



The Victorian Feltmakers Inc.

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To all VFI Members,

Beginner Workshops Series – now open for bookings!!

\$30 for VFI members and you can bring your own supplies (list can be provided by host on request)

\$40 for non-members which includes felting kit or VFI members who would like to use the kit

Making Wet Felted Jewellery with beads & cords Margot & Rita: Sat 20th June at 1 – 4pm

Margot and Rita have paired up to show participants how to make and use wet felted beads and cords to make their own jewellery. A great introduction into wet felting, designing and creating your own pieces. ***** **1 spot left !!!** *****



3D Hearts as part of the Heartfelt Project with Alice – Sat 15th August at 1 – 4pm

There is nothing quite like wool as a medium for bringing comfort. Through the Heartfelt Community Project, founded by the artist Wendy Bailie, where wool felted hearts are created and shared as symbols of care, hope, and compassion. These hearts provide comfort to recipients, and the felting process itself supports emotional wellbeing for makers. Let's make comfort hearts for someone in need and share them freely with the local community.



Make a small Pod or Vessel with Jane – Sat 17th October at 1 – 4pm

Discover the magic of felting in this relaxed and creative workshop! You'll learn how to craft your very own small pod (just like the one pictured) while picking up the essential skills to get you started on your felting journey. Along the way, we'll explore the fascinating history of felting, the different techniques you can use, and the wide variety of wools and fibres that bring these beautiful creations to life. But most importantly—this workshop is all about enjoying yourself, getting creative, and trying something new in a friendly, supportive space. By the end of the session, you'll head home with your handmade pod and a basic felting kit so you can keep the creativity flowing.



If you are interested in attending a workshop, having some fun and trying something new, book in on our website <https://www.vicfeltmakers.org/beginners-workshops-2026.html> and I will call you to confirm we have space and provide the payment details so you can go ahead and secure your spot. The workshops will be held at St James Hall, Cnr of Burke St & High Street, Glen Iris

If you have any questions or would like more information or to book over the phone, please give me a call – Jo on 0432 935174 or feel free to email me at jobagge1@gmail.com

If you know of anyone else who would be interested in our workshops please send them the below flyer. If you would like to display this at a local textile / fibre arts group, woolshop, or neighbourhood house please feel free. PDF is available here below to print or email link:

[VFI Beginners Felting Workshops 2026 - Flyer](#)

Events in 2026

Date	Activity
Sat 20 th June	Member meeting & Beginners Felting Workshop – Jewellery Making
Sat 25 th July	Felting Frenzy – Using paper in felting – Jane St Quintin
Sat 15 th August	Member meeting & Beginners Felting Workshop – Making 3D Comfort Hearts
Sat 19 th Sept	Felting Frenzy – Dolls – Di Morley and Mary McMahon
Sat 17 th Oct	Member meeting & Beginners Felting Workshop – Small Pod Vessel
Sat 21 st Nov	Felting Frenzy – Using scraps – Christmas decorations and other ideas– Jill Preston
Sat 5 th Dec	VFI Christmas celebration

Events outside of the VFI you may be interested in:

Victoria:

Box Hill Spinners and Weavers 60th Anniversary Exhibition 'Diamonds' 9 – 14 June

www.creativewhitehorse.vic.gov.au/whats-on/diamonds-box-hill-hand-spinners-weavers

All about Fibre and Yarn Festival – Apex Hall, Echuca 14th June www.allaboutfibreandyarn.com.au

Flagstaff Hill Wool Weekend – Warrnambool 11th & 12th July www.flagstaffhill.com/events/wool-weekend

Australian Sheep and Wool Show 2026 - Bendigo 17th to 19th July www.sheepshow.com

All about Fibre and Yarn Festival – Romsey, 13th September www.allaboutfibreandyarn.com.au

Geelong Fibre Forum – September 27th to October 3rd www.taftainc.com.au/geelongfibreforum

Interstate:

