

Grab & Go Craft Kit: Felt Flower Art

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In this craft you'll be making a few different styles and sizes of felt flowers. While instructions/guidelines are below, if you want to investigate other styles of felt flowers, there are many online tutorials. In addition, **there is a video tutorial for this craft that you can find on WPL's YouTube channel**. A link to that video can be found on our website and was sent in your reminder email. A copy of these instructions can be found on our website in case you want to share with a friend – simply type “craft” in the search bar.



While this looks like a lot of instructions, it's really only learning two different felt flower making methods – and once you have those down, the rest is easy.

Supplies

Included in Kit:

- 4" embroidery ring
- 3 pieces of colored felt for flowers
- 1 small piece of green felt for leaves
- 1 full piece of felt for background
- Glue bottle
- Pearl
- Small pompom
- Templates (found on the last couple of pages of these instructions)

Not included:

- Scissors
- Hot glue gun, optional – I used mine in the photos below to save time. If you use the glue included, you will need to have longer drying times but it works perfectly, too

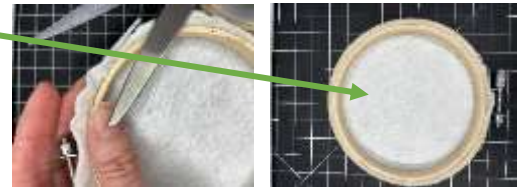
Instructions

Prepare the hoop: you'll need scissors, the hoop, glue, templates, and the full sheet of felt.

1. Cut out one of each circle using the templates for the background felt. Keep the extra felt – you can use it for the interior of or extra flowers if you wish. Better to cut these pieces too big than too small – you can trim but you can't add felt!
2. Unscrew and separate the two rings of the embroidery ring.
3. Secure the larger felt circle in the embroidery hoop:
 - a. Center the felt circle over the smaller hoop.
 - b. Unscrew the larger hoop so that it is **almost** fully unscrewed.
 - c. Push the larger hoop over the felt and smaller hoop, securing the felt in-between the two hoops. It will be tight.
 - d. Keeping the felt taut and wrinkle-free, tighten the screw on the larger ring until it's secure.



4. Cut off the excess felt sticking out the back side of the ring.
5. Lay the hoop on the table so the hoop's back is facing up. Glue the smaller felt circle to the back of the felt – this ensures that you can't see through the felt from the front. Let dry.



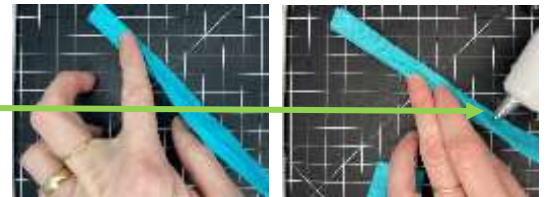
Make your leaves: you'll need the leaf template, scissors, and green felt.

1. Cut out two leaves from the green felt using the template.

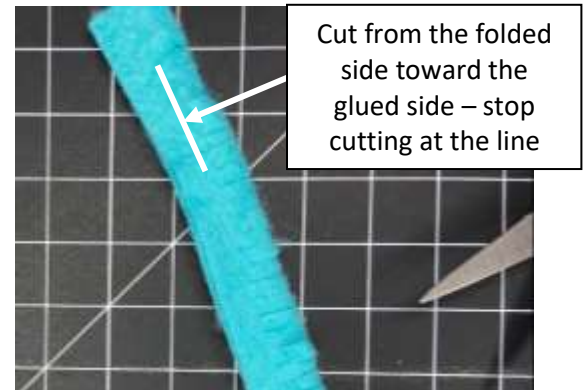
Make your flowers: you'll need the glue, scissors, and the colored felt. Make the small rose last as it uses techniques learned while making the first two flowers.

1. Fringed Flower: the blue flower pictured (your provided felt color may be different)

- a. Grab the long piece of felt and cut it in a 6"x1" rectangle using the template.
- b. Fold the felt in half lengthwise and glue in place by gluing only along the outside edge, do not put glue toward the middle fold. Let dry.



- c. Traveling lengthwise down the felt, make cuts every 1/8" inch. Cut halfway or a little more from the folded side toward the glued side. The longer you make the cuts, the "floppier" the flower will be.



- d. Starting at one end, tightly roll up the felt into the flower shape, gluing as you go. Let dry.
- e. Flatten out the fringe which actually gives the flower its shape.



2. Large Rose: the pink rose pictured (the provided felt color may be different)

- a. Cut out a 4"x4" circle using the template.
- b. Starting at any point on the circle, begin cutting a spiral. As you cut, make the cut wavy as shown. Freehand it –it doesn't have to be perfect. The width of the waves determine the flower's height. My width was about 1/2".
- c. Cut all the way around until you reach the middle of the circle and are left with a little center tab.
- d. Round off the "sharp" little corner tail using your scissors.
- e. If you're unsure of cutting, practice with paper first. Remember flowers are organic so your cuts can be freehand and look natural.



- f. Starting at the outside end of the spiral, roll snugly until you reach the end of the spiral on the inside of the circle.

