

## Felting in the Washing Machine

**Filzi and Filzi Color** are made from 100% Wool and have excellent qualities for felting in the washing machine.

How a yarn felts depends not only on its fibre content but also how it is processed. The tightness of the knit can also change the result. Other influencing factors are the dyeing, but above all, the type of washing machine, the washing temperature, the selected program, the water hardness, the amount of water and even the length of spin can all have an influence. So you can judge the results yourself, start with simple felted items where the exact dimensions are not essential: for example, a scarf or blanket – you will still have a nice result and gain experience by experimenting with your felting methods.

### If you felt in the washing machine, here are some general tips:

- Select a wash cycle with the most water
- Washing temperature approximately 40°C/104°F
- Suitable detergent: Regular detergent or colour wash - in liquid or powder form
- Generally a felted model will shrink approximately by 30-40% of its original size
- By rewashing at 40°C/104°F or by choosing a higher temperature or different wash cycle, you can enhance the shrinking effect
- *Appropriate Program: for example, gentle cycle with spin*

### Note:

- Please do not use any special washing programs, including any special wool program
- Do not use mild detergents, wool detergents or fabric softener because they may give an unfavourable result

### After Washing:

- As long as the pieces are still wet, you can shape them
- Refer to the felted instructions in the pattern for washing and shaping after washing
- Important: Shape pieces from the inside
- Use round shapes, such as bowls or balloons, to shape and aid in drying felted projects such as caps or hats. Pull the pieces into shape and let them dry completely

### Care Instructions:

As described above, note that your felted project may continue to change even after the first wash. Therefore, we recommend a gentle hand wash with special detergents for wool. The temperature should not be higher than 20°C/70°F, so that the piece does not change.

Clean your felted models very carefully and avoid strong rubbing or wringing. As a drying aid, you can wrap your felted projects in towels. After each wash pull the felted model back into shape, see points on “After Washing”.



## Basic Instructions for Felted Slippers

Materials: depending on the shoe size, approx. 200 - 300g Filzi  
1 set (5) double-pointed needles (dpn) size 7 – 8 mm (US 10½ - 11)

Stockinette St (St st): K on RS, P on WS; P every rnd.

Gauge unfelted: 12 sts and 18 row = 10 x 10 cm/4 x 4"

### Instructions:

Read the table, line 2, for the number of sts to cast on for desired size and work in rows in St st. Read the table, line 4, for the number of rows to work. Join to work in rnds, dividing sts evenly over 4 needles. Read the table, line 5, for the number of rnds to work. For the top, work k2tog over the first 2 sts of every needle, until 2 or 3 sts rem on each needle. Work k2tog around.

Finishing: Sew back heel seam (cast-on edge).

Felting: Wash the knitted slippers in the washing machine at 40°C/104°F. After washing, pull into shape and let dry. For the total finished length of slipper, after felting, read the table, line 7. If the slippers are too large after washing, repeat the washing process.

### Sizes for felted slippers

Shoe Size (UK Sizes)	8/8.5	9/10	10.5/11	12/13	14/1.5	2.5/3	4/5	6/7	8/9	9.5/10.5	11.5/12.5	13.5
Cast on stitches	24 - 26	26 - 28	28	30	30-32	32	34	36	38	38	40	42
Width at the beginning in cms	20 - 21,5	21,5 - 23,5	23,5	25	25 - 26,5	26,5	28	30	31,5	31,5	33	35
Number of rows after cast on	23-24	24-25	25-26	27-28	30-31	32-33	34-35	35-36	38	39-41	42-43	44
Number of rnds after joining	19-21	21	22	23-24	24-25	26-28	29-30	31-32	32-33	34	35-36	37
Total length in cm before felting	26 - 28	28 - 29	29 - 30	31 - 32	33 - 35	36 - 37,5	39 - 40	41 - 42	43 - 44	45 - 46	47,5 - 49	50
Total length in cm after felting	17 - 18	18 - 19	20	21 - 22	22 - 23	24	25	26 - 27	28	29	30 - 31	32
you will need	100g	100g	100g	150g	150g	150g	200g	200g	200g	200g	250g	250g

