



Gossamer Felt Scarf

Gossamer felt is a term applied to felt that is fine and drape-able. This technique is so easy, but produces such lovely results in just a few hours. Perfect for wonderful gifts!

Supplies for the project:

2 long bath towels

At least 6 ft. roll of “bubble wrap” or a bamboo blind cut to a width of at least 12 inches

Spray bottle filled with hot water and a squirt of Ivory soap

Rolling pin

Timer

Fiber in either roving or batt

Silk, tencel, glitzy fibers are also nice for adding interest to your project

Sink with hot and cold running water

Ironing board and Iron

1. Lay the towel out on your work surface to catch any water or soap the squeezes out during the process.
2. Lay the bubble wrap out on top of the towel
3. Layer the fiber evenly on the bubble wrap leaving at least an inch on all sides
4. Layer another layer of fiber on top of the first, crossing the grain/direction fiber is facing if you want to help the felt to be stronger
5. Layer a third layer evenly on top of the second
6. Lay on fine wisps of tencel, silk, or glitz for decoration --- and I emphasize *fine!*
7. Fill the spray bottle with a squirt of Ivory dishwashing soap very hot water
8. Spray the entire felt working from one end to the other until the entire piece is completely wetted
9. Make any last minute rearranging of design elements, or if there is a “weak” place add more fiber and wet down
10. Lay the rolling pin on one end of the Bubble Wrap and begin rolling up the bubble wrap around the rolling pin
11. Set the timer for 3 minutes and roll over and over for the full time
12. Rinse the soap off under a faucet and lay the rolling pin on the towel again and unroll
13. Bring the rolling pin to the opposite end of the Bubble Wrap and roll it up in the opposite direction so that both ends of the scarf will get equal felting opportunity
14. Set the timer again for 3 minutes and roll over and over for the full time, then rinse under a faucet and repeat step 13
15. Set the timer one last time and roll again for the full time, then rinse under a faucet

16. Unroll the Bubble Wrap and remove your scarf carefully from the Bubble Wrap
17. Carefully rinse the scarf with cold water until all the soap is removed. Gently squeeze out water
18. Lay the second towel on the counter and lay the scarf on the towel and roll up “jelly roll” style to further remove moisture from your scarf
19. Lay the towel roll on your ironing board and unroll
20. Iron you fiber – no steam! – carefully getting out all the wrinkles
21. Hang your beautiful gossamer scarf over a rod to finish drying and admire your work!

Roving technique:

Follow similar instructions, but lay out rovings lengthwise, then lay rovings in a grid widthwise. After laying the last roving on, go back and gently weave the rovings. It’s fun to leave the open spaces so that you end up with a lattice effect. You can split the rovings in half before laying them out if your roving is too thick.

These scarves sell for \$40 to \$140 each, so this would be a profitable adventure to market your wares.

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