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Textiles

Felt

SKILL STAGE 4 – ACCREDITED COURSE

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Overview

This City & Guilds Accredited Felt course is an advanced study programme aimed at felters who want to enhance their skills and commercialise their work.

Students with a lot of demonstrable experience or those who have previously completed our skill stage 3 or level 3 Felt course have the opportunity to study on our City & Guilds Accredited Skill Stage 4 Course.

At this level students will be able to continue developing personal research and technical skills to form a unique collection of work at a professional level.



Course Delivery

This course is supplied as a distance learning course where course materials and tutor assessments are delivered digitally and work is returned to your tutor via digital presentation.

You will work through written and illustrated course materials which are supplemented with 'how to' videos and online galleries.

Your coursework will be reviewed by your tutor and periodically by an Internal Quality Assessor. You will be provided with written feedback and, if needed, you will be able to re-submit altered work.

You can contact your tutor at any time to request your work to date be reviewed and suggestions for future progress be made.



Modules

MODULE 1: SELF CHOSEN DESIGN PROJECT (SCDP)

Students get to chose their own design project to work on throughout the course.

MODULE 2: HISTORY OF DOMESTIC SHEEP

- Research and sampling
- Properties of various fleeces
- Continue to create SCDP.



Modules

MODULE 3: TRANSPARENT AND BONDED

- Research
- Transparent and bonded samples
- Completion of SCDP.

MODULE 4: METAL SHEET AND THREAD

- Experimental metal work sample
- Written and illustrated study of Felting.

soft felting

Soft Felting

- With the netting still in place begin to gently rub the wool all over in a circular motion. Make sure that the net does not become attached to the wool. If there is too much pressure, the wool fibres will come up through the netting or the fibres will visibly move around
- Carefully pull the netting away from the wool, keeping one hand next to the wool so that the fibres do not lose any connections, as fig 1. In the beginning of this stage, barely skim the fibres and gradually add pressure as the wool turns into felt. Once the first side has been worked for a while, flip the felt over and continue working on the other side. When the water gets cold, squeeze out the excess water and rewet the wool with warm water.
- To determine when the wool is to the soft-felt stage, try the pinch test - fig 1. Pinch some of the fibres between your fingers and pull up. The wool should come up in one solid mass. If the fibres separate from each other in their individual layers, then rub some more. "This is the end of the 'soft felt stage'".



Hard Felt or Fulling Stage

- The fulling stage occurs when the felt becomes a solid piece of fabric. In order for the felt to shrink down, it must be agitated in some way. There are many methods of fulling, but rubbing - see fig 2 - and rolling - see fig 3 - are the two most popular ways. To speed up the fulling process, it is a good idea to warm the felt before fulling by either dipping the felt in a tub of hot water or pouring hot



Modules

MODULE 5: WORKING WITH DIFFERENT FIBRES

- Silk
- Paper
- Soluble samples
- Animal fibres.

MODULE 6: NATURAL DYE TECHNIQUES

- Silk fibres
- Research felting from different geographical areas
- Dye, fabric paint and resist technique.



Modules

MODULE 7: FELT WITH HAND & MACHINE EMBROIDERY

- Design and make first final piece.

MODULE 8: APPLIQUE & FINISHING SAMPLES

- Design and make second piece.

MODULE 9: MAKE FINAL PIECE

- Design and create your final piece.



