**GET STUFFED**

**Instructor**Darci Lenker
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**Start Date | Rain Date**
Eight-week class begins Saturday, January 21, 11:00 a.m. -1:30 p.m.

In case of instructor illness or weather, the rain date is March 18

**Location**

Studios Building | Josie Eresch Fiber Arts Studio | 2 NW 11th St., Oklahoma City, OK, 73103

**Open Studio Sessions**

Check availability for Open Studio through the [Student Portal](https://oklahomacontemporary.org/learn/studio-school/studio-school-student-portal)

**COURSE OUTLINE**

Week 1

Class introduction, sketch out ideas, wet felting demo

Week 2

Build inside frames, wet felting

Week 3

Needle felting demo, needle felting

Week 4

Workday

Week 5

Embellishments demo

Week 6

Workday

Week 7

Workday, finishing

Week 8

Finishing, class critique

**REQUIRED SUPPLIES**

* Wool roving in a variety of colors.

We’re going to be using this for several projects that are easily adaptable to what you choose for a subject matter, so choose a variety pack with a lot of different colors and maybe something with a neutral color palette (browns, black, white). A little bit goes a long way with needle felting, so you shouldn’t need a lot of one single color to start.

The links below are a shorter fiber roving that makes felting easier. Some types of wool like merino is a little harder to needle felt but is great for wet felting. You may want to try a little of several different varieties and decide which you prefer. Don’t stress about which kind you get!

Wool is very adaptable and pretty user-friendly to work with. Some just take a little more patience.

[www.joann.com/dimensions-pastel-wool-value-pack-8ct/18777847.html](http://www.joann.com/dimensions-pastel-wool-value-pack-8ct/18777847.html)

[www.feltingsupplies.livingfelt.com/mc-1](http://www.feltingsupplies.livingfelt.com/mc-1)

[www.woolbuddy.com/collections/felting-kit/products/felting-wool-1-lb-16-colors](http://www.woolbuddy.com/collections/felting-kit/products/felting-wool-1-lb-16-colors)

[www.feltingsupplies.livingfelt.com/Merino-Top-18-19-microns\_c\_115.html](http://www.feltingsupplies.livingfelt.com/Merino-Top-18-19-microns_c_115.html)

Many of the supplies are available other places, like Amazon. I’m adding links so you can compare and know what you’re looking for if you want to shop around or need something shipped quickly.

* Core wool. Core wool seems a little more expensive, but it comes in a larger amount and is cheaper to use inside your nicer dyed wool. It is a rougher, not as processed wool that is usually undyed.

[www.woolbuddy.com/collections/supplies/products/core-wool](http://www.woolbuddy.com/collections/supplies/products/core-wool)

* Felting needles. Recommended-- 38 gauge star or triangle, but any will work if you want to try a variety. These will eventually bend or break, so make sure you have at least 5-10 to work with.
* You will not need a felting tool to hold them.

[www.feltingsupplies.livingfelt.com/Felting-Needles-38-STAR\_p\_18.html](http://www.feltingsupplies.livingfelt.com/Felting-Needles-38-STAR_p_18.html)

[www.joann.com/triangle-felting-needles/9827312.html](http://www.joann.com/triangle-felting-needles/9827312.html)

* Felting pad. Either a dense foam or a thick wool pad. I use a wool pad because the foam will eventually need to be replaced.

[www.feltingsupplies.livingfelt.com/Needle-Felting-Foam-12-x-12-Earth-Harmony-Series\_p\_1293](http://www.feltingsupplies.livingfelt.com/Needle-Felting-Foam-12-x-12-Earth-Harmony-Series_p_1293). html[www.woolbuddy.com/collections/felting-kit/products/large-felting-mat](http://www.woolbuddy.com/collections/felting-kit/products/large-felting-mat)

* Half yard of non-stretchy synthetic material with holes like tulle, netting, or a mesh garment/laundry/lingerie bag (or similar material. Does not have to be new, we’ll be using it to help wet felting, so just find something similar at home.).
* Plastic tray to hold water (approximately 18”x15”x5”, basically a plastic storage container or new litter box).
* Old towel.
* Thick plastic or bubble wrap. You don’t need a whole lot, maybe a square foot or two. Don’t buy it, just find something you have. It’ll be used for wet felting.
* Nylon hose (pantyhose) or thin tights made out of synthetic material (not cotton/wool). Use an old pair if you have them. They’ll be used for wet felting.
* Band-aids
* Scissors
* Wire hanger (or similar wire) and wire cutters to build an armature/skeleton inside your piece if needed.
* Paper and pencil
* Things to embellish your piece: embroidery floss, embroidery needles, beads, etc. Will vary depending on what you want to do, and you will not need this for a couple of weeks so you have time to decide.