



www.PeaceFelt.org

Calling all felt makers, fiber enthusiasts, artists and artisans! Your passion is needed to help create a Circle of Peace Felt Around the World!

Mission

To promote peace and connectivity among nations, loving kindness among individuals, gratitude in our hearts and in our consciousness - knowing that WE create our world through our thoughts, words and actions.

To, as Gandhi reminded us, "Be the change we wish to see in the world."

To promote awareness of the ancient art of felt making and the modern craft of needle felting for its qualities of being earth friendly, extremely versatile, and easy to learn!

How the Circle of Giving & Receiving Works

Individuals and groups will first register to participate at www.peacefelt.org

Participants will create a piece of art which includes at least 25% hand-made felt (either wet or needle felting). The piece may be functional or a purely decorative piece that is for them a symbol of Peace or Unconditional Love. [Please visit our facebook page \(search PEACE FELT\) for pictures of past creations.](#)

Each participant or group will be connected with a Receiving Partner and a Giving Partner.

This "Circle of Peace and Love" steps outside the bounds of traditional "exchanges" where one may often have expectations of an "equal" trade with their exchange partner; expecting that what is received matches the perceived value of what was given. Instead, this circle of giving and receiving invites participants to give freely and feel the reward of truly giving in the spirit of love and without condition.

Individuals will be matched with other individuals. Groups will be matched with other groups.

When

Now through September 21st, 2010. The sending and receiving of your PEACE FELT will take place in the month of September as a symbolic celebration of the International Day of Peace, celebrated on September 21st, 2010. Please consider publicly displaying or exhibiting your PEACE FELT through this day, holding a workshop to create works for PEACE FELT or even creating your PEACE FELT on this day. Your PEACE FELT should be mailed to your Receiving Partner between September 21 and September 30, 2010.

Sending out works of PEACE FELT during this month will result in these handcrafted works of art creating an energetic circle of peace and loving kindness around the planet as they travel from one heart to the next.

Registrations must be received by JUNE 29, 2011 so we have time to match you with your Partners in Peace. You MUST Contact both of your partners by August 15th, or we will assign them to a new partner.

Groups

Your guild, club, church, school, business or group of friends/family may wish to come together and participate by creating one PEACE FELT. You may also wish to create individual works of PEACE FELT and sew or attach them together in some creative way, or even leave them as individual pieces. If you are a felt maker, this is a wonderful opportunity to share the craft of felt making and to bring others together in the energy of unconditional love and peace.

Creating Your PEACE FELT – Dimensions & Considerations

If you are a weaver, quilter, basket weaver, fiber artist, sculptor, mixed media artist, etc. you may wish to participate by incorporating handmade felt into your preferred medium.

Your PEACE FELT does not have to be large -- just let it be a symbol of Love, Peace, Brotherhood, Unity, Oneness, etc. that comes from your heart. For individuals, we are suggesting that pieces are UP TO 12" x 12" in size. This includes sculptures and flat pieces. If you choose to make a scarf or something long, there really is no restriction on the dimensions; we simply wish to support a size that is comfortable for all. We can re-evaluate next year after getting your feedback. For groups, we will leave the dimensions open. Keep in mind shipping and mailing to your Partners in Peace.

Please consider hosting an event, teaching children or leading a group to make their works of PEACE FELT! Let us know about it, tell us about your gathering or event by emailing us with:

- Your name or name of your group
- Date(s) Event
- Name or description of event

If you know someone in another country who does not felt, invite them to participate and send them a small supply kit to incorporate with their preferred medium --- or let them run wild with felting!

Why Felt?

Felt is an amazing non-woven fabric that is created by entangling wool and other animal fibers together into a dense mat. To create felt, we first arrange the fibers so they are lying in various directions, if they are all in exact alignment, the fibers cannot intertwine as easily. Then we add pressure, heat (with hot soapy water), and agitation ... or "friction". Doing this causes the tiny barbs on the fibers to open up and allows them to tangle, intertwine and lock together. The process pushes out air, minimizing the space between the fibers and draws them closer and closer together.

Under pressure, heat and friction, the fibers bond more closely, entangling themselves into a strong durable fabric that cannot be unraveled and will not fray when cut.

Imagine if we humans turned our struggles into a means to become closer, to join together so strongly that we could not be frayed. Imagine appreciating the strength we gain from our different angles and perceptions on the world, imagine that it permits us to bond and create something greater, something stronger than we could create if we all saw things the exact same way.

Imagine this in our families, our jobs, our schools, our cities, our countries, and our world.

Join with us, to celebrate the strength we gain from our differences by making sure this year, there will be PEACE FELT Around the World.

About Peace Felt

The purpose of Peace Felt is to create a borderless community of Love in Action: appreciating each other's differences while celebrating our oneness. It is about crossing over barriers, expanding our consciousness and connecting people through their passions for art and the heartfelt expressions of Love, Unity, Brotherhood and Oneness that we all share.

Peace Felt Around The World celebrates the International Day of Peace as recognized by the United Nations. The International Day of Peace was first established in 1981 by a resolution 36/67 of the United Nations General Assembly to coincide with its opening session every September. In 2001 the resolution 55/282 was strengthened to fix the date annually on 21 September and for it to be a day of nonviolence and cease-fire. The resolution was adopted unanimously by the Member States of the General Assembly.

We invite you to view the film PEACE ONE DAY at www.peaceoneday.org which tells the story of our International Day of Peace and Cease Fire.

In 1999, preoccupied with questions about the fundamental nature of humanity and the most pressing issues of our time, filmmaker Jeremy Gilley launched Peace One Day and set out to find a starting point for peace. He had a mission: to document his efforts to establish the first ever annual day of global ceasefire and non-violence with a fixed calendar date.

Remarkably, two years on, he achieved his primary objective when the 192 member states of the United Nations unanimously adopted 21 September as an annual day of global ceasefire and non-violence on the UN International Day of Peace.

Peace Felt, founded by Marie Spaulding, is a labor of love and an answer to a calling to use her passion for creating connections among people for a global good. As a felt maker, and founder of Living Felt-Felting Supplies, Marie's life is surrounded by bright souls finding their creative expression in the medium of felt making and needle felting, and it is filled with wool and felt! In every business and venture from her past, Marie finds herself bringing people together around a common theme or around passions they share - Peace Felt holds the same purpose on a grander scale while also promoting the fabulous medium of felt for artistic expression.

For More Information, Contact:

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It helps us keep costs down when you register online @ www.PeaceFelt.org
Registrations Must Be Received By JUNE 29, 2011

Name _____
Enter name of individual or group contact person

____ Individual Participation

____ Group Participation

Approximate number in group: _____

(Groups should create One Group Work or Body of Work)

Name of Group _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____

State or Province _____

Postal Code _____

Country _____

Telephone: _____ Please include country code and area code.

Email _____

Participation is free

HOW TO REGISTER

1. Register Online at www.PeaceFelt.org/register.html
2. Email this completed form to info@peacefelt.org
3. Mail This Form to:

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10913 Watchful Fox Dr
Austin, TX 78748
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We will match you with your Peace Partners and send more info about participating.