

# Bracelet

These fun felted beads can be made into stunning bracelets, necklaces and earrings. You can be as adventurous as you wish with your design and make up colours and patterns to complement an outfit for a co-ordinated look.

## You will need

- Raw, uncombed wool
- Merino wool in three or four colours
- Foam block
- Felting needle
- Clear elastic thread
- Darning needle
- Scissors
- PVA glue
- Thimble and jewellery pliers (optional)



1 Choose three or four colours of merino wool that will look good together.

2 Make a ball using raw, uncombed wool as shown on page 14. Wrap a wisp of coloured merino wool around it and needle it in. Continue adding wisps and needling to cover the ball.

3 Work out how many balls you need to make a bracelet to go round the wearer's wrist. I have made nine.





4 Work out the order in which you want to thread the felt beads. Leaving the clear elastic thread on the reel, thread a darning needle and go through the first bead.



5 Continue threading. You can use a thimble if you need to. If the felt ball is very dense, you may need to pull the needle through using jewellery pliers.



6 Test the bracelet to see if it fits before adding the final beads. Then tie the clear elastic thread in a double knot.



7 Trim the ends of the clear elastic thread. Do not cut the ends too short at first.

### Tip

To make the bracelet extra-strong, you can take the thread through all the felt beads for a second time before tying off.

8 Apply a little PVA glue to the knot to secure it. Let the glue dry and then retrim the ends of the thread if necessary.





*Decorate beads with different patterns and add a key ring, a loop or a key fob to make these unique felted creations.*



*The finished bracelet.*

*You can vary the colours used to make a different bracelet, or decorate the beads with patterns for a striking effect.*

