

WET FELTING ACORNS TUTORIAL



A Wet Felting Tutorial For Kids



Materials needed for wet felting acorns:

- Wool Roving
- Hot water
- Dish Soap
- Plastic egg (or another small container)
- Acorn Top
- Glue (hot glue gun if you have one, otherwise use glue stick)



To make the pompom (ball):

Take roving wool and pull so it's transparent/single layer. If you want, you can cut it into $\frac{1}{2}$ " fiber pieces.



In a small dish mix hot water with one to two drops of soap. Gather up the fibers and loosely shape into a ball. Dip into the water/soap mixture then you can either place the ball in the plastic egg (or another small container) and shake it around. You can also cup your hands and shake gently in your hands.

Check every once in awhile to see how it is forming and dipping in the water mixture as needed. Or you can roll it around in your hands, dipping in the water as

needed. Hot water and friction help wool felt.



The children can shake the container, Or, if they're more tactile they might enjoy rolling it around in their hands, although it does take some time and patience. Dipping the fibers in hotter water makes a firmer pom-pom, so try to use the hottest water your child can stick their hands in. They will bounce when dry.



To make the acorns:

Once you have the pompoms made let them sit overnight to dry. Adding the wet pompoms to the acorns tops will turn the acorn tops to a kind of mushy, soft mess. When completely dry add some hot glue (if you have it) to the acorn top and push the pompom into the glue. If using a glue stick, smother one end of the felt acorn with glue, then press and hold firmly into the acorn top.

If you'd like to hang your acorn, attach string to the acorn top prior to gluing the felt pompom. You might have to get creative when attaching the string!



Voila! You've just made a wet felted acorn!



Wet felting can look intimidating. The beautiful acorns, look hard to make...but they're not!

As long as you dip in the water/soap every once in a while, or dip in hot water and keep rolling or shaking you are going to get something that resembles a pompom!