PROJECTS

These items will be available for purchase in the College Shop:

A small selection of hand embroidery threads

Surgical gloves (if allergic to soapy water)

Embroidery hoop (if you wish to incorporate stitch)

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Please bring any of the above, if you have them, and in addition:

(please do not buy anything specifically as the following will be available to borrow or purchase)

Small selection of threads, e.g. cotton, silk and wool
 Scraps of open weave fabric, like muslin, chiffon, organza, organdie, old scarves
 Merino wool tops – min. 200 gms, mainly dyed (this may be purchased from the tutor)
 Small old towel
 Sponge or J Cloth (to mop water spillage)
 Nylon open-weave fabric e.g. plain net curtain. Min. size 50 x 50 cm (to lay over the fleece when applying the soapy water)
 A piece of bubble wrap (small bubble only) approx. size min 50 x 100 cm to lay fleece/tops on
 Small plastic bag (to fit hand)
 Fabric scissors and needles, small eyed and darning (for cutting and sewing the felt)
 Hard soap – Olive Oil is best for hands and wool from health stores
 Small container (for sprinkling water by hand)
 Sewing machine and embroidery foot, plus drop feed if possible (if you wish to incorporate machine stitch, some are also available for use at the College)
 Examples of previous work, if you wish

COURSE TIMETABLE (unless otherwise stated above or agreed with the tutor during the course)

Course timetable for 2–9 day courses – each course starts with a welcome session on the first evening of the start date of the course and is followed by 2–9 days depending on the length of the course.

Arrival Day	From 4.00pm 7.00 8.15–9.15	Arrival for residential students. Non-residential students please arrive by 6.45pm for welcome chat and dinner. Dinner. First teaching session.
Daily Timetable	9.15am 10.30 12.45pm 2.00pm 3.30 5.00 7.00 8.15	Morning classes. Coffee. Lunch. Afternoon classes. Tea. Classes finish. Dinner. Evening working – students may have evening access to certain workshops in the absence of their tutor, but only with their tutor's permission and provided it is safe to do so.
Departure – last day	10.00am 3.00pm 3.30	Residential students are asked to vacate rooms. Classes finish. Tea then departure.