

# Needle Felted Floral Egg



Have fun needle felting this colourful floral egg. Easy to follow photographs and clear instructions will help you along the way. The inner core is made from odd scraps of wool, making this an inexpensive project. Alternatively you could use a polystyrene egg as a base for your decoration.

To make it unique to you, choose your favourite colours for the flowers and embellishments.

Decorating an egg is an organic process. The basic egg shape is created first, then the different coloured leaves are added followed by the daisies and smaller flowers with seed bead embellishments. They do take some time to make, but if you find needle felting as therapeutic as we do, then settle down, put your slippers and radio on... and relax into the making. Lovely!

## materials

**Foam pad:** we cover ours in hessian (burlap) as it prolongs the life of the foam.

**Felting needles:** 40 triangle needle (fine needle)

**Wools:** wool scraps for the egg inner core. (Alternatives: pillow stuffing or old balls of yarn.)

**Yarn:** any sort, for wrapping the core.

**Coarse wool:** Approx 3g turquoise for the egg base color, assorted green wools for the leaves. For the flowers: small amounts of yellow, white, purple, light blue, dark and light pink. We use a Norwegian wools called C1, available from [www.norwegianwool.co.uk](http://www.norwegianwool.co.uk)

**Dark blue seed beads**

**Needle and dark blue thread**

**Embroidery scissors**

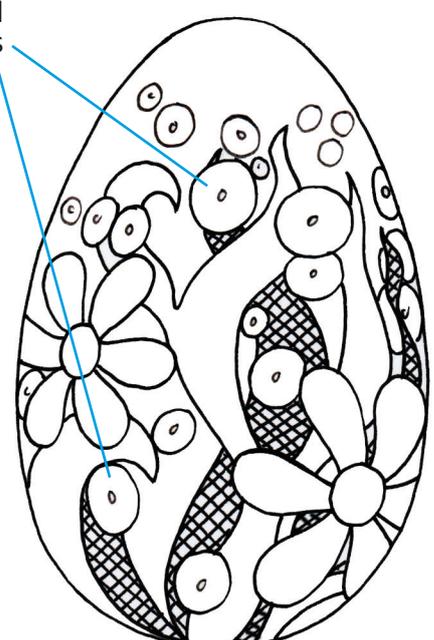
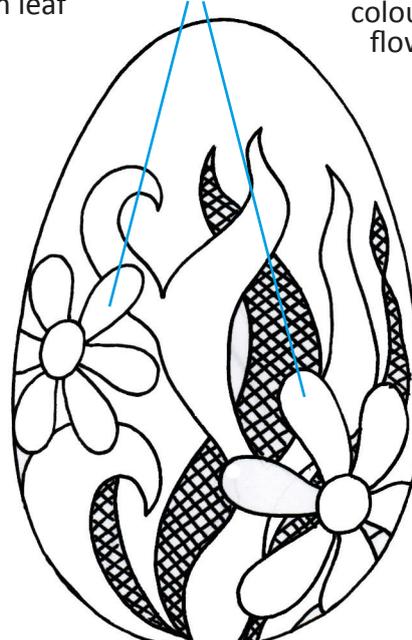
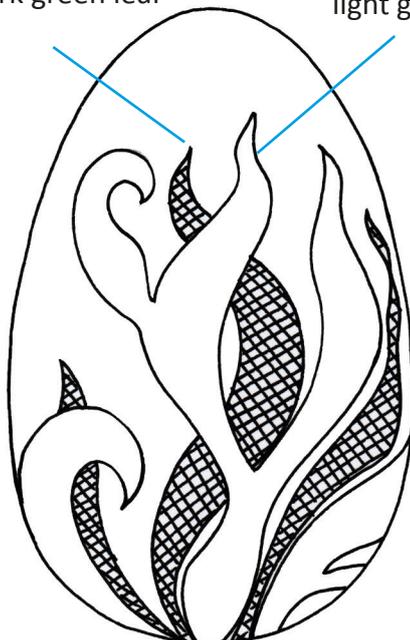
## templates

dark green leaf

light green leaf

white daisies

small  
coloured  
flowers



# instructions

Use the templates to help you with the design. You don't have to stick slavishly to the templates, your floral design can be organic. You may want to draw your egg first and colour it in different ways to find your favourite colour scheme. As you work your egg decoration will probably evolve and change. Don't panic, just go with the flow, and see what emerges!



**1. Egg base:** collect together your scraps of leftover wools. You will need around 5g of wool



**2.** Roll them tightly into an egg shape and then wrap the bundle with yarn: the tighter the better as you want to remove all the air.



**3.** Working on your foam pad, lay some turquoise wool loosely onto the core. Use the felting needle to stab the wool into the core. Stab deeply and evenly all over.



**4.** Keep adding wool and stabbing until you have covered the whole egg. At this point the surface will appear dimpled. This is a good sign as it means you are needle felting correctly.



**5.** Continue needle felting your egg, pin pricking it shallowly and evenly to smooth the surface.



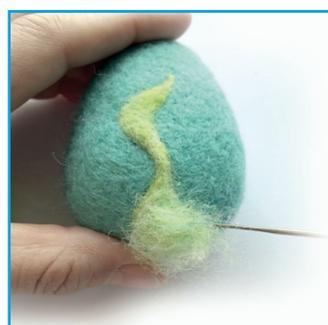
**6.** Tuck in any flyaway fibres using your needle at an angle. This will take time, but it is well worth the effort to give a professional finish.



**7. Leaves:** Using the template to help you with the shapes, start adding a line of green wool to create the leaf shape.



**8.** Work down to the bottom of the egg, pin pricking the leaf line to make it smooth.



**9.** Now needle more wool to the leaf to build it up and make it slightly raised.



**10.** Complete all the light green leaves in this way before adding the dark green leaves.



**11.** Work over the egg filling in spaces between the light green leaves with dark green leaves.



**12. Flowers:** Roll a small ball of yellow wool for the white daisy flower centre, place it on the egg and needle it firmly to secure it.



**13.** Roll six small sausages of white wool for the petals. Needle each one into the egg round the yellow centre, using the tip of the needle to guide the fibres into a petal shape.



**14.** Complete the two daisies using the templates to help you with size and positioning.



**15.** Add small green stem lines in any spaces for the smaller flowers.



**16.** To create a small flower, first needle some loose fibres firmly into the egg.



**17.** Use the tip of the needle to pull the outer fibres into the middle of the bundle. Stab the middle to secure the fibres.



**18.** Repeat this pull and stab technique working round the bundle methodically to create a small doughnut. This is a flower head.



**19.** Needle felt different sized blue and purple flowers and then some dark and light pink flowers to fill in any spaces.



**20.** Work over the egg pin pricking the surface to neaten.

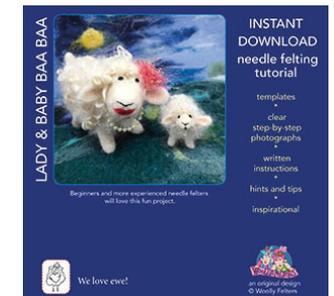
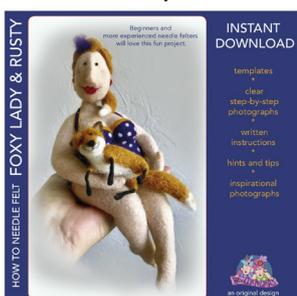
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Lots of love, Roz and Judy xx



**21.** To add a little sparkle, sew a small seed bead into the centre of each flower.

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