

## Materials and Equipment

Where items are separated by a “/”, this is to indicate different options, you will only need one of the items listed. Items marked “\*” are optional

- 100-200 g (3.5 – 7 oz) wool tops per hat, merino is my favourite for hats but any wool with a micron count between 18 and 28 is acceptable
- Decorative fibre tops (e.g. silk, silk hankies, bamboo etc) / gauzy fabrics – whatever you would like to decorate your hats with\*
- Plastic for your resist, I like the foam underlay used for laminate flooring but bubble wrap or any flexible plastic sheeting is acceptable too (it helps if it is at least 1.5 mm [1/16<sup>th</sup> inch] thick). It needs to be at least 70 cm x 50 cm (28” x 20”).
- A pen that will write on the resist plastic (I like Sharpies)
- Ruler with cm markings
- A bowl or jug to hold warm soapy water
- Calculator
- Felting needle
- Tape measure (ideally a plastic one)
- Net curtain / nylon tulle measuring approx 1 m x 2 m (3 ft x 6 ft) or two pieces measuring 1 m x 1 m (3 x 3 ft).
- Thin plastic: a swing-bin liner that has been cut open / a 50 cm x 50 cm (½ yd x ½ yd) piece of decorators plastic (used for protecting furniture)
- Bubble wrap measuring at least 0.8 m x 1 m [0.9 x 1.1 yards).
- Large sheet of paper at least 60 c x 70 cm (24” x 28”), dressmaking paper is ideal as it comes in large sheets and is semi-transparent / a thin clear plastic sheet such as decorator’s plastic (for protecting furniture) will be fine.
- Sharp scissors (large and small)
- Piece of ridged shelf liner / bamboo mat / bamboo blind / sushi mat
- Cling film / Saran wrap\*
- Liquid soap (dishwashing soap is fine) and bar soap
- Bottle with one or more small holes in the top for sprinkling water on your felt (I use an old washing up liquid bottle)
- Broom handle / 1 inch doweling / pool noodle / length of foam pipe insulation at least 80 cm (32”) long
- Large towel for your work and small towel to dry your hands
- Dish cloth or sponge for mopping up excess water / spills
- Hat block
- Dressmakers pins and / or clothes pegs
- Kettle / source of very hot water
- 2 x 16 mm (½ inch) glass marbles