



# Maker Space Kit Idea Sheet

## Needlefelting

**CONTENTS:** 16 felting needles, 5 felting tools with multiple points, 3 brush pads, 10 foam felting pads, 20 thimbles, instructions, *Beginner's Guide to Needle Felting* by Susana Wallis.

**DESCRIPTION:** Use a sharp, barbed needle to turn wool roving into 3D or flat objects. There are ideas in the instruction sheet and in the book, plus dozens more on Pinterest!

### PROGRAM IDEAS:

**Volunteer/Partner Presenters:** Is there a community member or group who would volunteer to help a library staff member pull off a program?

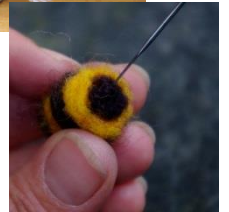
4-H club, Girl or Boy Scouts, your Teen volunteers, a local fiber arts store, local crafters?

### Active Programming:

- Decorate hats, mittens, scarves or sweaters with designs
- Use the cookie cutters to help you create shapes to use for ornaments
- Make flat, thin felted pieces to glue to the front of greeting cards
- Make flat felted pieces and add a pin to the back
- Make felt beads (or marbles)
- Create small 3D items (animals, pretend food, cartoon characters, etc.)

**SAFETY WARNING:** Needles are very sharp and breakable. Read safety directions on instructions. Though needle felting is possible for early elementary age children, they will need supervision and direction, and encouragement to use thimbles.

**SUPPLIES WARNING:** This kit does not come with wool roving or other consumables. You'll need to purchase your own. There are local places to purchase roving (listed in the instructions). It is also available from The Woolery, Weir Crafts, and Amazon.



STEAM and maker space programming clearly show how libraries are providing programs outside of traditional library programs. Additionally, libraries are collaborating with community experts in STEAM learning opportunities. The Aspen Institute, ["Rising to the Challenge: Re-Envisioning Public Libraries."](#)