

White & Red Heart Keychains

Needle-felting “starter kit”

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The kit makes **two 3D keychains** with an option for either a heart outline or a filled-in heart centre style. The hearts are roughly 3cm big, plus the keyring.



What's in your kit?

Your starter kit includes everything you need to make two 3D heart keychains (approx. 6.5 cm):

- Dense foam felting pads – protect your work surface and your needle.
- Core wool bat – for shaping the heart and filling the white centre (optional).
- Red carded wool bat – for the red sides and the mini red heart detail.
- Red & white acrylic yarn (DK) – for outlining hearts and attaching keyrings.
- 2 x medium felting needles – sharp, barbed needles for sculpting wool.
- 2 x 25 mm metal keyrings with removable lobster clasps.
- 2 x red faux-leather tassel charms with stainless steel fittings.
- 2 x 6 mm stainless-steel beads (2 mm holes).
- 1 x large-eye darning needle – for attaching findings.
- 1 x needle threader – to help you thread the yarn.
- 2 x finger protectors – for thumb and index finger.

Please note that you will need scissors, and they are not included in this kit.



How needle-felting works

Needle-felting shapes loose wool by repeatedly poking it with a barbed needle. The barbs catch and tangle the fibres, gradually firming the wool so you can sculpt it. Felting needles are sharp and delicate. For safe, effective felting:

- Move the needle straight in and straight out.
- Changing the angle while lifting can snap the needle or cause injury.
- Work slowly and mind your fingers.

Needle-felting know-how and troubleshooting

Protect your workspace and yourself

- Wear finger protectors when working with sharp needles.
- Keep your shoulders relaxed and take breaks to avoid strain.
- Always work on a felting mat.
- In early stages, lift your work every few pokes so you don't needle-felt it into the mat.

Needle depth & angle

- Poke the needle gently — only as deep as the barbs (about 1–1.25 cm deep).
- Keep the needle at 30–45 degrees for smooth, controlled felting.
- Always maintain the same angle when entering and exiting the wool - bending or twisting it can cause the needle to break.

If the area looks fuzzy

- If it's not meant to be, simply keep felting. A few more gentle pokes will help the fibres settle.

Smoothing & Finishing

- For a smooth finish, you may use an iron on low heat — no steam, no high temperatures.

If you see needle marks

- Add a tiny bit of wool and felt it in gently, or
- Ruffle the area lightly with your fingers to soften the holes.

Best results

- Build shapes using thin layers of wool, adding more gradually.
- Layering gives better control and a neater finish than using large chunks.

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Step-by-step instructions (part 1)

Follow the instructions below to complete your project.

1. Start with core wool.

Divide your core wool into 6 parts. Roll 2 parts very loosely and place them together to create a heart outline.



2. Outline the heart.

Carefully needle-felt the two rolls together and form the bottom of the heart by poking the needle around the shape.



3. Felt the heart shape.

Form the two top heart "bumps". Then, smooth the front and back sides of the heart with a little extra core wool from the spare, third stash.



4. Add the red background.

Firm up the shape, then cover one side with small layers of red wool (you don't need much wool). Leave the rest for later.



5. Create a neat red edge.

Carefully tuck in red wool around the edge halfway.



6. Create a red heart outline.

On the white side, use red yarn to outline a mini heart. Felt it in. Cut off the excess yarn and keep it for later.



7. Create a white heart outline.

Turn your felted heart to the red side. Felt in a mini heart outline with the white yarn. Keep the excess yarn for later.



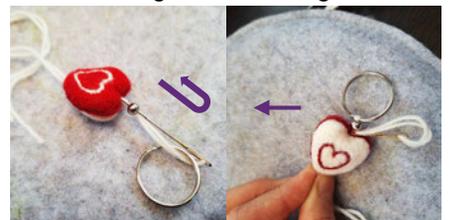
8. Create a decorative edge.

Felt red yarn along the side where red and white meet.



9. Attach the keyring.

Thread 50cm of white yarn through the darning needle (use a threader). Stitch through the heart (bottom to top), through 1 bead, and around the keyring. Loop back through the side edge.



10. Ensure double hold.

Loop back to the top and through the bead and keyring again, and then back through the bead.



11. Tie off.

Carefully run the yarn under the bead, cut, and tie ends in a double knot.



12. Finish off the top.

Tuck and felt in the short yarn ends under the bead.



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Step-by-step instructions (part 2)

Follow the instructions below to complete your project.

13. Attach the tassel charm.

Thread the needle with the loose double yarn ends at the bottom of the heart. Stitch on the tassel. Loop back to the side edge of the heart.



14. Create a decorative edge.

Cut off the needle and separate the yarn ends. Felt each one alongside the opposite edges until they meet. Trim excess yarn.



15. Add the lobster clasp.

Attach it to the keyring. Repeat the process for your second heart. If you're going for the heart outlines only, your job is done! 😊



16. Optional: red mini heart

Needle-felt a tiny amount of red wool inside the red yarn outline on the white side to fill the shape.



17. Optional: white mini heart

Needle-felt a tiny amount of white wool inside the white yarn outline on the red side, to fill the shape.



18. Enjoy your creations!

Share one with someone special or keep both for yourself.



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Warning!

The kit is not a toy and contains small and sharp objects - handle with care. Not suitable for children. Keep away from babies, pets, and small children (choking hazard). Sizes may vary depending on the needle-felting technique. Images are for illustration only. Always wear finger protectors when handling needles.