



Arms
Tail
Legs



This involves the technique of wrapping the fleece very tightly around the pipe-cleaner-it takes some practice!

Take a tuft of pink and hold it with your thumb and finger about 2cm from the end and wrap tightly towards the end. As you get close to the end, dip the end into some melted wax. Needle felters use a beeswax for this, candle wax is just as good. The Pipecleaner will soak up the melted wax. Wrap the fleece around the end. As the wax cools wrap and smooth the fibres. Do this on both ends of the arms wire.



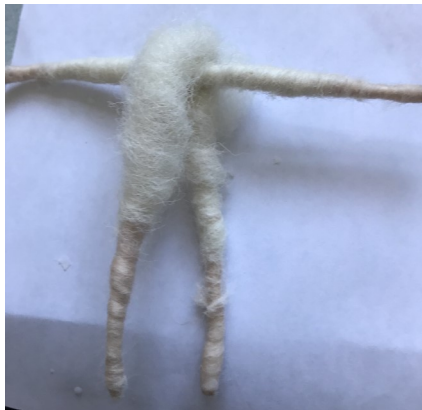
Now take a tuft of white and this time start in the middle of the pipecleaner and go all the way to where your pink begins.

Do the same white and pink for the legs pipecleaner.

Wrap just pink around the whole length of the tail pipecleaner.



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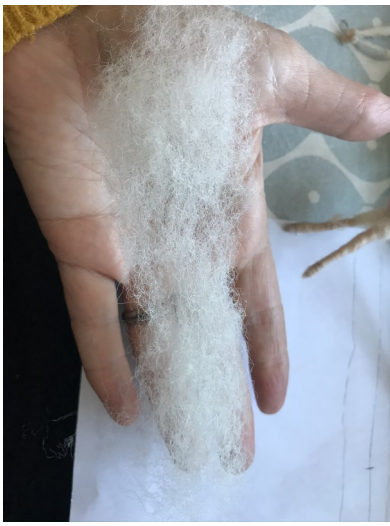


Fold the legs in half.

Push the arms through the top.

Twist to hold the arms in place.

Wrap one end of the tail around the waist.



Now build up the body by wrapping fleece tightly around and use the needle to felt into place.

Build up the body shape on the tummy and upper legs to give your mouse the shape you would like.



Take a small ball of white and roll up.

Begin to felt into a oval shape.

Roll your shape between your hands to help give it shape.



Attach the head to the body by using extra white to 'join' them together.

Push your needle through the head downwards to felt them together too.



Take a small tuft of pink and felt onto your sponge, bringing in the outside fleece to the inside. Keep lifting off the sponge so it doesn't stick! Keep working both sides and the edges with your needle.



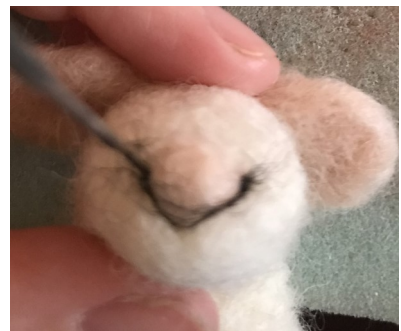
Felt a crease into the centre line by felting the same spot over again.

Make another.

Felt them to the back of the head.



Take a tiny amount of pink and felt straight onto the nose into a triangular shape.



Take a tiny amount of black and push with your needle into the top point of the 'V' you'll be creating. Push into the bottom of the V, then the other top of the V. If you keep felting into the same spot, it will push the fibres into the hole. Repeat the process for the rest of the nose/mouth.



Push the felting needle right into the spot where you want the eye to go. Pull out and push in your eye. You may want to add a little glue to keep the eye safely in place. Repeat with the other eye.



You have finished, pour yourself a large glass of whatever!

You deserve it!