

# The (Heart)Felt Mandala

Exploring Color, Design & Surface Decoration  
in Handmade Felt

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Learn to make a hand-felted rug inspired by the traditional art and design of the 'Mandala'. Loosely translated to mean "circle," a Mandala represents wholeness and balance; its symbolism appears in many cultures and aspects of life.

Explore felt-specific techniques for surface design and texture, including colour blending, pattern inlay, shading, and the effects of using simple stitch.

Incorporate a variety of fibres, pre-felts, recycled knits & fabrics and novelty yarns. This class playfully guides students through the stages and process of colour use & effect, design, and mark-making in felt to create individual rugs that are functional and truly inspirational.



**Ability level:** Some felting experience is helpful

**Length:** This class can be offered as a 3, 4 or 5 day workshop

**Materials:** To be supplied by students. A full Material and Requirements list will be provided. A small fee applies for teaching notes

**Maximum number of students:** 12

**Class set-up:** large tables, chairs, access to water

