

## Needle-Felted Pumpkin Kit Instructions



### **Kit Contents:**

Please note each kit makes one pumpkin.

Box, white fiber, colored fiber, small bag of colored fiber (including green for sectioning, brown for the stem, and locks for the vines / leaves), business card, and felting needle secured in recycled cork.

**Warning: Felting needles are very sharp. Please use caution when using. Small children should be supervised at all times when using this tool.**

### **Items Not Included in Your Kit But May be Helpful:**

Felting foam mat (available at most craft and sewing stores).

Scissors for trimming excess fiber.

### **Helpful Hint:**

Always use your felting needle at a 90-degree angle, poking straight up and down to avoid breaking your needle.

### **Getting Started:**

Begin with the white fiber. Roll into a soft ball and use your felting needle to poke the fiber until it becomes slightly firm. Continue shaping into a ball as you go. This process usually takes just a few minutes.





### Covering Your Pumpkin with Colored Fiber:

Once your white fiber is round like the photo above, take your orange colored fiber and spit it into four sections. Do this lengthwise of the fiber.

Start with one section, spread it over one quarter of the round white fiber and lightly felt into place. Do this for the remaining three sections of orange fiber. Once you have all orange fiber on the pumpkins, it should look a little bit like a jellyfish. Using your scissors, cut the excess orange fiber off the pumpkin, leaving a little for the stem to go into. You can fill in any open spaces on your pumpkin with the leftover orange fiber if you choose.



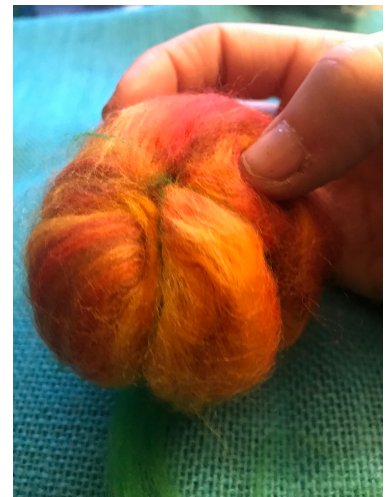


### Helpful Hint:

It takes very small amount of fiber to create the lines that make the sections of your pumpkin. Start with smaller amounts and you can always add more if needed.

### Adding Sections to your Pumpkin:

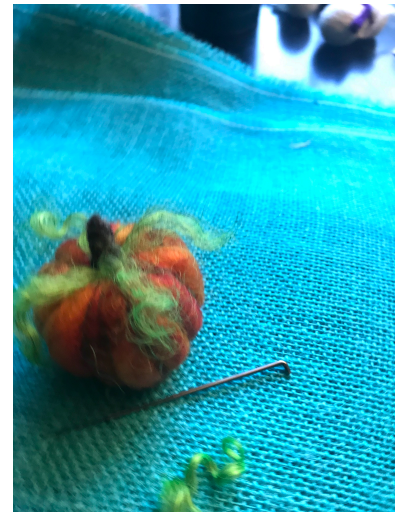
Next, take the straight green fiber and pull off small amounts to create sections in your pumpkin. Make as many sections as you like. The examples on your box contain six sections or 12 sections. This is done by felting the fiber in closer together or farther apart. Begin at the top of your pumpkin and felt in place locking the fiber into the bottom of the pumpkin.





### **Vines / Leaves & Stem:**

Once you have all your sections completed, find your curly green fiber (also called locks). Take smaller sections and then fold in half and secure the center fold with your felting needle at the top of your pumpkin creating leaves / vines. Add as many as you like. The photo samples on your box have just a couple. Your vines can be as skinny or thick as you would like. Next, make your stem by taking the small brown piece of fiber and rolling it in the palm of your hand with your fingers. You can make your stem as thin or thick as you like. Place it over the vines/leaves you have at the top of your pumpkin and felt it in covering any loose ends that you like. This gives it a finished look and like the vines are growing at the base of the stem.



### **Finishing:**

Felt in any stray pieces of fiber and add any additional fiber to open areas that you like.

#### **Helpful Hint:**

Sometimes small strands of fiber stick out of the pumpkin and features you have added and they are difficult to felt in. To alleviate the stray fibers, cut them off by placing the blade of your scissors flat against the area you want to clean up and trim those pieces. Be careful to not cut into your pumpkin or features directly.