

**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.

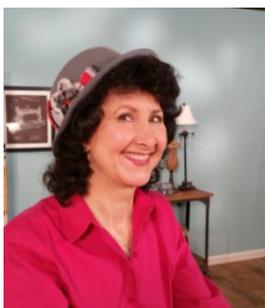


**Step 3.** Cut short pieces of yarn to accent the roving as desired and felt these into place. Note: With this attachment you can also thread strands of yarn through the cording hole and felt into place for additional accents.



**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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