Modules

MODULE 10: PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

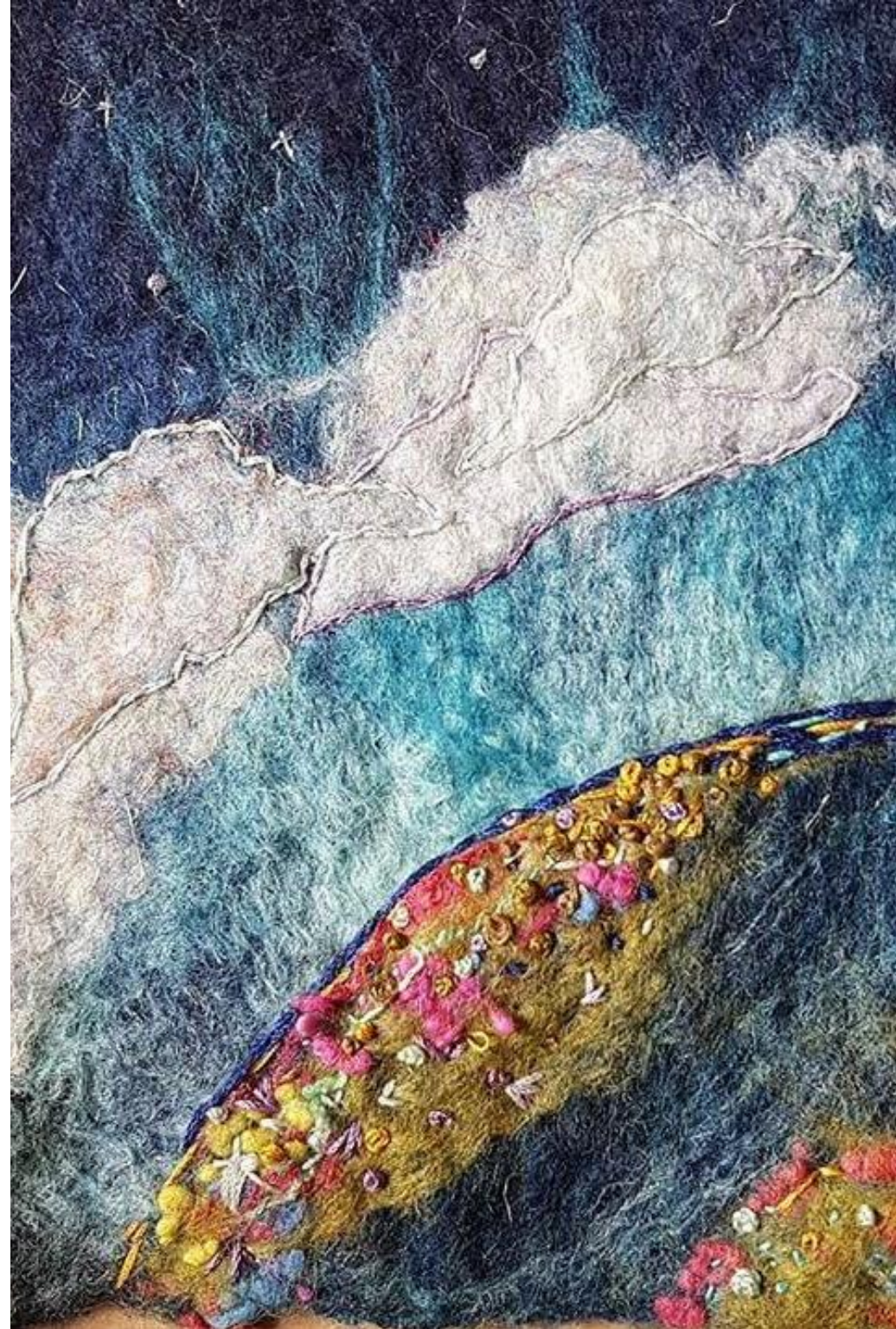
- Produce a professional CV and profile
- How to cost up items for the purpose of selling to customers.

MODULE 11: PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE CONTINUED

- Learn how to plan promotional activities
- Business planning for textiles artists
- Working to commission.

