

Albuquerque Fiber Arts Fiesta (AFAF) 2024

## **Paint with wool! Needle Felt a Field of Wildflowers**

**Saturday, April 13, 2024**

**10:30 – 2:30, 4 Hours\***

**Classroom A**



**Description:** Let your imagination take flight in this beautiful field of wildflowers!

Needle Felting is a fun, easy and inexpensive fiber art that is a blast to learn: especially with friends!

Learn the simple and fun technique of 2-D needle felting to design your own field of flowers. Finish your design by adding beads and framing with a wooden hoop for amazing results.

\*The time it takes to finish this project depends on the amount of time and detail you put into it. It can be finished in about three hours with minimal beading... or you can stay the 4 hours to complete your wool artwork.

We will be hand sewing beads in this project. No sewing experience is needed, but it will be helpful to you if you have sewn on a button or two in your life! If you have mad skillz... embroidery stitches are stunning on this project, but we will not be teaching embroidery stitches in this class. We will have floss available, if you know some stitches.

**The Instructor: Monique Mullis**, a retired Colorado State Park Ranger and co-owner of The Felted Dog with her sister, is a self-taught needle felter. For over twelve years of felting, she gets most of her inspiration from nature and likes to add silly or whimsical touches to all her projects.

Over the years, she has learned various applications of needle felting, from appliqué on wool to 3-D wool creatures. Monique continues to develop her personal technique called EZ Peazy felting which uses little “cheats” to ensure a successful project the first time. She has designed several felting kits with these fiber “hacks” front and center.

For ten years, Monique has traveled to many fiber festivals as a vendor and instructor. She has taught several needle felting workshops at the Estes Park Wool Market and Sneffels Fiber Festival in Colorado as well as teaching at the Texas Fleece and Fiber Festival, Bandera Fiber Festival, the Eureka Springs Fiber Festival in Arkansas and Flagwool in Arizona. She taught a virtual workshop in 2020 at the New York State Sheep and Wool Festival (Rhinebeck) and teaches monthly felting classes in her storefront and maker’s space in Pueblo Colorado.

While she enjoys perfecting her own skills and making art pieces, Monique is particularly passionate about introducing people to needle felting and giving them the skills and tools they need to make their own fiber creations.

**Level:** This class is great for beginners! It is geared toward adults. Needle felting involves the use of a sharp needle. Typically, kids 10 and up who have great focus and attention span are welcome if they are accompanied with an adult also taking the class. BUT... THIS PARTICULAR CLASS IS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR KIDS UNDER 16.

**Class size:** Maximum 15 students

**Cost: \$45.00 includes materials**

***This does not include EXPO parking fee or show entry fee.***

### **Materials**

Students need to bring: Nothing. Special beads or buttons are optional.

Teacher will provide: All materials, including a wide selection of wool and bead colors, embroidery floss, and wooden hoop frame.

### **Registration and Payment**

**<https://thefelteddog.com/shop/ols/products/felted-field-of-wildflowers-at-the-albuquerque-fiber-fiesta>**