

## **Beginner-Intermediate Felting Projects Weekend Workshop**

**Day One:** Techniques in this class are appropriate for all people with or without fibers and felting experience. We will learn numerous felt making techniques while making small items that would make wonderful gifts. We will learn how to do a simple felted ball that can be used as an ornament or pin cushion. We will also learn how to do attachments with felt by making felted flower. We will end the day making a small pouch to prepare for day 2. The first day will be an exploration of different techniques by making small samples to lead up to the second day. Also throughout the workshop I will discuss the history and importance of felt making.

**Day Two:** After day one students will be more comfortable with the process and techniques and confident to explore the felting tradition more creatively. We will learn how to fuse designs onto the felt which will allow for surface design creativity. Using the resist method we will construct a 6-inch felted vessel (bag, pouch, vase, bowl) using dyed wool and surface designs. The project will demonstrate “blocking” the vessel which is how we shape the finished form. If time allows we will address utilizing a stiffener paste to the finished forms we’ve created the previous day.

### **Breanna’s Workshop outline**

**Saturday Morning:** Meet and Greet/ Supply Dispersion: Share our expectations for the class. What you plan on learning and making over the weekend. Because of our class size we will just meet and pass out supplies

**Project #1:** felted flowers, basic procedure to understand the simple process of felting and attachments

**Project #2:** felted beads, these will later be used in your pouches/purses.

**Project #3:** felted Balls could be used for Christmas ornaments or pin cushions.

**Project #4:** Begin the vessel/pouch assignment; we will create a small pouch which will show you how to make the larger vessel that you will create later.

### **Saturday afternoon:**

We need to have the pouches layed out and begun on the fulling process. Hopefully time will allow for the purse/pouch to be completed at the end of the day.

### **Sunday**

**MORNING:** We will complete the vessels we started on Saturday and set in the sun to dry. These will need to dry in order to apply stiffner.

**Project #5:** Students may choose to create a vessel or 3 dimensional object of their choice. We hopefully can complete one last project before the day ends.

**Project#6:** If your vessel/purse from project #4 is dry we will stiffen them using the hat stiffener. This should be the last step in the process.

