## Wool ball birds workshop



## What do we need?

1. Mat for wet felting. I use ribbed kitchen cupboard mat from IKEA shop. It sold in rolls in kitchen section of IKEA. You can find something similar.

2. Soap.

3. Water container.

4. Scissors.

5. Needle felting tools: mat (dishwashing sponge is fine) and felting needle size 38, gauge star. You can manage without.

6. Wool: I make balls out of extra fine Australian merino wool in tops (18-21 mic), but you can use any wool you have (coarse or carded, anything is good). For one bird ball (ready size 1,8 cm in diameter) I use 1 g of wool. For middle size hand bracelet you need 10-11 birds.

7. Eyes. I use black plastic toy eyes 2 mm (easy to buy from Aliexpress). Black beads are perfectly fine too.

How else to make eyes?

Alternatively, I will show how to make simple eyes out of oven-baked clay. If you will follow me then you need to get pack of any oven-baked clay (Fimo, Sculpey, Cernit etc) black color. Also you can get another color for beak (I use rusty color). You need piece of clean paper, piece of aluminium foil and wet tissues. And the oven for sure. I will show how to make a beak out of clay and wool too.

Besides, you can make birds eggs out of polymer clay.

If you plan to embroider eyes, you need sewing thread and needle.

If you plan to sew on eyes, then you need sewing thread and needle.

8. If you will glue the eyes (As I will), then you need superglue-gel, pin, and awl (or sharp scissors) and a piece of adhesive tape.

9. Razor if you have coarse wool.

## Ideas for birds balls

You can make a bracelet out of birds, then you need elastic string to arrange them as beads.

Also you can sew on the birds on elastic hair band, glue on hair pin, make a necklace, fridge magnet (then you need super strong neodymium magnet), a ring (get the ring base), a brooch (get the brooch pin) or earrings (for those you need earrings accessories, round pliers and wire cutters).

You can decorate your home with birds , for example, put them on blossoming tree branches or even make a nest for them out of birch twigs and make polymer clay bird eggs. Even one bird can cheer you (or your friend) up – I keep a cute lilac one on my laptop.





