

# Felting Master Class

## - MODULE 4 -

### People ~ Characters

#### Supplies

Foam or wool pad for your work surface

Felting needles

Wool

#### 2D Characters

Bringing characters to life with wool is such a joy! When creating a figure that lays flat against the background, a 2D figure, I find that beginning with the basic shapes of their clothing helps determine the scale for the rest of the figure. Don't get hung up on detail in the beginning, just felt in the basic shapes of the shirt, pants, or dress. Next felt in small amounts of flesh tone in the shapes of the arms/hands, legs/feet, and head. If your figure is wearing shoes there is no need to use flesh tone for the feet, just lay in the color of the shoes. Once the placement in your picture is correct and the scale of your figure seems proportionate it's time to add in more wool to create a bit of dimension and details. If your figure is larger and located in the foreground add more detail. If the figure is small and in the background adding less detail will help them fall farther into the distance.

#### 3D Characters

Felting lends itself beautifully to incorporating 3D elements onto a flat background. For figures, you are essentially constructing a doll that attaches to your picture. The images displayed here show the step-by-step creation and assembly of a figure. As you individually felt the torso, limbs, head, and feet lay them out as you go to watch the accuracy of scale. Using core wool under your colored wool is economical, but it can make scale accuracy a bit trickier. Like any other object, laying out your wool sections prior to felting multiple items will help you gauge consistency of volume, keeping your sizes the same in the end. Once you've completed the body parts, including your detail work, attach them to the torso. If you attach body parts before your details are done it adds quite a bit of difficulty because you simply can't move the parts around as freely. Felt the limbs securely to the torso, tucking your needle under the hem lines of the clothing. Once in place, give everything a little tug to be sure it is securely attached and then felt the figure into place on your picture.