

# Learn to felt

Nuno felting



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## SILK MERINO FELTED SCARF

Make your own beautiful nuno silk merino scarf. Just follow these easy steps. Finished size: 24cm x 2m (9 1/2" x 79")

You will need:

50gm Ashford Silk /Merino sliver

1 piece silk chiffon 23cm x 1.7m(9" x 67")

(A kit containing the silk and chiffon is available).

600mls hot water 40°C

15ml liquid detergent

30cm x 2m bubble wrap (air cushion) (12" x 79")

Wooden roller

Work table or flat area

Towel x 2

Drink bottle

01



Place the silk chiffon on the table and lay bubble wrap on top with the bubbles down.

02



Separate the sliver into 2 equal portions.

03



From the first portion take small amounts of sliver and place on the bubble wrap. Hold one end of the fibres down and pull the other end to make a thin, even layer the same size as the chiffon.



04

To allow for a fringe make a layer 10cm (4") longer than the chiffon at both ends. Make this layer a little thicker.



05

Add more sliver to any gaps or thin areas. You have prepared one side of your scarf.



06

Carefully pull out the chiffon from under the bubble wrap.



07

Now place on top of the sliver.



08



Repeat step 3 – using the second portion of sliver. Make a thin layer on top of the chiffon. Place sliver  $\frac{1}{2}$ cm over the sides of the chiffon.

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Mix 600mls of hot water with 15ml of liquid detergent and sprinkle evenly over the entire scarf. Use only enough water to wet through.

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Gently pat the sliver down so it becomes thoroughly wet.



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Take your roller and roll gently – ensure your roller does not pick up any fibres. Roll in small movements up and down the length of the scarf for approx. 2-3 minutes. This will begin the felting process.



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Fold the end of the bubble wrap over on top of the scarf.



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Place your roller straight across the width of the scarf. Roll the bubble wrap and scarf around the roller very tightly – keeping it very straight.



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Wrap the towel around the roll tightly – this will keep it from slipping when you are rolling. Use the second towel to remove any excess water from the table.

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Pushing down firmly roll back and forth. Rotate roll a quarter turn after 25 rolls back and forth to ensure even felting until a total of 100 rolls.

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Unroll - smooth carefully with your roller, taking care no fibres wrap around your roller. Look at the edges of the scarf and where the fibres are over the edge of the chiffon fold back onto the scarf making a nice straight edge.

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Fill any thin areas with small amounts of fibre and wet with water and detergent. Rub gently with your fingers until a little felted. Fold over the opposite end of bubble wrap, place roller squarely and roll up tightly. Wrap again in towel and continue rolling for another 100 rolls, turning a quarter turn after each 25 rolls.

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Unroll – smooth any wrinkles with your rollers and repeat Step 16 two more times (you will now have rolled 400 times in total).





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Unroll – smooth with roller. Carefully turn your scarf over, fold over the end of bubble wrap, place roller squarely and roll up tightly, wrap again in towel and continue rolling for another 100 rolls, turning a quarter turn after each 25 rolls



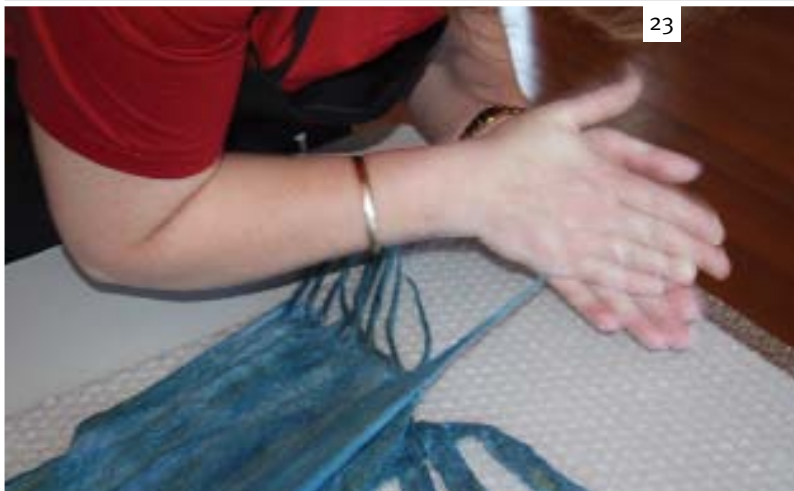
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Your scarf should be felted now. To check - pinch a small amount of fibre and pull up a little. If the fibres and chiffon lift together the scarf is sufficiently felted. If not repeat step 16.



