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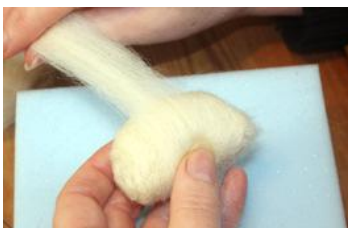
NOTE—The felting needles have special barbs on them that tangle the wool together as you work. These needles are very sharp and should be used with care, when not in use store in the side of the pad. The needle should leave the wool at the same angle as it entered, don't wiggle it around or it will break.



Begin by splitting off a third of the white wool and set this aside. Roll the rest up tightly into a cylinder (The more tightly you roll the less needling you'll need to do.). Don't let go or the wool will unwind.



Body: Keeping your needle steady and using a stabbing motion, lightly needle the wool to hold it in shape and then begin shaping it to form a humped whale, remembering to keep your fingers clear of the needle.



Once you have your basic shape use the remainder of the white wool to wrap around the centre and increase the size of the hump.



Pull off a small amount of yellow wool to cover the front of the whale as shown below.



Use it to wrap up from the bottom of the whale onto the top. at the head. This makes a neat cover of wool for the front of the whale.



Pull off the same amount again and roll it into a cylinder then begin shaping it to form one half of the rear flipper.



Leave one end of the flipper soft and then make a second one. Hold them together and wrap a small amount of wool around the two ends to keep them together.



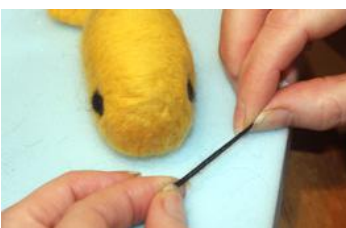
Attach the flippers to the rear of the whale, spreading the loose fibres out and needling them in as you go. If you pick the whale up by the flippers they should feel firmly attached. If you're not sure, work them a little longer.



Taking a small finger width of yellow wool at a time begin wrapping it tightly around the body. After each strip is wound on, needle it to the body and keep repeating until all the white is covered.



Eye: Pull off a very tiny amount of black wool and roll it into a soft ball in your hand. Attach it to one side of the head and repeat for the other eye.



Mouth: Take a tiny amount of black and fold it onto itself until you have a small thin line of wool. Attach to the front of the head for the mouth. It should begin and end in line with the eyes.



Pupil: Finally, pull a teeny tiny amount of yellow off and needle it into the eyes to form a pupil. Use any remaining yellow to cover light spots, areas you've missed or to bulk up the whale some more.