

Felting checklist

Prep

1. turn heat on water heater to high. Listen for sound of burner running.
2. run hot water into plastic tub in wash sink till the water feels quite warm coming out of the spout
3. set washer controls to small, hot
4. Pre-warm the washer while water is heating: turn washer knob to "Heavy" (about 1 o'clock on the dial; set the dial a tad to the right of the "heavy" mark to avoid a soak period) and pull out to start filling. Run a couple of inches of hot water into washer. Push control knob in to stop filling. Close washer cover.
5. When heater burner stops, again clear the luke warm water from the pipes by running some into the laundry tub
6. advance the washer control to spin and pull out to drain the warm water from the machine

Felting

1. when water is drained push in knob to stop spinning, advance to "Heavy", pull out knob to start filling with hot water
2. put knitted pot in a pillow case. Certain bags are more effective (looser weave) - air squeezes out more easily and water drains out more readily.
3. put pillowcase (not zipped shut yet) in tub as washer fills. Hold it open under the filling water to dampen the pot. Be careful, it's hot.
4. When water is deep enough to submerge pot squeeze most of the air out, zip the bag shut, and wrap the top with tie wrap. (Otherwise, zipper will open leaking a lot of wool fibers into the washer.)
5. squirt some blue liquid dish soap into the tub under the running water
6. set the timer for 9 minutes in count down mode, but don't start it. The wash cycle should take 10 minutes. When the timer beeps you will have one minute to get ready before end of cycle
7. when wash cycle starts, start the timer
8. soap should make some suds but not too much (explained later)
9. when the timer beeps, push start/stop timer button twice in rapid succession. This will stop the beeper but the timer will resume counting up.
10. when the timer shows about one minute, the washer will stop for a few seconds before it starts draining (dial is at ~ 2 o'clock - about halfway between "light" and "rinse"). When the washer stops, immediately push in the knob to stop the cycle and prevent draining.
11. Remove the bag from the water and let the excess water drain into the washer. Watch out it's hot.
12. Put the bag in a empty plastic bucket in the sink. Close the washer lid to keep the heat in. Open the bag, remove the pot and rearrange it so it doesn't get a permanent crease.
13. Put the bag in the water, squeeze most of the air out as before, zip it and tie it shut.
14. Turn the control knob clockwise to \diamond .

tid blue red
~~tid~~ ~~blue~~ ~~red~~

check lid after 1 cycles

8-15 2 pots
~~tid~~ ~~blue~~ ~~red~~

8-1
~~tid~~ ~~blue~~ ~~red~~
 2 balls blue 4
 1/11 terry 3

7-11
~~tid~~ ~~blue~~ ~~red~~

refelt tweek
 111

8-8
 refelt pink
~~tid~~ ~~blue~~ ~~red~~

6-27
 2 re-felt
 111 basket
 11 circle
 new

111 1

7-4

111 111
 plaid
 1 more
 10 total

6-20
 111 111 red circle pot 7+11 9 total
 111 111 blue circle pot 7+11 9 total
 111 111 green/red 5 total
 111 111 striped 7+11 10 total

5-9
~~tid~~ ~~blue~~ ~~red~~
 5-12
~~tid~~ ~~blue~~ ~~red~~

5-19
~~tid~~ ~~blue~~ ~~red~~

5-23
~~tid~~ ~~blue~~ ~~red~~
 red stopped
 at 4

5-30
~~tid~~ ~~blue~~ ~~red~~
 pink
 stopped
 at 5

6-6
~~tid~~ ~~blue~~ ~~red~~
 4 for basket
 111 111
 poolle =
 111 extra

6-13
 plaid
~~tid~~ ~~blue~~ ~~red~~
 pink
 111 111

lid 11
 111 111

refelt - large
11-8 2 blue +111

11-16-05
1111

2 re-felts

12-6-05
2 refelts

special
11
striped
11

15. "Clear" and "reset" the timer. Set again for nine minutes

16. Pull out the washer knob to start a new cycle, start the timer and repeat the whole process.

Finishing

1. When the pot has shrunk enough (at least 4, at most 7 or 8 cycles. Remove it from the bag and put it in rinse water
2. Use large kitchen strainer to scoop wool fibers out of washing machine. (Too many suds interfere. You first have to scoop out the suds.)
3. Drain washer: turn knob to spin and push it in.
4. Rinse pot
5. Put pot in washer, advance the knob to spin and pull out knob to start spin cycle. Spin for very short time (~ 5 sec) stop the cycle and rearrange the pot so it creases in a different place. Spin for another 5 sec, rearrange and spin again for a couple of minutes. It should feel much lighter and nearly dry.

11-22

1 re-felt

1111

12-20-05
1 re-felt
1111

lastly:

12-20
re-felt 1 pot
turn low

10-17-05

refelt 2 pots

11

large pot
1111

1 minute
rearrange,
spin 1
more
minute

12-10-05

re-felt 1

1111

8-22

2 pots, blues

1111 1111

12-13

2

heater

down

9-12

1111 11

9-19 1 pot 2 balls

1111 1111

9-26

2 new

1111 1111

2 re-felts

1111

9-5

new 2 balls

1111 1111

1111

9-22 3 new

1111 1111

small less

10-3

1 new

1111 1111