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To make the fringe use scissors to cut the ends in  $1\frac{1}{2}$ cm ( $5/8$ ") wide strips up to where the chiffon begins.



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Twist gently then roll between your hands until felted. Trim the ends with scissors to make even.



Give the scarf a final felt by squeezing and throwing it onto the table 20 times.

Rinse gently in cool water. Ensure to rinse out ALL the soap. Squeeze out excess water and hang to dry. When almost dry press with a warm iron.

#### Care instructions:

Gently hand wash, dry and press with warm iron. Do not machine wash or tumble dry.

Enjoy your scarf!



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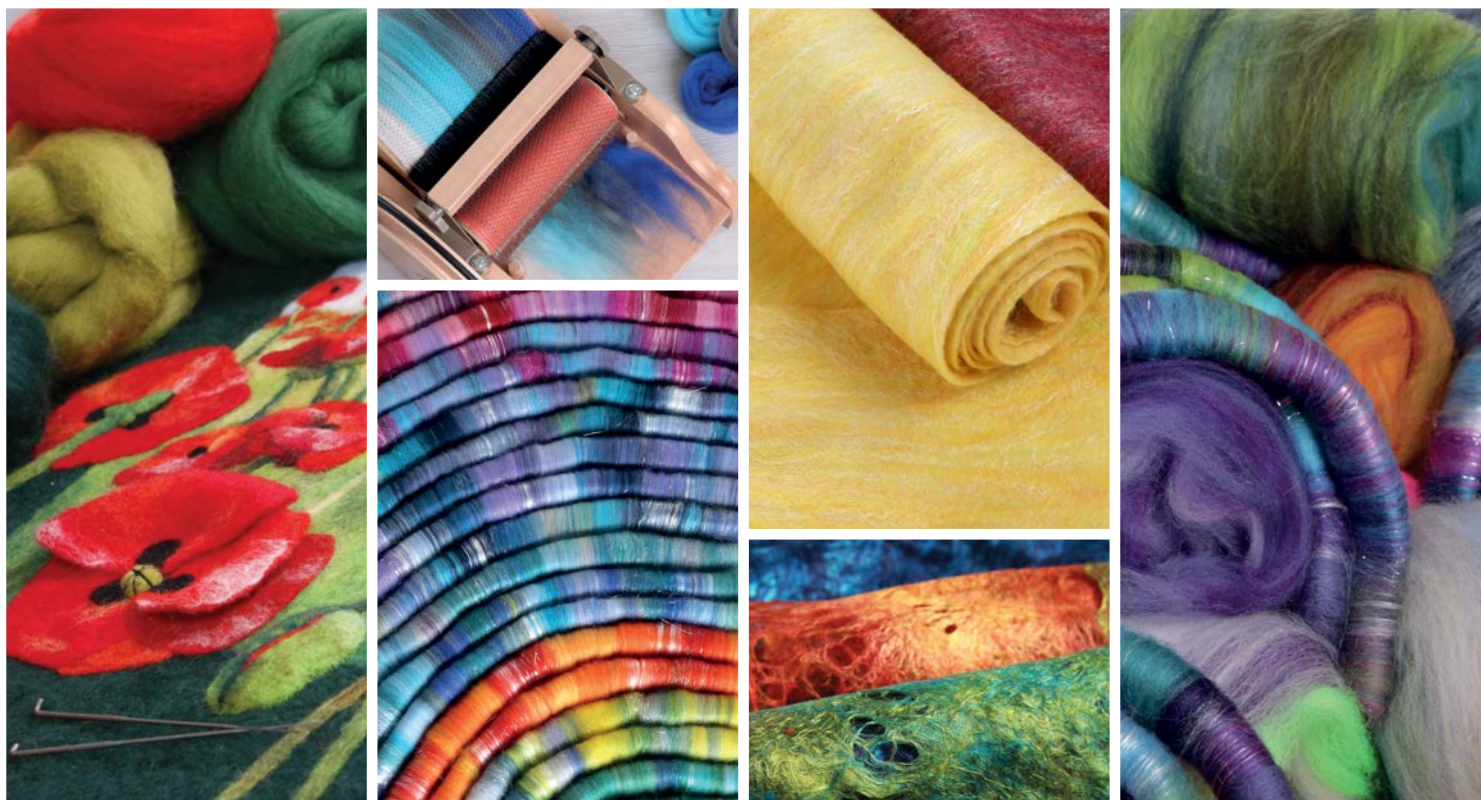


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