

# Felting Instructions

1. Put item to be felted into a zippered pillow case or fine mesh lingerie bag. This will keep fuzz out of the washing machine pump.
2. Set your top loading washer to the lowest & hottest water setting. You will also want to set it for the highest agitation mode (heavy duty).
3. Add a small amount of detergent (not Woolite). I use a no-rinse wool wash so I don't have to rinse the finished product. If you use regular detergent, you will need to rinse the felted piece.
4. Drop in the bag with the item to be felted. You may want to add some old jeans or towels as well to help with the agitation.
5. Set a timer for 10 minutes. When the timer goes off, stop the washer and VERY CAREFULLY take the bag out of the machine. Look at your item. Is it felted enough? If it isn't, put it back in the washer, set the timer for 5-7 minutes, reset the washer if necessary and go again. Keep checking on the item until it is felted to your liking.
6. You have 2 options to remove the excess water from the item. You can either run it through the spin cycle or roll it in some towels and stomp on it in the bathtub. Some people have had their bags and such "pulled" out of shape when using the spin cycle. I have not had an issue. The decision is yours.
7. Once you have all the excess water out of the item, shape it and allow to air dry. It will probably take 2-4 days to dry completely. If you are making a felted bag, you can use a box or CD's or anything that is the size and shape of your bag, cover it with a plastic bag and stretch the bag over it. If you let it dry this way, you will get a flatter bottom on the bag.