

SERIOUS THOUGHTS

Woolfelt is far too much undervalued | a statement.

Sustainable

Wool felt is nothing more than fibres from a sheepskin that are entangled together to form a piece of fabric. It is the oldest textile in the world; an organic material that leaves no rest materials when it decays. During the felting process a solution of olive oil soap or green soap dissolved in warm water is used.

Fascinating

Sheeps' wool is a fascinating material. You probably know the advantages: it breathes, it is a good isolator against the cold, it is resistant to fire, it can take in a lot of moisture without feeling wet, it is a very good acoustic material. It has been said that people who are bedridden, lying on a sheep's pelt won't get decubitus (bedsores). The lanoline – the yellowish grease substance in a fur- heals little wounds. You can find the raw wool anywhere. Unfortunately, a lot of wool is still thrown away, because people don't know what to do with it. And that while wool felt is the oldest textile in the world.

Polyester

Take note that if you read that something is made of felt, often recycled fibres are glued to a cloth. You will also encounter felt made of polyester. Feel the difference to wool felt.

Recognition

We are so used to machines, mass production, speed and things that are made for us, that we have lost contact with the actual process itself. We end up further and further away from the craft and thereby from the knowledge of how and of which material something is made. The experience of making an item with your own bare hands, the satisfaction it gives, helps you learn to appreciate the 'smart solutions' of nature and brings you back to earth. Felting a product with your own individuality, your story and your experience is a moment to cherish,

and cannot be compared with buying a ready made product.

Application

You can use sheep wool to felt for example fitted slippers, totally moulded to your feet, by shaping and massaging the felt. Something tailored sounds exclusive and expensive. If you were to use wool from a herd nearby, your muscular strength, some soapy water, it will cost you very little and you would in turn help to reduce the 'waste mountain', whilst doing physical exercise (you won't need to go to the gym), relax through the repetitive movements and get the satisfaction of a self-made product. The number of applications is enormous: wrist warmers, shawls, clothing, jewelry, laptop sleeve, diary cover, lampshade, carpet, coasters, tea-cosy, bridal bouquet, etcetera, and also (applied) art.

Magic

Using only loose fibers, your muscle power and some warm soapy water, you can make your own textile. I don't know of any other material that you turn into your own ideas with so few tools. You can shape it into the desired shape and form by pushing, pulling, shrinking, kneading, bearing and pulling it over a mold.

Get started!

If you've never felted before, than you can invest in a few felting lessons to make felt products for your daily life or as piece of art. I only hear enthusiastic and positive reactions of people who felted for the first time. What more can I say ...

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