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FELTED ZOO EGGS

Needle felting uses a special barbed needle to take wool fibres and make them into little models.

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WHAT YOU NEED TO GET STARTED

These instructions are to make a flamingo inspired felt egg but you could be inspired by lots of other egg laying animals!

- Needle, felt needle
- Grey, light pink, bright pink and black wool
- Optional extra – 20cm ribbon or string

STEPS TO GET CRACKING



1. Using your hands, roll the grey wool into an egg shape. Then using your felting needle stab the wool evenly around the egg until it becomes firm. The more wool you use the bigger your egg will be! Did you know that baby flamingos are grey?
2. Optional extra: If you want to hang your egg up take your ribbon and tie it into a loop, then use a large needle to thread it through your egg from bottom to top. Use the black wool to cover the knot at the bottom of the egg.
3. Using your felting needle stab the black wool over the bottom of the egg, this will help to hide the knot from your ribbon. Keep stabbing the black wool until it is firmly attached.
4. Using your felting needle add a 1 cm wide stripe of bright pink wool around the black circle
5. Using your felting needle add a 1 cm wide stripe of light pink wool above the bright pink stripe. Putting the stripes in this order matches the pattern on a flamingo's wings!

WHERE TO FIND YOUR INSPIRATION

- Some eggs are oval, some are cone shaped and some are round. Can you make an egg inspired by a reptile or an insect?
- Look at the patterns and the colours on the animals to inspire you
- What colour is your favourite bird? My other egg was inspired by my favourite bird – the Echo parakeet from Mauritius which has a colourful collar and beak