

Star Wand Tutorial



~ Gather items for making star wands ~

- 5 pointed felt star x 2 pieces. Line these up facing each other with any pen markings, from cutting out the patterns, facing inwards- this way, no pen markings are not seen on the finished product.
- Thread: use 3 strands of thread for star wands.
- 5 bells for each point of the star.
- A lightly sanded stick with a drilled hole about one inch down from the top.
- Wool for stuffing
- Something with a pointy end to help stuff wool deeply into the points- a knitting needle or the flat end of a wooden skewer works really well.



~ Begin ~

Using the blanket stitch, start in the middle of a point and not at the tip of a point. It is trickier to finish off and stuff once complete, if starting at a tip.



When you get to a corner, make sure an extra deep stitch is placed here. This ensures the wand wears well and stuffing is kept intact over time.

~ Adding bells at the tips ~



When you arrive at a tip, re- insert the needle into the last stitch and blanket stitch up to the tip, so the thread is sitting right at the top.

Thread a bell through the needle, and pull it all the way down to the tip of the star.



Create a few more stitches here, securing the bell to the tip.

If you forget to add a bell at any point- they can also be sewn on at the end, once the wand is complete.

Continue to blanket stitch along and adding the bells at the tips.



~ Attaching the stick ~

Once you reach the bottom two points, it is time to add in the stick.

Leave a few stitches spare before getting to the corner. Then place the stick between the two pieces of felt and line up the drilled hole.



Keep the pieces of felt close in line. You might want to insert some pins to keep the felt matched together.



Insert the needle through the hole.



Pull the thread tight.



Make a blanket stitch on the other side of the stick as tightly placed as possible to the stick.



Then take the thread over the stick and reinsert the needle through the hole and pull the thread through- creating a piece of thread over the stick. Do the same on the other side. This can be repeated again for extra reinforcement.

Blanket stitch through the thread over the stick you just created and then into the felt. As shown in this picture:



The stitches should look like this



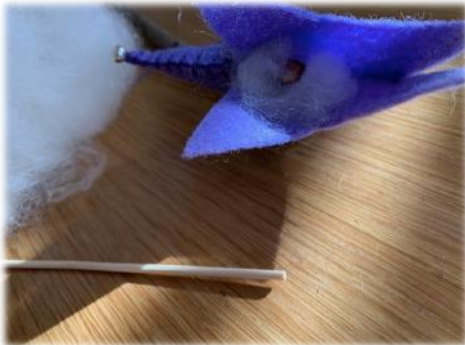
Continue to blanket stitch up along the points, adding bells to tips.



~ Stuffing ~

Once you have completed about 3 points of the star, this is a good time to start stuffing.

When stuffing the tips of the star, start with a very small piece of wool stuffing. Use the blunt end of a skewer (or something similar) to really pack the wool and fill in the tips of the points. This creates a much fuller look, rather than flat tips.



Continue to blanket stitch all the way around the star, adding on bells to the tips and stuffing as you go.



~ Finishing off ~



Complete the last few blanket stitches till the end.



Tie a knot



Re- insert the needle
Into the last stitch



pull it out any where
in the felt



cut the thread down
at the base.



Your star wand is now complete.