

## Balfour School Felt Wall Hanging Workshops

The classes were given a theme of exotic fruit or green jewels taken from poems for their felt workshops. This is how we created our vibrant felted pieces of art!



1. The quiet before the storm!  
A selection of coloured wool tops were laid on each table



2. As a head start I laid out the first two background layers



3. Drawings were placed under bubble wrap squares as templates for the wool fruits.



4. Pieces of wool tops were pulled apart and placed across each other for the background



5. The individual pictures were put in position on the background, covered in a net curtain to keep them in place, then using warm water carefully compressed the layers.



6. When flattened, soap was carefully rubbed all over until fibres started showing through the net: hence the felting process had begun!



7. Felt making is a hands on messy activity - fun for all then!



8. When the net is carefully peeled away, the partially felted wall hanging is revealed for the first time!



9. The hard work really begins now - with the rolling process. After 100 rolls, the felt is un-rolled then turned 45 degrees then re-rolled. This happens until the material does not pull apart when tugged.



10. Washing becomes a communal activity



11. Using imagination to squeeze out the water.



12. Identifying individual fruit while left to dry.



13. Proudly showing off the Green Jewel wall hanging.

Karen Rao contemporary felt artist

# Felt Making Workshops

## in Brighton



**Learn how to create a fantastic piece of Art with just wool, soap and water, using the ancient technique of felt making!**



**It's wet, its messy and it's a fun, hands on educational experience for everyone!**

Felt together creating your very own unique wall hanging on a chosen theme or make your own individual mini work of art!

Cost: £220 per day plus £75 materials per group session. This involves working with one group in the morning and another in the afternoon.

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