



# *Adelaide Walker LLP*

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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 container provided. The needle should leave the wool at the same angle as it entered, don't wiggle it around or it will break.



If you're making 2 Santas, begin by splitting each piece of wool into 2 pieces along the length, so that you have some for each Santa. Take the larger piece of white, coarser feeling wool and roll it up tightly into a ball. (The more tightly you roll the less needling you'll need to do.)



Keeping your needle steady and using a stabbing motion, lightly needle the ends of the wool into the ball remembering to keep your fingers clear. You're aiming to end up with the wool slightly larger than a golf ball, about 5cm across.



Take the length of red wool and split it in half along the length. Start wrapping it tightly around your ball, turning it as you go and then needle the ends to secure it. If there is any white wool showing then add a little more red wool until it's all covered. Now needle all around your shape to ensure the rest of the wool is secured.



**Hat:** Make another ball from red wool about 2cm in diameter. This will form the hat. Attach the hat to the body by needling through the hat into the body.



Pull off another strip of red wool and wrap around the join of the hat and the body to fill out the bottom of the hat. Add more if needed until the hat size looks right. Your body and hat should look a little like a pear shape when you're done. Try to shape the hat so that the top is leaning backwards slightly.



**Hat Band:** With finger and thumb pull off a small strip of white and a small strip of black wool. Smooth each piece between your fingers to get all the little fly-away fibres down. Taking the white, wrap it firmly around the base of the hat shape and needle into place.



**Belt:** Take the black wool and wrap it firmly around the centre of the ball to form Santa's belt and needle it into place.



**Face:** We'll now use very small amounts of wool at a time. If you haven't added enough you can always add more. Using some of the pink wool make a semi circular shape on the front of the ball underneath the hat.



**Beard:** Pull off a small amount of white wool and put it around the outside of the pink just covering the edge. The beard should reach down nearly as far as the belt.



**Moustache:** Next take a tiny amount of fibres, fold a couple of times then needle into place for a moustache.



**Nose:** Using the pink wool, make a small ball a little smaller than a pea and needle onto the centre of the face to form the nose. The bottom of the ball can overhang the moustache slightly.



**Eyes:** Now take an even tinier amount of black, about 3 fibres, and roll into a ball using finger and thumb. Needle this into place just underneath the edge of the hat and to the side of the nose. Repeat for the second eye.



**Hat Bobble:** Pull off a small amount of white, roll into a ball about the size of a pea and attach to the top of the hat..



**Arms:** Using red wool and finger and thumb, pull off a small strip and roll into a cylinder. Needle this into place beginning at the edge of the hat and finishing just over the edge of the belt. Angle it slightly so the arm appears to be rounded forwards. Repeat for other arm.



**Cuffs:** Using a small amount of white, roll it into a soft ball and needle onto the ends of the arms. It can overlap the edge of the arms slightly. Repeat for other cuff.



**Belt Buckle:** Take a very small amount of grey wool. Roll into a small cylinder then fold in half to form a small squarish shape. Needle this onto the belt in line with the nose. It looks best if the buckle is slightly deeper than the belt.



**Feet:** Finally, take two larger pieces of black and roll into cylinder shapes. Turn Santa upside down and needle into place in the centre.



Round off both ends of each cylinder so it looks a little like the shape of heels and toes. Spend a little time getting these flat as this is how your Santa will stand up. Check after every few stabs of the needle then you can adjust as you go.

Don't worry if you have a little fibre left, you haven't done anything wrong, you should have a little more than you need.