

Embellished Felt Jewellery – TEXATELIER 2010

It's easy and fun to make very attractive jewellery out of felt. You need fleece in lots of wonderful colours, I use pre-dyed merino wool tops, some elbow grease and a little patience too.

With your creations you can make unique presents for Christmas, which will delight your friends and family.



During this course you will:

Learn the intricacies of making felt balls and beads of all sizes. Stringing them together on a strong waxed cord in a mix and match system and using jewellery findings to finish, will create a necklace, bracelet, or ear-rings. We will also make 'sausages' of felted wool creating long twists that become beautiful neckpieces.

You will learn how to make flat felt and from this create brooches and hair accessories. You can also further embellish your jewellery with threads and beads as desired.

The objective:

That you learn various different felt-making processes and realise the necessary equipment to achieve similar results under your own steam back at home.

what do I do with what I get in the end?

You can create special presents for your friends and family for Christmas such as necklaces, bracelets and brooches. You can create unique Christmas tree decorations, all these items you can then make at home, having learned the techniques with us. If you want to you may decide to sell your creations on a website such as Etsy, or create your own Eshop.



what do I get at the end?

You will achieve beautiful and unique pieces of jewellery that you can mix and match.

You may want to create gifts for Christmas or make festive decorations for your Christmas tree and home.

We will provide you with information about stockists and suppliers.

why **Textatelier** classes?

You will be taught by Nikkie Orpen, an internationally renowned Artist and Crafts woman, with over 20 years experience teaching and working in the field of textiles. Her infectious enthusiasm and individuality, coupled with her wide experience and knowledge of the medium will help you to achieve highly individual and attractive items of jewellery.

who will I meet? & why could it be money well spent?

You will meet others, who also have an interest in the area of textiles, get out into the country and enjoy yourself for a whole day - **doing something just for you**. The class is inexpensive and therefore accessible to all, and for €35 you will go home with **new knowledge, new techniques, new possibilities** and some lovely and exquisite jewellery with some commercial potential, (should you wish), having also met some likeminded people.