

## Live Arts – Melanie M Rose

### Needle Felting Workshop 'Blanket Stories' supply list

#### You will need:

- Unspun wool of various colors
- Felting needles
- Wool blanket
- Sponge

#### How much? What kind?

Wool blanket: I recommend asking around your community or staff if anyone has a wool blanket they no longer want. Alternatively, I would look at your local thrift store or on an online marketplace. (You may use wool cloth too. I do find this harder to find locally and more expensive though.) Your blanket can be any color. You will cut blanket into enough pieces so that students have at least one to two "wool canvases" to work on. I often cut 5x7" or 8x10" so that students can easily frame later if they so choose.

Felting needles: Beginners usually break needles. I recommend at least two per student.

Unspun wool: Think of this as your 'paint palette' and you are 'painting with wool'... what colors do you want to work with? Six different colors are a good start.

Sponge: The sponge lies on your working surface, you put your wool cloth on top and poke the needle through the wool cloth and into the sponge surface. You need something to poke into... Imagine poking into a hard surface with your needle... it just wouldn't work. An alternative is Styrofoam.

#### Where to purchase?

As mentioned earlier, **wool blankets** are often found in someone's Grandmas basement, a thrift store or online shop.

**Sponges** are found at dollar stores and hardware stores locally. Amazon. One per student needed.

[QEP 70005Q-3VP XL Grouting Super Sponge, 3 Pack, Grout Cleaners - Amazon Canada](#)

[Richard Professional Grouting Sponges - Foam Rubber - Yellow - 3 Per Pack - 8-in L x 5-in W x 2-in T 05596 | RONA](#)

**Unspun felting wool & felting needles.** I use Sharon Ottenbriett locally. She ships too. Her email is [gwfiber@sasktel.net](mailto:gwfiber@sasktel.net) and her phone number is 306.530.8361. Sharon can put together a kit with a package for each student with various colors of wool and two felting needles. Alternatively, you can order wool not individualized and class can share the stash. Depending on your budget this may be the best option. The individualized kits make it so that each kid can have their own wool and needle and continue the craft on their own at home.

You can also go to [Yarn Over Fibre and Crafting Co.](#) and they will have wool and needles for you too.



\*full individualized kit will have one sponge, two felting needles, various colours of wool and a piece of wool blanket

Lastly, go to the library and take out books for inspiration! My favorites are books that show Metis florals.