

Goldieknots Montana Needle-Felted Mister Red, White, & Blue Gnome Kit Instructions

Kit Contents:

Please note each kit makes one gnome.

Box, red fiber, blue fiber, two small bags of colored fiber. (one has white for the beard, blue for the feet, red for his nose, and the other has black, white, red, and blue fiber for the hat and accents. Also a smaller bag with yarn and hanger (if you would like your gnome to be an ornament) 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 on the Goldieknots website, as well as most craft and sewing stores).
- * Scissors for trimming excess fiber.
- * Tapestry needle if you would like to make an ornament.

Helpful Hint:

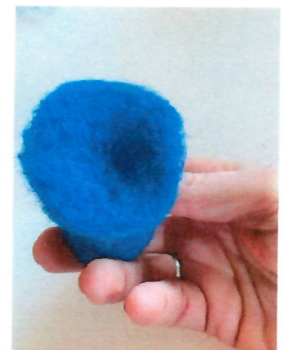
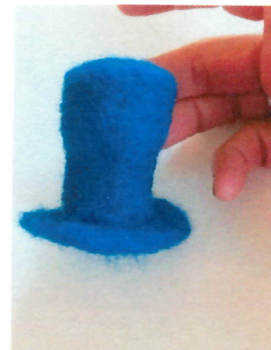
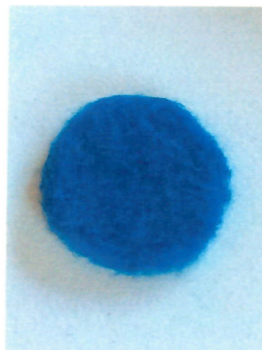
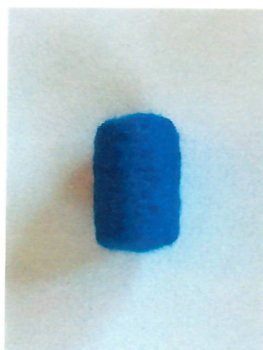
Always use your felting needle at a 90-degree angle, poking straight up and down to avoid breaking your needle.

Getting Started:

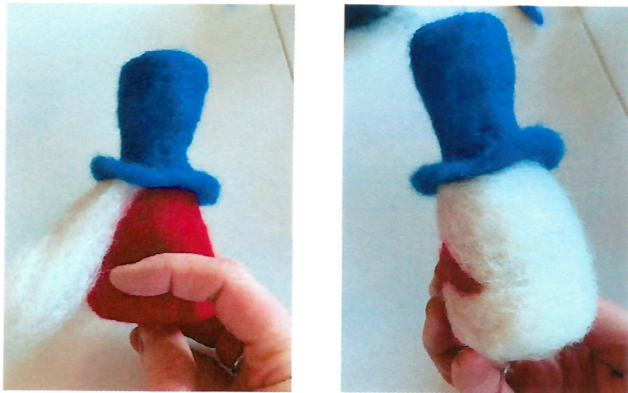
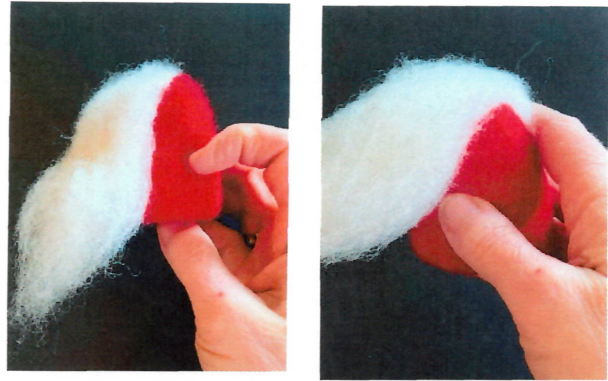
Begin with the red fiber. Take out of the box and place on your felting mat. Felt it into a cone shape as shown in the photos below. You want the fiber to become firm and this process will take several minutes.



Next, make the top hat for your gnome. Take the rolled up blue fiber and place it on your mat shaping it into a cylinder shape. Take the smaller loose piece of blue fiber and place on your mat making a flat round piece, making sure not to poke it too hard into the mat. This will be the flat brim of your hat. Once felted on the mat, you can remove it and rub the flat piece between your hands to make it a little more stable. Attach the flat piece to your tall cylinder. Don't worry if it looks like there is a small seam at the join as you will be using some white fiber to make the hat band (covered near the end of these instructions) which will cover the join. Also, the inside of the bottom of your hat should also have a little divot so that it will fit over the pointed side of the body. This process will also take several minutes.

