



Felted Monsters

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Days: Monday-Friday, June 3-7

Times: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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Course Description

Make a felted wooly monster! Students will learn how to make felt out of wool roving with both wet felting and needle felting techniques, using their own imagination to create silly imaginary friends.

What will you learn?

Looking at dragons, gargoyles, and other creatures from art history for inspiration, students will learn how to transform their ideas into a three-dimensional sculpture while learning the process of felting wool, with a focus on color, texture, patterns, and balance.

Materials

Materials will be provided by the Firehouse.

Class Schedule:

Class 1: Students will learn how to felt with water, making a ball shape and a flat piece of wool fabric. They will draw ideas for monsters to create, using their imagination to make them as fantastical as possible. We will discuss balance (to make the monsters stand up) when they are drawing their ideas. Students will learn how to blend new colors of wool by mixing colors together.

Class 2: Students will learn how to needle felt, using pieces created the previous day. They will learn about form, shape, and proportion when choosing how they want their monster to look.

Class 3: Students will learn to create an armature to support their monster. They will use what they've learned about balance and proportion to adjust their creation.

Class 4: Students will use color, texture, and value while creating the outside appearance of their monsters. They will decide if they want patterns, how to create shadows and highlights with wool, and how to create different textures.

Class 5: Students will put together all the pieces of their monsters and adjust them as needed. Any other details will be added, making the monsters truly come to life!