

# Needle Felted Heart Pocket/Pouch



I used:

- Weeks Dye Works Wool
- #2280 Emma's Pink
- White Roving
- Deep Lime Green Roving
- Weeks Dye Works #5 Pearl Cotton
- #1138 Sophie's Pink
- #38T Felting Needle
- A piece of High Density Foam

You can use anything you want to create the Pocket/Pouch. The fabric you needle into should be dense in order to hold the roving.

I cut my two pieces of fabric 4" wide x 5" tall. Again, you can make it any size you want.

I drew a heart shape on a piece of cardboard and cut it out, which then becomes the stencil. I placed one piece of the wool on the high density foam. I placed the stencil on the wool. I took small wisps of the white roving (feel free to use any color you want) and needled them onto the wool. The more roving you add, the more solid your heart will be.



**Note:** Whatever direction your needle goes into your roving is the direction it should come out. Otherwise, you will bend or break your needle.

You can use more than one needle at a time if you have a needle holder. Remove your fabric from the foam. If you don't move it periodically it will become a permanent fixture on the foam, or the foam will be permanently attached to the back of your work.

Remove the stencil. You can now needle the sides of the heart "to clean the edges" so instead of working your needle up and down on the top of the heart, you will be working into the sides horizontally. Your wool and roving will be sitting on your foam during this process.

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When you have the heart the shape you want then you can begin to embellish it. I took small amounts of the lime green roving and made circles. Decide where you want your polka-a-dots and lay a small amount of your green in that spot. Needle in the center of the green. You will notice that the fibers of the roving begin to stand up. Twirl your needle in those fibers and needle them into the center of the dot. By using different amounts of green, you will form various sized circles. Add as many of as few dots as you want.



You could add buttons or beads instead of polka-dots or add them with the polka-dots. It's your project – make it personal!

To finish the Pocket/Pouch, use one thread of the Pearl Cotton and work a Blanket Stitch across the top front piece of wool. When you come to the corner, add the back piece of wool to the front and work the Blanket Stitch through both pieces of the wool around the two sides and bottom. When you get back to the top, Blanket Stitch across the top back making sure to leave the top open.

You now have a Pocket/Pouch that you can put a cell phone, IPod, or anything your heart desires in.

This also makes a lovely gift for a friend. You can take this easy project and use it to Needle Felt on a jean jacket, tote bag – whatever. The possibilities are only limited by your imagination!

This technique is called Flat Needle Felting. Keep in mind the Felting Needles are very sharp and barbed!