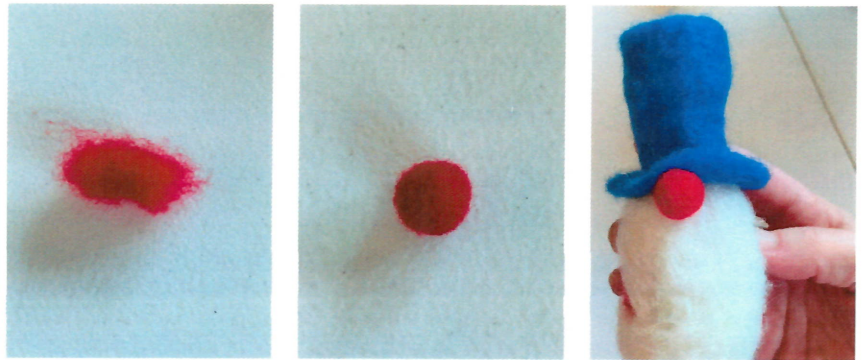


Next, attach the beard (white fiber) to the top cone side of the body as shown. At this point you are just tacking the beard to the top of the body. You will shape the beard after you attach the hat in the next step below.

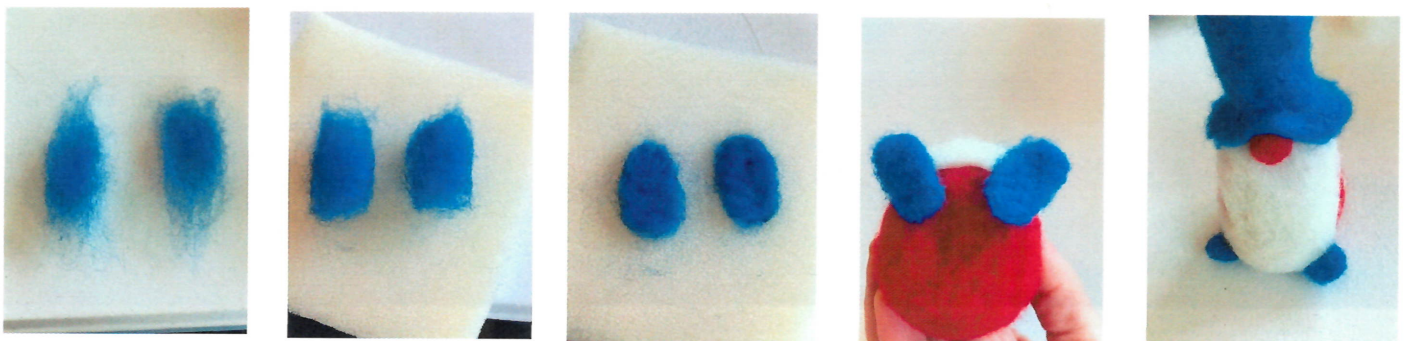


Next, place the top hat on top of the tacked down beard as shown and use your felting needle to secure over the beard and body. You want to make sure it is well-attached. Then roughly shape your beard the way you would like it (straight up and down, with a twirl, etc.).

Take the red and blue fiber out of your small bag. First, take the red fiber and roll into a small ball between your fingers. Then place the fiber on a felting mat and continue using your felting needle to shape into a firm, small ball. Once you have finished your nose, you will put it in the center of your beard just below the hat brim and tack in place, then continue felting it until it is secure. Then shape the brim of the hat over the nose and shape it the way you like it.



Use the blue fiber to make your feet. Place fiber on your felting mat and shape them into flat ovals approximately the same size. You will do this by gently using your felting needle. You do not want the feet to become permanently attached to your felting mat. Flip the feet over on the felting mat once you have them shaped and repeat the process from the opposite side. Once completed, attach feet to the base of the body. My sample has them slightly angled outward and approximately half of the oval shows while the other half is secured to the base of the body.



Finishing:

Use your white fiber, make a hat band and secure. You can add black, red, or blue to create a buckle. Then use the remaining small amounts of colored fiber to add details or decorations to your gnome's hat, body, etc. My gnome has white stripes and dots on the hat.

If you would like to make this an ornament, use a tapestry needle and thread the enclosed yarn through the top of his hat and tie in a knot, hang with the ornament hanger included with the yarn.



Helpful Hint: It takes very small amount of fiber to create the details and decoration on your gnome. Start with smaller amounts and you can always add more if needed.



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