MODULE 12: PRESENTATION

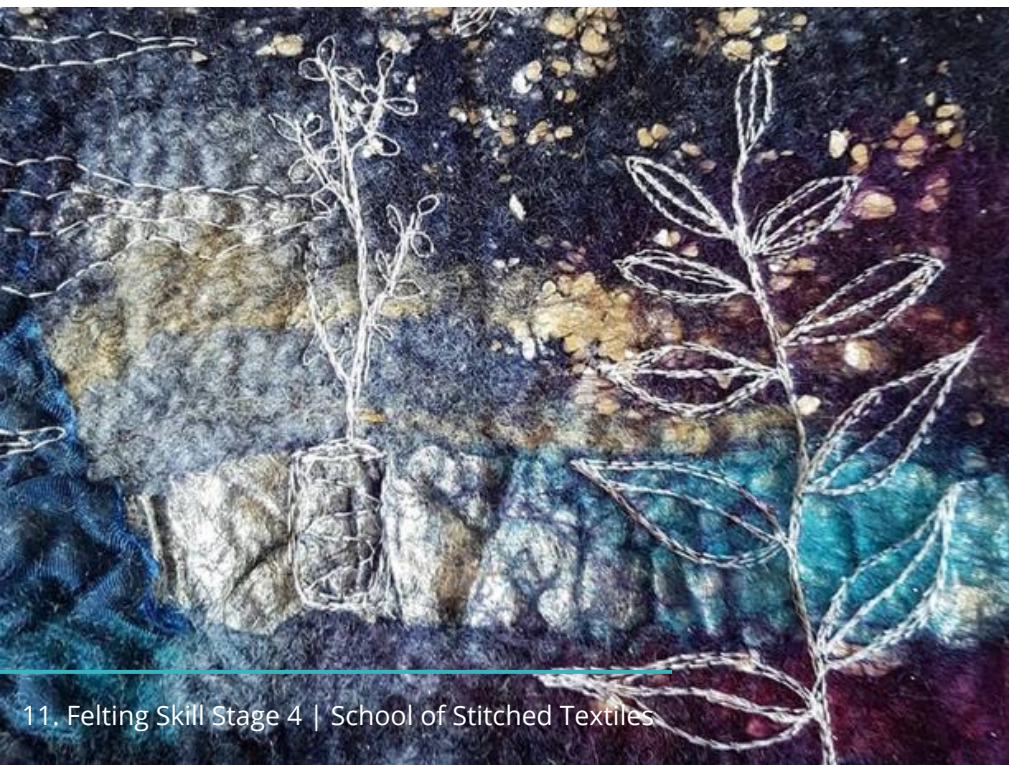
Full presentation compiled of all work for submission.





"I thoroughly enjoyed getting to know how to make felt. I particularly enjoyed making a lined bag, felt balls, and the wall hanging I made for my final project, and beginning to incorporate free machine stitching and hand embroidery into the work."

Penny Merrett - Felt Making





Price Information

Completion.

At the end of the course we'll produce an online video showcasing the highlights of your learning journey. Since all of our courses are delivered via distance learning, you will not have to travel to the centre or transport physical work.

Pricing.

The cost of the course depends on how many modules you wish to pay for at once. For up-to-date pricing information, please visit the [price page on our website](#).

Students are allowed up to 2 year to complete this course.

Enrolling

We open enrolment to new students 3-4 times throughout the year. This is your chance to secure a place on your chosen course and begin your creative journey.

As the UK's largest distance learning offering online accredited textile craft courses, demand for these courses is high. Therefore we only invite those who have previously 'expressed an interest' to enrol. If you'd like to be invited to enrol when it opens then please make sure you [register your interest](#).

Upon enrolment you will be asked to agree to and abide by [SST's terms & conditions](#) relating to this course.



Supporting you

Although our courses are taught via distance learning we encourage students to connect with each other to share their learning journeys.

When students enrol they are invited to join their own unique 'group' on Facebook. These groups include students who will be starting their course at the same time as you.

This is a great way of allowing students to really feel like they are part of a group where they are able to express any concerns and share their creative progress. We also hold regular 'live chat' sessions with tutors.





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