Alice Springs Beanie Festival, NT: June 19th – 22nd [Alice Springs Beanie Festival | 2026 Program](#)

All about Fibre and Yarn Festival – Beverly Hills, NSW 27th June www.allaboutfibreandyarn.com.au

All about Fibre and Yarn Festival – Flynn, ACT 2nd August www.allaboutfibreandyarn.com.au

QLD Yarn Fest – Morayfield 22nd to 23rd August

Fibrefest – Wyong NSW: 27th Sept <https://www.knittersguildnsw.org.au/what-we-do>

Margot's gorgeous nuno felted wrap from El Kanagh

Coming across this vibrant rayon material my thoughts wandered to how I might introduce a felting element.



Working on the colours within the material, I began by making pre-felts. In this project I wanted both sides to be embellished, in other words there was not a right or wrong side.

**Pre-felts:**

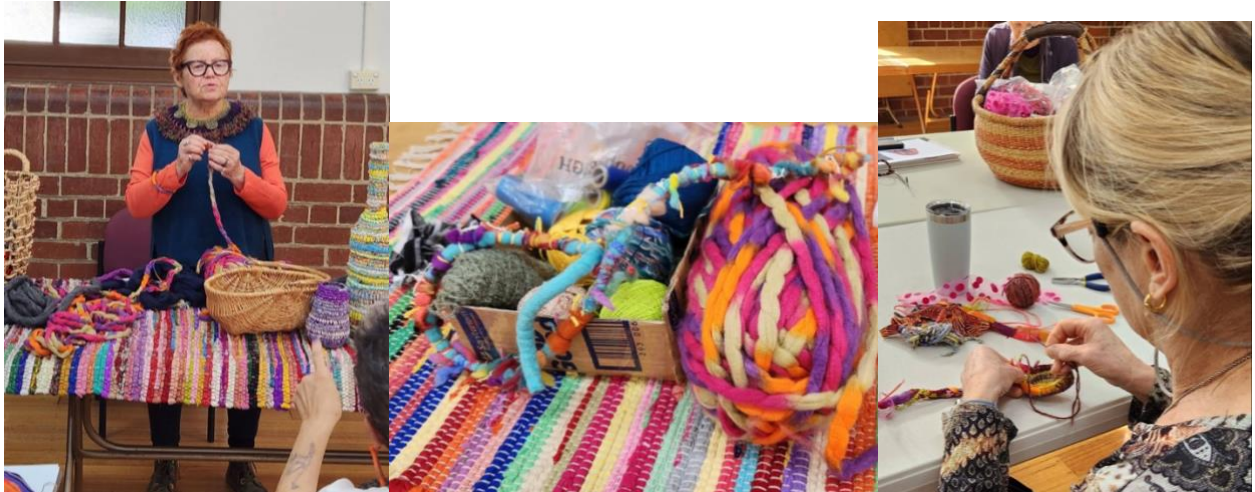
I laid out, two colours, each cross hatched with two layers of 19micron merino fibre, highlighted with silk, rolling approx.300 times, I then dried them.

**Embellishing:**

Once the pre-felts were dry, I cut out circles using a template (saucer size) I further cut these into the circles creating wheels. On the side one of the fabric I laid out the wheels, as well as cutting strips of the pre-felt, I laid these in alternate colours on the raw edges of side one.

After dampening and rolling and drying the first side I repeated the wheels then the strips to sandwich the edges on the second side. Using strips of pre-felt and sandwiching the edges makes for nice even borders. Once the design was completed I continued the felting process till the wrap was fully felted. Using scraps of material and fibre I made a rosette style brooch to hold the wrap in place.



Felt. Frenzy on Sat 16th May: The coming together of felt & basketry by Sonya Solomon

Thank you Sonya for demonstrating the coiling method to create textured baskets using felt, yarn, lace and other materials. Everyone were deeply engaged in the demonstration and tried the techniques themselves afterwards.

