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# Making Felted Soap

Felted Soap or "soaps in sweaters" are a soap and wash cloth in one. They gently exfoliate the skin and dry out quicker between uses which eliminates the slimy stickiness around your sink or bathing area and lengthens the life of your soap. No more slippery soap searching in the bath tub, they are easy to grip and create more suds as you rub them between your hands and ideal for children.

The wool around your soap is also a natural and pretty packaging. No more need for hand wash in plastic bottles!



## What you will need:



Bowl and hot water - Bar of Soap -  
Selection of wool Tops - Towel



Background coloured wool top is around 25 cm long. Open out the fibres to make a flat piece. The wool has been pulled rather than cut for smooth wrapping



Dip the bar of soap in to water so that it is damp and lay on to the felting wool



Tightly wrap the soap with your background colour (don't worry about small gaps either end where the soap can be seen, this will be covered during the wet felting)



Using strands of coloured wool top wrap around the soap taking care not to twist the fibres so that they lay flat and tight around the soap.





Fully immerse your wrapped soap in hot water. Squeeze all around taking care to cover any gaps at the ends. Take your time with this part ensuring that all fibres are squashed on to the soap



Gently rub at first all over the soap - you are starting to bond the fibres now, when they start to fuse you can apply more pressure and begin to roll between your hands. Apply more and more pressure as you go until the fibres are fixed. (if you have excess fibres at the ends snip these off before you apply a lot of pressure and repeat the process of rubbing and rolling).



When all the fibres are fused and flat wrap in a clean towel and squeeze out the excess water and suds. Remove from the towel and smooth down any fluffy bits and leave to dry.

*Happy Felting!*