

Shibori Felting – Textural Dimensions.

Date: Sunday 14 July 2024
Time: 10:00am - 4:30pm
Venue: Rice Hall, Cooranbong Community Centre,
614 Freemans Drive, COORANGONG (near Morisset)

Cost: \$120.00 (Includes \$10.00 p.p. *materials fee)

Shibori Felt

'Shibori' is a Japanese word that means to tie, twist and/or bind. Artists use this method to create patterns/textures by using resistances and then over-dyeing (often called tie-dyeing).

This workshop explores the Shibori method using the **natural shrinking** properties of felt to create interesting patterns and three-dimensional textural effects. This felt can then be used to create jewellery, vessels or as an embellishment on hats/bags, etc., and incorporated into larger artworks.

Participants will create 'Nuno' felt & some pre-felts and then progress to the more advanced 'Shibori' felting method.

Although this workshop includes advanced techniques, it is still suitable for anyone with some experience in felting.

Participants Equipment List

- 1 mtr of Pajent silk (silk can be purchased from tutor at workshop from \$10.00 per mtr)
- Bubble wrap (approx 500 x 700 mm)
- 150 - 200 gms Merino Wool roving (in complimentary colours) Can be purchased directly from Virginia Farm Woolworks on the workshop day from \$8.50 per 100 grms
 - Clean empty ice cream container or plastic bowl / small bucket.
 - 2- 3 old towels to soak up excess water.
 - Empty shampoo/dishwashing liquid bottle or clean 1 litre plastic milk bottle with small holes punched into cap (or water pear/Brause ball) for wetting down wool
 - Sewing needle and strong smooth synthetic thread
 - A pair of small, sharp needle nose scissors (embroidery scissors are great)
 - Plastic bags to take damp work and towels home
 - Optional – dishwashing/latex gloves – if hands are sensitive to soap.
 - Optional - apron to protect clothing when dyeing silk.
 - Pen and notebook (some printed notes are provided)
 - *If you are unable to secure any of these items – the tutor will have some spare items you may borrow.*

* **Materials fee: \$10.00** (included in course fee)

Items/materials provided by tutor and included in materials fee:

- Glug (soap solution) & Vinegar
- Some printed notes
- Various Resists & notions
- Small amounts of commercial pre-felt
- Various embellishments and fibre

Tutor will also have Brause Balls (watering pears) available for sale @ \$25.00 each. There will also be hand dyed silk hankies and hand dyed silk throwster, yarns and other embellishments in small amounts for sale, approx \$5 - \$7 each.

Programme

- Welcome
- Introductions and housekeeping
- Discussion of workshop programme (examples of felting, Nuno & Shibori, etc.)
- Creating several types of pre-felts and samples for use in afternoon session.

LUNCH BREAK

- Participants continue to work on their personal 'Shibori' felted piece
- Pack up/ clean up and finish
- Participants show their completed works
- Group photo and farewells

Please bring your own lunch. There is a kitchen with a microwave available on site. There are some shops and cafes a short drive from the venue.