- i. As you do this, keep the felt edge that will make the rose's bottom even with each other. The rose's bottom edge is on the inside spiral edge.



- ii. The rose's top will start to splay out into a flower shape as you roll – it will take a few rolls before this happens.

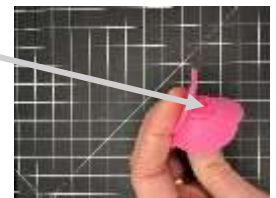
- iii. **Practice rolling before gluing because it will take a few practice rolls.** It's normal to have to practice so don't get frustrated.

- iv. Once you're happy and it makes sense, glue. You can glue as you go or simply glue the bottom together once done.

- g. As you near the end of rolling, you'll notice the tab from step C. The tab serves as the rose's flat base. Put glue here and press flat against the bottom of the flower.



- h. After glued together, you can trim "petals" if you wish – feel free to shape the flower if you don't like the way it looks.



- i. After the flowers have been glued to the background felt, glue the pearl into the rose's center. Make sure the pearl's holes are on the sides, not the top.

3. *Small Rose: the yellow/blue one pictured (the provided felt may be a different colors)*

- a. The flower's interior

- i. Cut a 1"x3/4" piece of felt using the template provided.
ii. Using the same steps for the "Fringed Flower" above, make a small fringed flower.
iii. This fringed interior should be dry before starting the outside of the flower.



- b. The flower's outside

- i. Cut a 3"x3" felt circle using the template provided.
ii. Using the same steps for the "Large Rose" above, cut the spiral.
iii. The only difference between putting together this rose and the above rose is that instead of starting the flower by rolling on itself, you're going to start by wrapping around the small fringed flower you just made.
iv. After you start the wrap, finish the flower using the steps you did for the large rose.

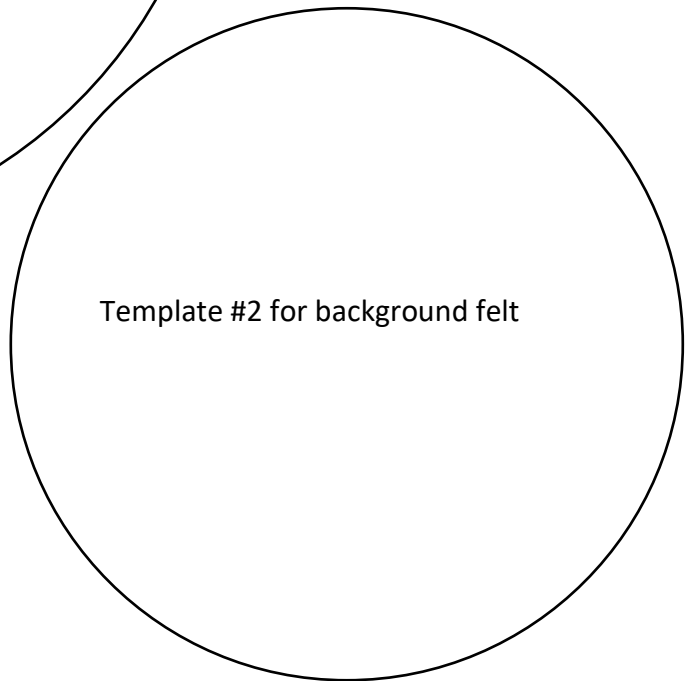
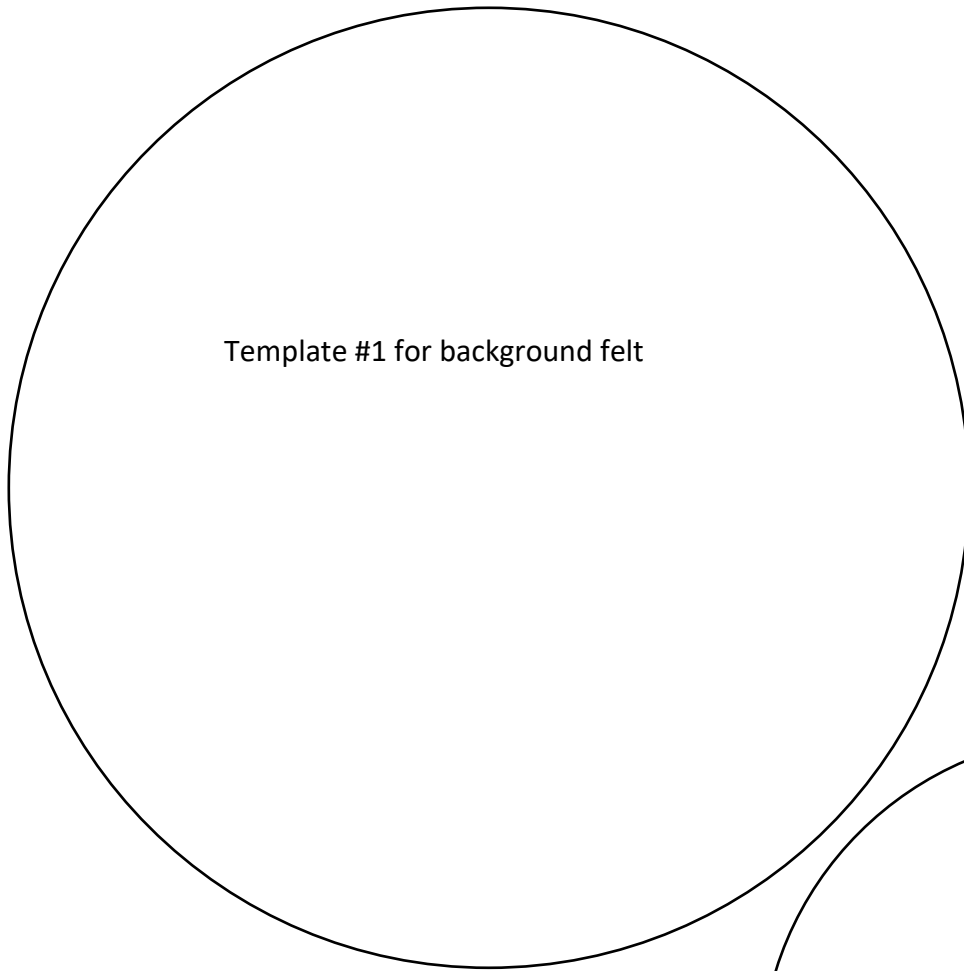


