

Big Purple Alien Blob

Huggable and utterly lovable, this friendly alien blob loves making friends, playing sports, shopping, and taking long walks along the lunar landscape.



FIGURE 1



Finished Size

5 inches (12.7 cm) tall

Materials & Tools

Felting needle: 40 gauge

Foam felting mat

Polyester fiberfill*

Magenta**, pink, white, and black roving

Sewing pins, size 24, in white (for antenna)

Craft glue (optional)

*You'll need 2 ounces (57 grams).

**You'll need 1 ounce (28 grams) of this color.

1 Using polyester fiberfill, create a core shape for the **BODY** (fig. 1). Felt the fiber together into a rounded, tapered cone shape. Add additional polyester fiberfill to the bottom and back to extend the size and to create a base for the tentacles.

2 Sculpt five **TENTACLES** of varying size (fig. 2), curving and shaping as desired by needle felting additional polyester fiberfill to the main base to create dimension and length. Create recesses and curves by needle felting these areas more intensely. Keep needle felting the base until it is firm.

3 Cover the base with magenta wool, starting at the top and winding the wool down to the bottom. Felt magenta roving onto into the polyester fiberfill until it binds together, covering the base completely until no white is visible.

4 While covering the tentacles, continue shaping and adding definition by needle felting roving and adding magenta to create bulk and dimension as necessary.

5 Choose one side of the figure to be the front. Portion out small pieces of black roving for the **EYES**. Roll the small pieces between your fingers to create small oval balls of equal size. Needle felt the black roving until it adheres to the magenta roving. Felt and shape the eyes until smooth and slightly recessed into the face to create dimension.

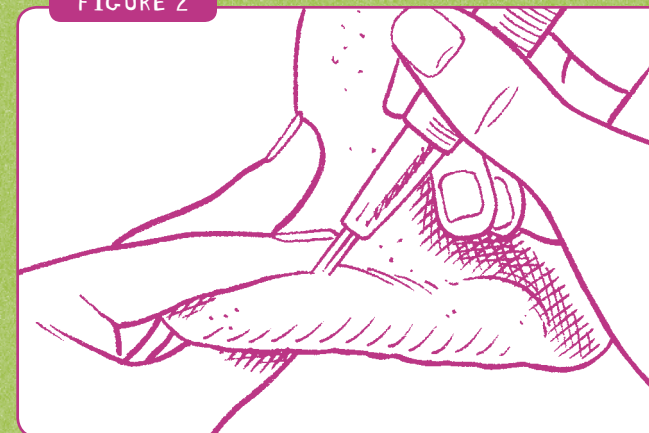
6 Using the photo as a guide, felt white roving into a half circle shape to create a smiling **MOUTH**. Felt the edges of the mouth to create definition and finish.

7 Portion out small pieces of pink roving for the **CHEEK** highlights. Roll the pieces between your fingers to create small oval balls of equal size. Needle felt the cheek highlights in place on the face.

8 Create the alien **ANTENNA** by pushing the two sewing pins into the top of the head, approximately 1 inch (2.5 cm) apart. For extra stability, add a small dab of glue to the sharp end of the pin before carefully sticking it into the fiber.



FIGURE 2

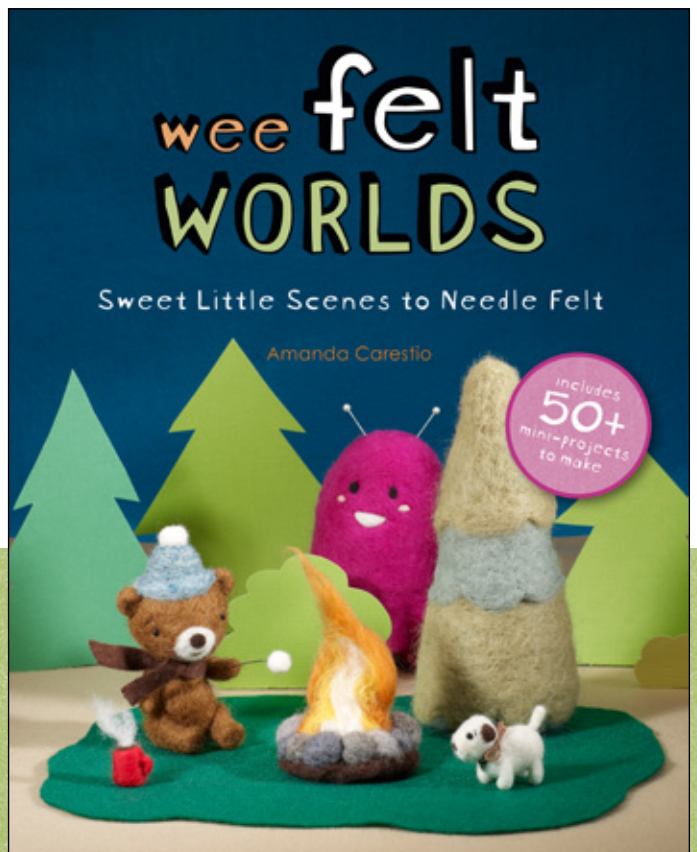




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