

Style Tip: Needle Felting is an easy embellishment that's perfect for garments and accessories alike.

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Materials and supplies featured in this segment:

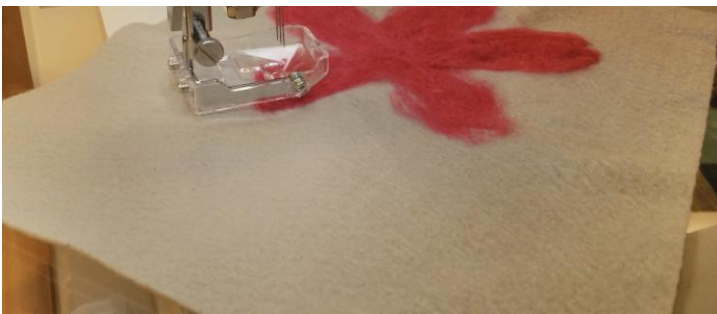
- Featured machine is the [Brother XV8550D Dream Machine2](#)
- [Brother Needle Felting Attachment - Accessory #SA280](#) Please read all instructions that are included with attachment.
- Kunin brand polyester felt for flower base
- Wool roving
- Snippets of sock weight wool or wool blend yarn.
- Accents such as feathers and buttons or beads.
- Plain hat
- Hand needle and thread and a pin to secure trim to hat.

General information about the SA280, Needle Felting Attachment for the Brother XV/V series machines: Needle felting by machine is fast, fun, and easy! This attachment will help you quickly and securely punch wool rovings, fabrics, felt or yarns into a base fabric. Popular base fabrics include synthetic felt, wool felt, wool fabrics, denim, and even silk dupioni! This attachment is *specifically* made for certain model machines. In this kit you'll find everything you need to start: a needle holder and cover, presser foot, Allen screwdriver, dust box, extra needles and a yarn guide. Add fabrics and fibers of your choice and you are ready to embellish with felting. As an alternative you can use a kit for felting by hand.

Basic Instructions for creating a felted accent such as the floral trim for this hat:

Step 1. Cut an oversized piece of synthetic felt to use as a base. Begin by tracing a rough outline of a flower or other shape using a removable marker. Pull off bits of roving fibers and place in desired areas you wish to fill.

Tip: You can use an appliqué template or even a cookie cutter as the basis for your shape.



Step 2. Felt the fibers into the base, adding more fibers to fill as desired. Create a mix of colors by blending in various colors.

Tip: Felting by machine takes very little practice and you will quickly develop a rhythm as you work. There is no right or wrong way to do this but I like to use a back and forth movement and add a little bit of fiber at a time. Fibers should be thoroughly embedded in the base.



Step 3. Cut short pieces of yarn to accent the roving as desired and felt these into place. Note: With this attachment you can also thread strands of yarn through the cording hole and felt into place for additional accents.



Step 4. Cut out felted piece and add trims as desired. I prefer hand sewing trims to the felted piece but you could consider using suitable fabric glue. Attach finished piece to your item with a pin or use hand sewing.

You are finished! Enjoy!



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Joanne