

NEEDLEFELTING PATTERN TEMPLATE

In many projects, we provide a template for beginning and advanced needle felters to use as a guide to creating our project. Templates help you size and proportion your creation. If you are trying to make animals somewhat realistic, you must get proper proportions.

Start off by obtaining a realistic drawing (or photos work too if you can see the full animal) of a side view of the critter you want to create. Search the website for the animal you wish to make and you will find a side view somewhere among your searches. Use this drawing to make an outline of the animal. This outline will be what you will work from.



Make the body shape. Place it on your template and shape it so it fits within the drawing.



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Block in the entire body shape. Needle it firmly.



Block the head shape in separately from the body.

Once you have your shapes, then you go back and add detail. Use the drawing to place legs, arms, and ears.



You will be amazed at how you can easily proportion your animal so they look “right”. Use floral wire to shape legs and arms according to the template, too.

Good luck making those critters, but most of all have fun!

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