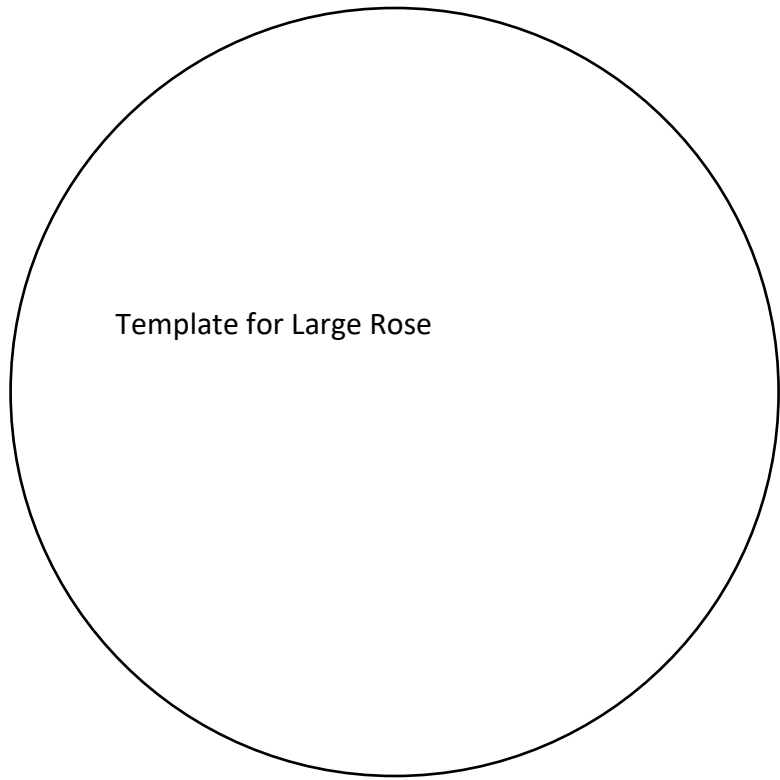
Putting it Together

- After everything has dried, play around with how you want the pieces to go together on the front of the hoop.
- Once you're happy with where everything is, glue everything on the white felt. Start with the leaves and end with the pompom and pearl.

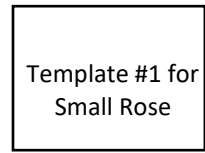


TEMPLATES

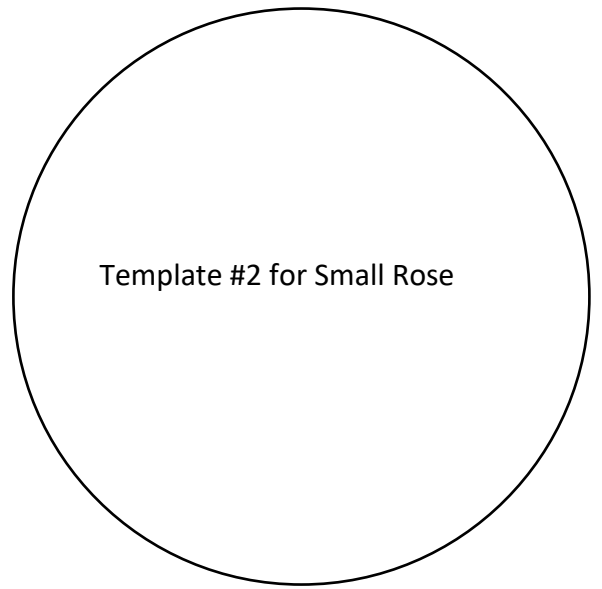




Template for Large Rose



Template #1 for
Small Rose



Template #2 for Small Rose