Sat 25 th July Felting Frenzy – Using paper in felting by Jane St Quintin

There are still spots available !

Jane will share a creative demonstration on using paper in felting.

The charge for this will be \$25 with the extra \$5 to cover the cost of the paper that will be supplied. There will also be some paper available for purchase on the day.

Felt Frenzies are held at St. James Hall, Cnr Burke Rd. & High St. Glen Iris. BYO Lunch. Please make sure you fill in the Registration Form if you are attending the Felt Frenzies. You will find full details there if you are intending to take part in the Skill Share. Attendance at our Felt Frenzies is limited and must be booked and paid for in advance. Please click on the Registration Form link below to book and pay for your place.

Non-members are welcome to join one introductory session free. Registration is essential.

Felt Frenzy registration form: <https://www.vicfeltmakers.org/felt-frenzy-registration-form.html>

Flagstaff Hill Wool Weekend 11th & 12th July



Flagstaff Hill based in Warrnambool is having a wool weekend. Lots of things to do including workshops to learn how to knit a cable, small felting workshops making buttons, coasters or felt pencils and also for those who would like to do a larger project, there's a making a felt hat workshop by milliner, Jo Barr. For more details on this event please go to:

<https://www.flagstaffhill.com/whatson>

Australian Sheep & Wool Show 2026, Bendigo – 17th to 19th July



The big wool event of the year! Give it a look if you are free that weekend. It's well worth the visit! Australia's premier sheep, wool and country lifestyle event — bringing together competitions, fashion, food, fibre, working dogs, Woolcraft and family experiences across three huge days in Bendigo.

It also features the biggest fibre market in Australia!

<https://www.sheepshow.com/>

Southern Hemisphere Felt Convergence, Adelaide on 26 – 29th July 2027

A date to put in the diary! For more info please visit: <https://www.feltconvergence.com/>



Join us in Adelaide in July 2027 for four inspiring days dedicated to creativity, community, and innovation in felt.

**A Celebration of
Fibre and
Creativity**

- Workshops
- Presentations
- Trader Displays
- Suitcase Sale

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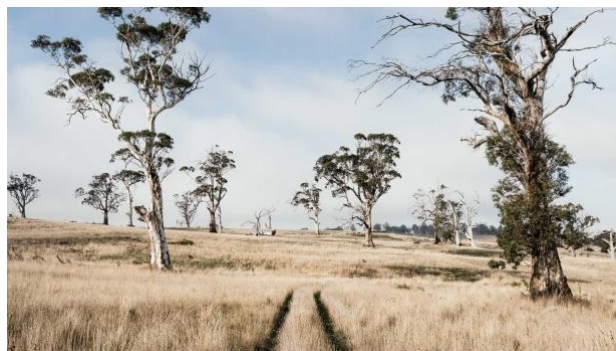
Program announcements and early bird registration will be released soon.

Register for our newsletters and follow our Facebook page for updates and registration information.

Join us in Adelaide in July 2027 for four unforgettable days of felt making and fibre-filled fun.

Email: info.shfc2027@gmail.com

Favourite Supplier for this month: White Gum Wool, Tasmania



Would you like to be able to source ethically produced wool by a supplier that not only honours the sheep but also the landscape on which they graze? If the answer is yes then White Gum Wool is well worth a look.

A little about the story behind White Gum Wool "White Gum Wool comes from sheep raised on a single farm in Tasmania's high midlands, where they graze on diverse native pastures in healthy family groups. Sheep are highly social animals, and keeping families together means the sheep are just plain happier. The farm works in harmony with the natural ecosystem, producing wool without the use of herbicides, fertilisers, pesticides or fungicides."

Whilst the wool tops is more expensive than most at \$23 for 100g, it is possible to reduce the cost by a few people clubbing together to buy a larger amount at the wholesale rate. For their complete story and the products available take a look at the website <https://www.whitegumwool.com.au/the-story-matters>