

Wrapped in Fibre 2 day Workshop

with

Pam de Groot

Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th August

9.30-4.30pm

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Dyeing day 1 We will be dyeing the cloth and fibre to be used for our wrap on day 2.

We will learn microwave and kettle methods for the fibre, creating a varied colourful wool fibre. Next we use shibori techniques, folding, clamping and tying the fabric. This will create fabric samples with layers of colour and pattern perfect for our project.

Felting day 2 Using nuno felting methods students will create a scarf or wrap using tissue silk, a fabric with a beautiful drape, and a single layer of wool fibre. We will explore design principles and experiment with different texture, fabrics and most of all colour.

Trawl the wardrobe, op shops and remnant shops for interesting silk and loosely woven cotton fabrics. We will incorporate these into the fabric surface. A mosaic of surface colour, texture and pattern will rebirth these fabrics into a new and vibrant cloth.

Requirements.

- White Silk fabric, paj (pongee 5.5mm) 2m or more and at least 4 m tissue silk. We will be using 2 layers of silk in all ,a sandwich, and some of it will be overlapping. Remember some of the silk for day 2 can be from recycled scarves etc.
- Large ice cream container or similar.
- Clamps (plastic), rubber bands, small 1cm thick blocks of wood for clamping fabric between .(ask Wendy if this is a problem she is married to a builder!) Empty wine bottle, long screws, thick thread and some string.
- Large piece of bubble wrap 2.8-3m long x .8 or .9m wide. Or match stick blind or two.
- Netting the same length, old sheet (may get torn up to roll felt in at end of process)
- 200-300g white wool tops (This is more than you will need but it gives you choice.) Some coloured commercially dyed wool tops for small embellishments.
- Soap of choice, small ice cream container, or ball brause.
- Selection of natural fibres to add in. silk hankies, spun wool, silk fabric etc. Cotton muslin or other open weave fabrics. (Avoid synthetics unless very open weave.)
- Bring a few old towels
- Paper and pencil, camera.
- Sharp scissors
- Pair of old stockings
- Half a pool noodle (whole one if you don't want to wreck it for the kids.)

Materials list is attached for materials available at The Felt Studio. Please order 4 weeks ahead. Wendy will have your materials ready for you on the day.