

FELTING BY HAND

Only untreated wool is suitable for felting. Any yarn that is 100% wool and is not machine washable should felt. Any 100% acrylic yarn will not felt. The washing details are listed on the ball band. **PANDA Feltable Wool 8 ply** or **PATONS Jet** are ideal for felting. Some colours felt faster than others. The process of felting causes shrinkage.

1. Gather together the things you will need to do your felting:

- a bowl
- piece of feltable knitting
- laundry soap
- rubber gloves.



2. Wearing the rubber gloves, put the knitting into the bowl and add enough hot water to cover the knitting. Let it sit for a few minutes.



3. Add enough cold water so you can put your hands in the water (it still needs to be hot). Rub soap into the knitting.



4. Bunch the knitting in your hands and rub it against itself, creating friction. Keep moving the knitting around, ensuring you cover the entire area. Occasionally dunk the knitting in the water.

Do this for about 5 minutes.



5. Rinse the knitting in cold water. (This helps lock the fibres in place.) If applicable, compare with stated measurements at this point. Do not over felt. Repeat the entire process twice more, then check how well your knitting has felted. If you can still see the stitches and you want to cut the felted fabric to shape, repeat the entire process again.



Felted knitting can be:

- cut without the stitches unravelling.
- brushed with a slicker brush to create a fluffy surface.

