

TOOLS & EQUIPMENT

list for students attending workshop with Moy Mackay

Here are tools and equipment used during Moy's workshops. It is hoped students can come with most of these where possible. Not all are essential but certainly helpful.

CARDERS ~ Carders are a great tool for blending fibres. Dog brushes can also be used however only with smaller amounts. Blending can be done between fingers but can be a lot more time consuming.

NETTING ~ A harder wearing netting should be used when felting with cut fibres as more flimsy netting will tear. Builders and garden netting is what I use but generally can only be bought in bulk. We have this available to buy online. (I shall have available for students to use at workshops if required)

***ROLLING MAT** ~ A Bamboo blind is the ideal rolling mat. These are basically window blinds with the attachments removed. Bamboo table runners are fine too as long as not much smaller than 20"/50cm wide. Another alternative is ribbed foam shower matting.

***SHARP SCISSORS** ~ You will need sharp scissors that are not too small and not too big as both are not so easy to use. Medium size best.

PALM WASHBOARD ~ This is a great tool for use at the wet felting process. It helps in applying extra pressure when rubbing, making the felting process easier and quicker.

BALL BRAUSER ~ This is a handy tool for sprinkling water evenly over your work. A bottle with small holes pierced in the lid is good or a small watering can can be handy too.

***SOAP** ~ Soap flakes, liquid soap, olive oil soap are amongst soaps that can be used.

***WATER BOWL** ~ Bring some sort of bowl, bottle or jug to hold your water in.

***OLD TOWEL** ~ Bring a towel or two to put on the table under the rolling mat to absorb excess water. Old towels are best as sometimes dye may come out of some fibres.

****FELTING FOAM** ~ A piece of foam no smaller than 12 x 12"/30cm is good. Smaller will work but the larger the better. 20 x 20"/50cm is a good size.

****FELTING NEEDLES** ~ Its good to experiment with all sizes. I tend to use 38 and 40 gauge needles mostly, star or triangle. Have a good supply as they break easily

****EMBROIDERY NEEDLES** ~ Bring a selection of embroidery needles with larger eyes so easy to thread with thick embroidery threads.

*****SEWING MACHINE** ~ For those attending a workshop that includes machine embroidery it is essential that we have a few machines in the class available to share. The older machines are better where the foot can be taken off as we use them without any foot on. New computerised machines generally are not good for free motion machine stitching as will not operate without a foot.

***** EMBROIDERY MACHINE THREADS & NEEDLES** ~ You will need black and white threads along with some colours if you like. Be sure to come with threaded bobbin supply and spare needles; jeans or embroidery machine needles good.

*** Items that are essential for every class **Items that are essential for 2 & 3 day classes**

***** Items needed if machine embroidery is part of the class**